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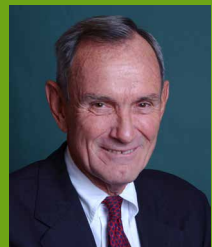


ACCESS TO  
SUCCESS

# IMPACT

27 YEARS OF MAKING AN IMPACT

1991-2018



A Call to College  
founded by  
Jane McConnell  
and Lou Mitchell

1991

**LAST DOLLAR  
GRANTS**  
73 Awarded  
1995

**VOLUNTEERS**  
28 Donated 665  
Service Hours  
1999

1,000th Last Dollar  
Grant Awarded  
Since Founding  
2001

**LAST DOLLAR  
GRANTS**  
178 Awarded  
2004

**ADVISING**  
4 Trained Advisors  
2006

**VOLUNTEERS**  
265 Donated  
2,100 Service  
Hours  
2009

New Office  
Opens in High  
School  
2012

**ADVISING**  
15 Trained Advisors  
2016

1991-1995

1996-2000

2001-2005

2006-2010

2011-2018



# COMMUNITY STARS

ADVISORS

# EMPOWER

2<sup>ND</sup>

# CHAMPION



VOLUNTEER ADVISORS



## "IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH."

This axiom illustrates why A Call to College has enjoyed such success for 27 years. The organization and the students it serves, have benefited tremendously from the expertise and sustained generosity of countless individuals and groups throughout the community. This year's annual report celebrates just a few of these invaluable partners.



The vast majority of junior and senior guidance is offered by a corps of trained volunteers who provide personalized advising to Newark students. In total, this entire group of **15 DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS GAVE 1,453 HOURS** guiding upper class Wildcats and serving as outstanding role models.



**7 FIELDTRIPS + 24 CLASSROOMS + 37 DENISON ATHLETES + 13 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS + 150 NEW LIBRARY CARDS**

## = READING ROCKS AT THE LIBRARY!



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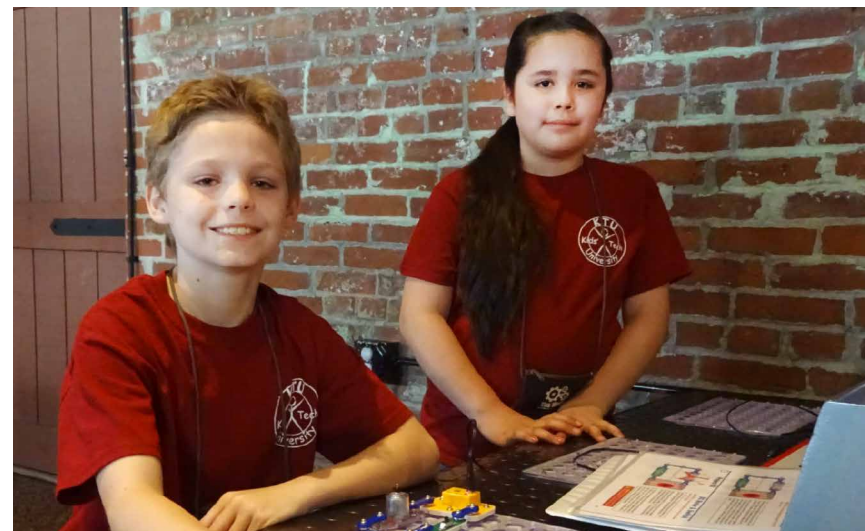
# LEARN

6<sup>TH</sup>

# ASPIRE

8<sup>TH</sup>

# ENGAGE



Budding young scientists recommended by their teachers are mailed a special invitation to register for **KIDS TECH UNIVERSITY, A COLLEGE AND STEM-FOCUSED ENRICHMENT PROGRAM** run by The Works, a local museum of history, art and technology. Of the 60 students attending from schools across the county, nearly three-fourths of the participants were Wildcats, over half of whom were sponsored by A Call to College.

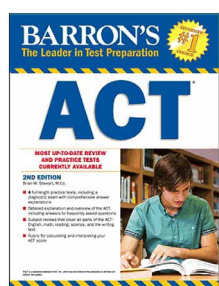
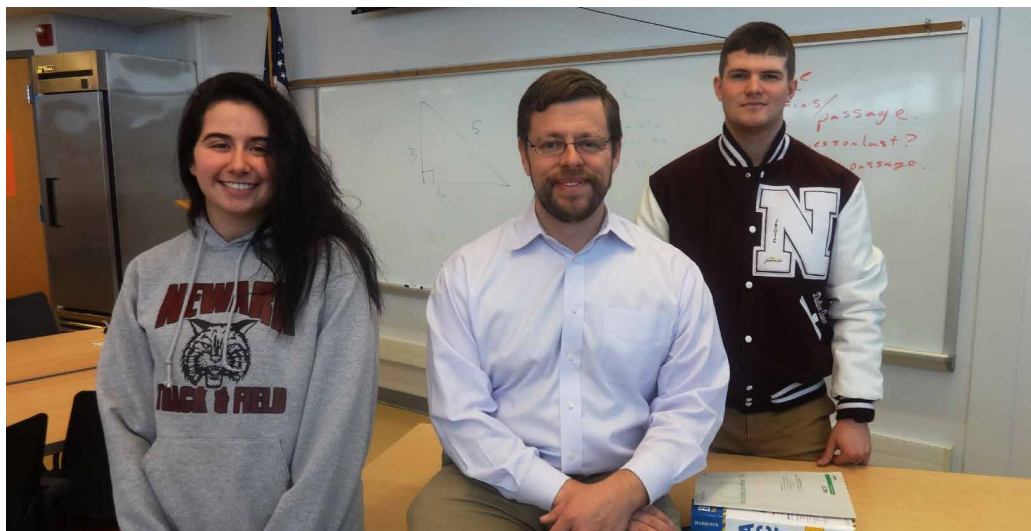
Thanks to eight enthusiastic college partners, nearly **500 SIXTH GRADERS EXPERIENCE A MEMORABLE HALF DAY FIELD TRIP** where they take a campus tour, hear a presentation and eat lunch in a dining hall.

- ★ Capital University
- ★ Central Ohio Technical College
- ★ Denison University
- ★ Kenyon College
- ★ Mount Vernon Nazarene University
- ★ Ohio Dominican University
- ★ The Ohio State University at Newark
- ★ Otterbein University



**SUPER SUPPORTER, STATE FARM**, not only supplies 14 enthusiastic volunteers to help run the simulation game Reality Store at Wilson Middle School, but their \$15,000 Strategic Focus grant also funds financial literacy programming in 40 eighth and fourth grade classrooms.





Brian Stewart, founder of BWS Consulting and the nationally recognized author of three testing guides, plays an invaluable role in helping Junior Wildcats prepare for the ACT test. In total, **OVER HALF THE CLASS PARTICIPATED IN HIS FOUR ACT PREP WORKSHOPS.**



Each year, **A NUMBER OF SENIORS RECEIVE BOTH OUR LAST DOLLAR GRANT AND A LICKING COUNTY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP.** To promote this great community resource, a staff member from the Foundation presents their many scholarship opportunities to seniors and families attending our College Application Blitz.

**\$98,480** OFFERED BY THE LICKING COUNTY FOUNDATION TO: **45** GRADUATING AND RETURNING WILDCATS

“Our reunion committee **UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO SUPPORT A CALL TO COLLEGE BECAUSE OF ITS MISSION** -- helping students in Newark City Schools continue their education and pursue their dreams. As a former principal in the district, I witnessed the impact of the program on my elementary students. The organization encourages our students to become the best they can be from second grade on. What a worthy way to give back to our alma mater!” -Peg Dunlap, NHS '68



**IN 2017, 149 NHS ALUMNI DONATED:**

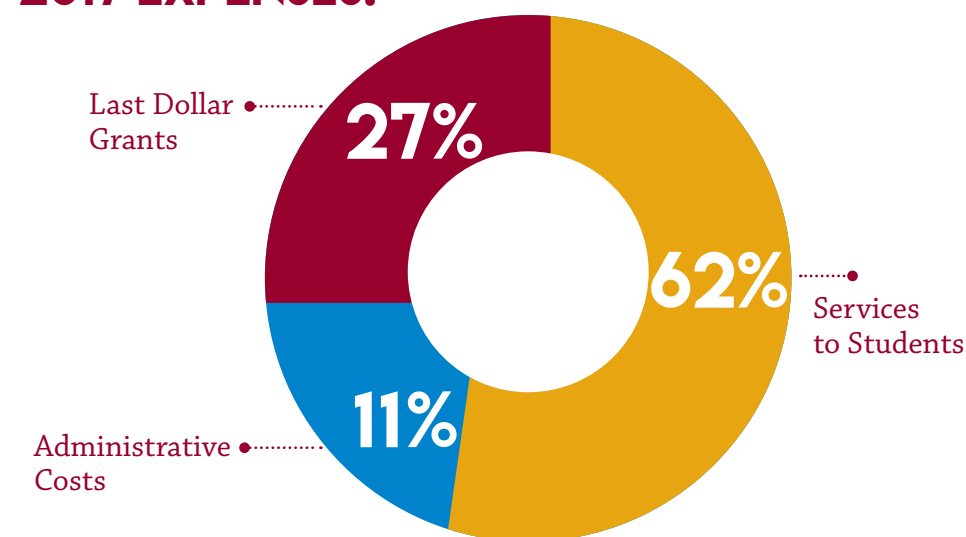
**\$131,312**

FUNDING

2017 INCOME:



2017 EXPENSES:



MISSION

To assure every qualified Newark High School graduate the opportunity to pursue higher education.

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– Kelly Fenton, NHS Parent, '20, '17, '11, '09

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Classmates of 1968 Who Died in the Vietnam War  
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“Having access to four years of the Last Dollar Grant has helped make college more affordable for my family. A Call to College is an amazing non-profit that strives to help students reach their future goals both in and out of high school.”

– Ryan Drumm, NHS '14, Denison '18