



# 2021

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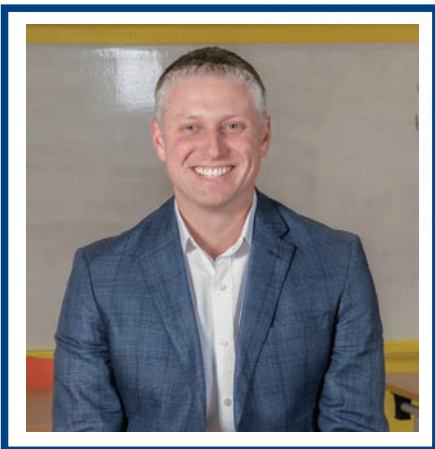
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# BECAUSE OF YOU

Fifteen years ago, we launched a single school hoping against hope that our community would trust USN to do the best for their children. That fall, 57 students lined up ready to learn alongside our six staff members in the basement of a church. As we forged a path forward for the future of our students and school, it became clear that we were not alone. Support from our community has appeared every step of the way to ensure that for every child, there is an open door. Together, we have removed barriers for hundreds of Columbus students on their path to success.

Our mission - to transform lives and our communities through the power of education - would not be possible without you. We are endlessly grateful for your support. Thank you!

Andrew,  
Andy



ANDREW BOY  
FOUNDER & CEO

# LETTERS FROM OUR LEADERS



CCA-MAIN ST.  
SCHOOL DIRECTOR



CCA-DANA AVE.  
SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Thank you so much for  
your support! We make  
things happen because of you!  
Alic Brenner

Donors and Friends,

Thank you for choosing to be a part  
of the work taking place in our schools. With your  
help, we were able to support students inside and  
outside of the classroom during our return to  
a fully in-person school year! On behalf of our  
scholars, staff, and community, THANK YOU!!

Gratefully yours,  
Jepp Kuhne



UPREP-STATE ST.  
ASSISTANT SCHOOL  
DIRECTOR



UPREP-EAST  
BOARD CHAIR

Donors,

Thank you so much for your  
donations of time, talent, +  
treasure! Your generous contribution  
have greatly impacted our school.  
We are truly grateful for your  
support!

With gratitude,  
Lauren & Maidee

Donors & Friends,

Thank you so much for  
your support of USN. You  
are a part of making our  
community great. And a  
special thank you to new  
donors and community  
partners! Looking forward  
to partnering alongside  
you for years to come!

Warmly,  
Dmit Schel

# OUR NETWORK

UNITED PREPARATORY  
ACADEMY - STATE ST.

*Serving 274 Students  
Grades K-5*



COLUMBUS COLLEGIATE  
ACADEMY - MAIN ST.

*Serving 222 Students  
Grades 6-8*



COLUMBUS COLLEGIATE  
ACADEMY - DANA AVE.

*Serving 220 Students  
Grades 6-8*



UNITED PREPARATORY  
ACADEMY - EAST

*Serving 263 Students  
Grades K-5*



# YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

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14  
FIELD  
TRIPS



14,455  
BOOKS  
READ



37  
DAYS OF  
PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT



132  
STAFF



909  
STUDENTS



826  
ALUMNI



76  
MUSICAL  
INSTRUMENTS  
PLAYED



327,240  
MEALS  
SHARED



30  
COLLEGES  
ATTENDED  
BY ALUMNI

# GIVING BY THE NUMBERS



\$694,923  
ANNUAL FUNDS DONATED



\$37,223  
VALUE OF IN-KIND GIFTS



\$9,734  
VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME



254  
DONORS



77  
NEW FRIENDS



100%  
BOARD GIVING PARTICIPATION

Individuals  
22%

Foundations  
6%

GIFTS RECEIVED FROM

Government Grants  
18%

Corporations  
54%

Operating Expenses  
10%

School Needs (Enrichments, etc.)  
31%

YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS

Services for Schools (Special Education, Talent, etc.)  
28%

Alumni Services  
14%

Improvement Science  
17%

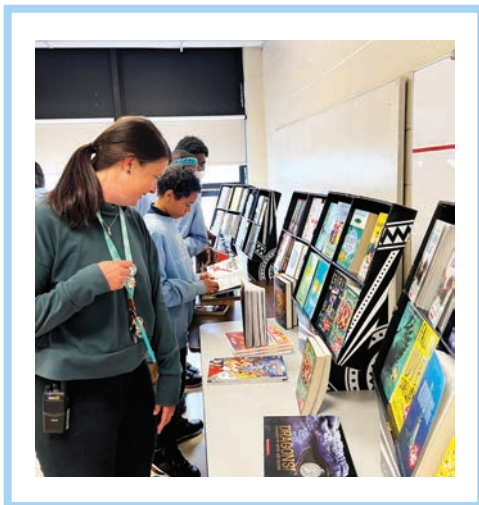
# IMPACT IN ACTION

On August 26th, 2021, we welcomed all 900+ students back into our buildings for a full year of in-person instructional learning. From kindergarten through eighth grade, scholars relearned school and social skills after an incredibly challenging 18 months. However, they weren't facing those challenges alone; scholars demonstrated outstanding empathy as they lent a listening ear, quietly supported one another through academics, and reached out to their teammates and friends. Scenes like the one pictured to the right were an everyday occurrence as students banded together to succeed last year.

**Thank you for supporting students like Gia and Josiah!**

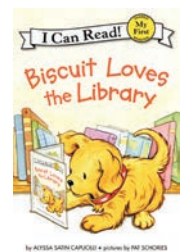


## FOR THE LOVE OF READING



USN staff are always looking for new ways to make learning joyful and engaging and USN supporters go above and beyond to make those opportunities reality. This year was no exception: CCA-Main St. students were able to participate in the network's first-ever book fair! **Students were able to peruse hundreds of books, and, thanks to Larry and Julie King, the Columbus Metropolitan Library, and USN's donor community, they were able to choose a new book to take home at no cost!** As students entered summer break, this amazing gift ensured reading fluency continued even outside of the school walls.

### USN STUDENTS' BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS





# BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

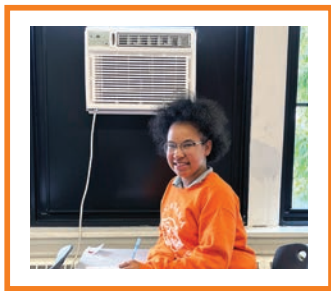
Fifteen years ago, six USN teachers welcomed 57 students into the basement of a church on the first day of school. In 2021, over 130 staff and 900 students entered four separate and updated campuses to begin a new year. **USN's community of donors has stepped up over the years to ensure that students have facilities that more closely match the quality of education and learning happening in their classrooms.** After 15 years of growth, USN and our donors continue to strive for top-notch spaces for our students.

## Capital Highlights



Ensuring USN buildings are accessible to all is a top priority in providing a top education to all. **Thanks to ESSER dollars and donors like YOU, CCA-Main St.** was able to upgrade restrooms and add ramps to allow more direct access to the other half of the building so that the entire building is safe and available for all learners.

3,480  
MINUTES OF  
TRAVEL SAVED



**Thanks to donors like YOU,** the scholars of **CCA-Dana Ave.** have access to cool, comfortable learning spaces year-round! With these window units, scholars can focus on the building of learning no matter the weather.

18  
CLASSROOMS  
COOLED



As we implement gym classes at all four of our campuses, **UPrep-State St.** scholars are enjoying a upgraded gymnasium with brand new basketball hoops and backboards. **Thanks to Swish House, Nationwide Reality Investors, and Nationwide** for providing a perfect space for physical activity!

62  
ACTIVITIES HELD  
IN THE GYM



After two years of renovations, **UPrep-East** scholars are enjoying their second year in our newest building. **Because of The Columbus Foundation, Bob Evans Farm, Living Preferred, Crimson Design Group, Larry and Julie King, and donors like YOU,** scholars are able to access an expanded Family Resource Center, a new playground, improved restrooms, pullout spaces, and a sensory path.

4,471  
TRIPS DOWN  
THE SLIDE

*And we aren't done yet! We cannot wait to share even more capital updates next year.*

# PARTNERING IN EXCELLENCE

## EXPLORING ROTO

ROTO, a Dublin-based company, creates interactive exhibits for people of all ages. This year they opened their doors and made it so every 4th- through 6th-grade student at USN was given the opportunity to visit ROTO and learn more about the creative design process. Students got to test prototype exhibits and were taken on a tour of their facility. ROTO even funded the busing to make this trip possible. **Thank you, ROTO, for giving students such a unique learning experience.**



## GETTING SCIENTIFIC

Bob Evans Farms and COSI teamed up this spring to provide learning lunchboxes to 234 UPrep-East students! These awesome resources contained a COSI Nature Kit with equipment and activities to help them explore the animals and ecosystems in their own backyard. **Thank you, Bob Evans Farms and COSI, for giving students this hands on learning experience!**

## LEAPING INTO LEARNING

USN's elementary scholars got a head start to learning through a before-and-after-care partnership with YWCA Columbus. Students who participated in this year-long program had the opportunity to work on homework, be active and creative, and access culture building curriculum and snacks -- all in a safe environment. **We are grateful to partner with the YWCA Columbus to give USN students the critical supports they need!**



# OUR COMMUNITY CARES



**JJ H.**

UPrep-State St.  
Class of 2027



“

I really love my school because the teachers make learning fun. I get to read books and play basketball in gym class everyday -- how cool is that?! Thank you to everyone that helps kids like me.

”

## BACK ON TRACK

USN's priority last year was to provide the highest quality education possible and ensure students got back on track – **thanks to partners like the Ingram-White Castle Foundation we were able to do just that.** This high-impact grant provided summer professional development with The New Teacher Project and after-school tutoring to support our staff and students in the ways they needed it most!

*Be on the lookout for our annual report card results to see their progress.*

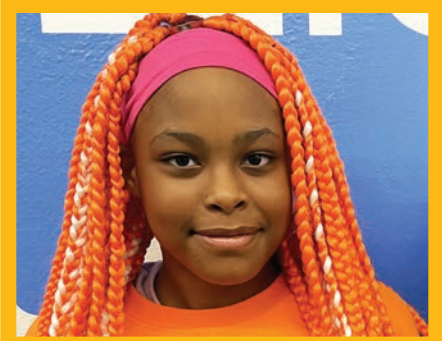


# HATS OFF TO THE GRADS

We are delighted to see our 5th- and 8th-grade scholars move on to their next adventure. For the first time in three years, graduating scholars were able to celebrate their achievements at in-person commencement ceremonies.

**Congratulations to our 2022 graduates!**

Check out part of UPrep-State St.'s commencement video [HERE](#).



**Sade W.**

UPrep-State St. Class of 2022  
CCA-Dana Ave. Class of 2025

51  
5TH GRADERS  
GRADUATED

124  
8TH GRADERS  
GRADUATED

72  
COLLEGE-PREP HIGH  
SCHOOL  
ENROLLMENTS



“

Teachers at [USN] are getting us ready for the real world. If you need extra help, you'll always get it. Teachers listen to students, and make school safe.

It was great to see my friends as we graduated UPrep last year. I liked hearing my teachers speak, and I got to read a poem at graduation too!

”

# ALUMNI SERVICES



Thanks to the **Harry C. Moores Foundation** and **individual donors like you**, Alumni Services is able to support USN alumni to and through college and other post-secondary options with individualized college coaching, high school mentorship, scholarship support, college visits, connections to internship opportunities, and even microgrants that alleviate educational costs such as laptops and textbooks. USN alums continue to shine, getting into top high schools and colleges locally and around the country. We cannot wait to see what they do next!

\$4,250  
IN MICRO  
GRANTS  
DISTRIBUTED

30  
COLLEGES  
ATTENDED BY  
ALUMNI

## WHAT ARE ALUMNI SAYING ABOUT USN?

This past summer, USN staff gathered at Ohio Dominican University for the annual staff retreat. Two different alumni panels were held to get a glimpse into how students feel about the USN education. Here's what they had to say:

“ You guys are molding these students for their future. We remember everything, from SLANT to being in line. It’s significant. The accountability, the bar is set so high at CCA, how could you not want to reach it? Thank you for setting that bar and committing to that bar. ”



“ I didn’t know my math facts, and I struggled. We practiced reading and math facts. I still do my chants to do my math facts. I loved it, and now, I went to college and majored in accounting, and I never thought I would do that. ”

Want to know more? Check out both the morning and afternoon panels [HERE](#).

# BRAIN BOOSTERS

Our Brain Boosters campaign aims to provide high-impact resources where they're most needed throughout our network. Every dollar raised makes an incredible difference and **we are forever grateful to you** for providing much-needed support and resources to keep our staff, students, and alumni on their path to greatness. You said yes and lit pathways for USN staff, students, and alumni. You stepped up and provided the critical support they needed to continue to thrive - **thank YOU!**



**Nicole Fusco**  
CCA-Dana Ave. Teacher

“ You have made a difference for hundreds of students, and have allowed them to receive an education that will influence not only their lives, but the community around them as well. In this year of uncertainty, it is reassuring to know that you are for us. When I think of donors and community members like you, I am reminded that there are folks who believe in our mission, our community, and our students' futures. You make the difference, thank you!

”

111  
DONORS

\$101,297  
RAISED

# #UNITED4SCHOLARS

Over 30 years ago, the nation's first charter school was launched, redefining what student success could look like. This May, we celebrated this milestone through National Charter School Week and by standing #United4Scholars. With support from two generous donors who teamed up to match gifts, community members like you joined together to support USN students, staff, and alumni in the areas they need it most. **Thank you for investing in our community and standing #United4Scholars!**



**Gabriel Y.**  
CCA-Main St.  
Class of 2025

“

I like going to CCA-Main St. My teachers have high expectations that push me, but they are still kind and understanding. Thank you for supporting students like me!

”

100%  
OF MATCHING GIFT  
UNLOCKED

\$10,060  
RAISED



THANK  
YOU

# ACCELERATORS IN EDUCATION —

This year we held our third annual Accelerators in Education event -- in-person for the first time ever! Attendees were able to see first hand the impact of the accelerators in our school community as they mingled with staff and students at learning stations and heard from students, family, and alumni about how USN has made a difference in their lives. **Thank you to our guests and sponsors who accelerated the education of Columbus' future leaders and made this event a success.** Hope to see you all again in June 2023!

VIDEO: Missed the event? Check out all the speeches and testimonials [HERE](#).



**Vanessa Mora**  
USN Alumna  
Class of 2013

“ Looking back at my time as a 7th and 8th grader at USN, I can distinctly remember how my educational experience dramatically changed. USN teachers helped break down educational barriers for me and my peers by steering clear of the one-size-fits-all approach. My teachers' investment in my academic success encouraged me to take an active role in my learning and be the architect of my journey to college and beyond.



Listen to Vanesa's full testimonial [HERE](#).

150  
GUESTS

\$60,917  
RAISED



## THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS!





# BUILDING EXCELLENCE



USN has launched its comprehensive campaign to prioritize the features that mean the most to the community:

GOAL | \$16MM

01

**MORE STUDENTS SERVED BETTER | \$4.6 MM**

- Increase number of students served
- Serve more alumni
- Provide critical safety upgrades

02

**SPACES & PROGRAMS THAT SERVE THE WHOLE CHILD | \$5.37 MM**

- Add STEAM & athletic spaces
- Provide mental & physical healthcare

03

**YEAR ROUND ACCESS FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES | \$6.2 MM**

- Install HVAC

To date, USN's **community of donors has raised over \$12MM!** Thank you for making this campaign a success and we cannot wait to share the progress over the next year.

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# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

All year, volunteers rallied behind teachers and students to provide the reinforcement and spaces that will make all the difference on the path to the colleges and careers of their dreams. **Thank you for giving USN scholars the time, effort, and commitment all students deserve!**



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT TURNER CONSTRUCTION

On Friday, May 20, our friends at Turner Construction celebrated their Founder's Day with a day of service. Over 50 volunteers visited each USN campus to clean, organize, and landscape. Turner Construction even donated mulch to beautify our schools.

**Thank you, Turner Construction, for creating positive environments that reflect the hard work of our scholars!**



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OUR CORPORATE  
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6,990  
SCHOLARS  
SUPPORTED BY  
BACHELOR LEVEL  
DONORS

I love UPrep-East  
because my teachers  
make learning fun  
and talk to me about  
colleges. Thank you for  
supporting students  
like me! 🙏

- Javia C., USN 5th Grader

*(B)* DENOTES 2021-22 BOARD MEMBER

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