

**College Possible makes college admission and success possible for students from low-income backgrounds through coaching and support.** Since 2014, College Possible Minnesota has received appropriations from the State of Minnesota to expand our work across the state to support more students pursuing higher education. This report describes College Possible's impact as a result of that support.

## Community Need

High-income students (71%) are more than twice as likely to graduate college as their low-income peers (32%). And yet, a college degree is the surest path out of poverty.

**With a college degree, probability of employment is 24% higher.** Degree holders earn 134% more annually, and roughly \$1.2 million more over their lifetimes. College completion also has deep impact on the vitality of under-resourced communities.

## Proven Results

College Possible has been successful in closing the opportunity gap for low-income students: 98% of participants earn admission to college, and they graduate at nearly the same rate as students from all income levels. **Overall, our students are 3x more likely to earn college degrees than their low-income peers.**

## Continued COVID-19 Impact

**The pandemic has drastically disrupted higher education, deepening pre-existing disparities and making College Possible more important than ever.** From 2019 to 2020, college enrollment for high school graduates from low-income backgrounds declined by 10.7%, compared to 4.6% for their higher-income peers. The greatest drops in college enrollment continue to be seen among students of color, as the impact of COVID-19 persists.

## High School Innovation

In response to student and school needs, **College Possible now offers more options than ever for engaging with the program.** This includes increased opportunities for one-to-one coaching support as well as continued access to group workshops, and has resulted in increased student engagement and overwhelming positive stakeholder feedback.

## College Innovation

College students now also have increased flexibility in the way they participate in College Possible. Students needing more intensive and direct support are still able to receive it, while those successfully navigating college on their own are able to stay engaged in the program through newsletters, events and periodic text outreach. **By meeting students where they are at, we are able to accommodate and serve a wider range of participants** while also better allocating resources.

## Direct Student Aid

College Possible provides direct funding to college students facing emergency situations and tuition gaps that impact their ability to persist in or graduate from college. **In 2021–22 we gave away more money than ever, awarding over \$330,000 to 198 students** in amounts of \$2,000 or less. Of the students receiving direct aid, 95% graduated with a degree or persisted into the next school year. As research and our own experience demonstrate, relatively small amounts of money can change entire trajectories for low-income students.

## Career Readiness

College Possible is continuously increasing its focus on career readiness. Because most of our students do not have access to the same social capital as their more privileged classmates, **we now provide a wide range of pre-professional support** including alumni panels, networking events, corporate field trips, career workshops and more. It is an organizational priority that after graduating, students are prepared to transition into the workforce, build successful careers, and maximize the benefits of their education.

## College Possible Minnesota Reach and Results

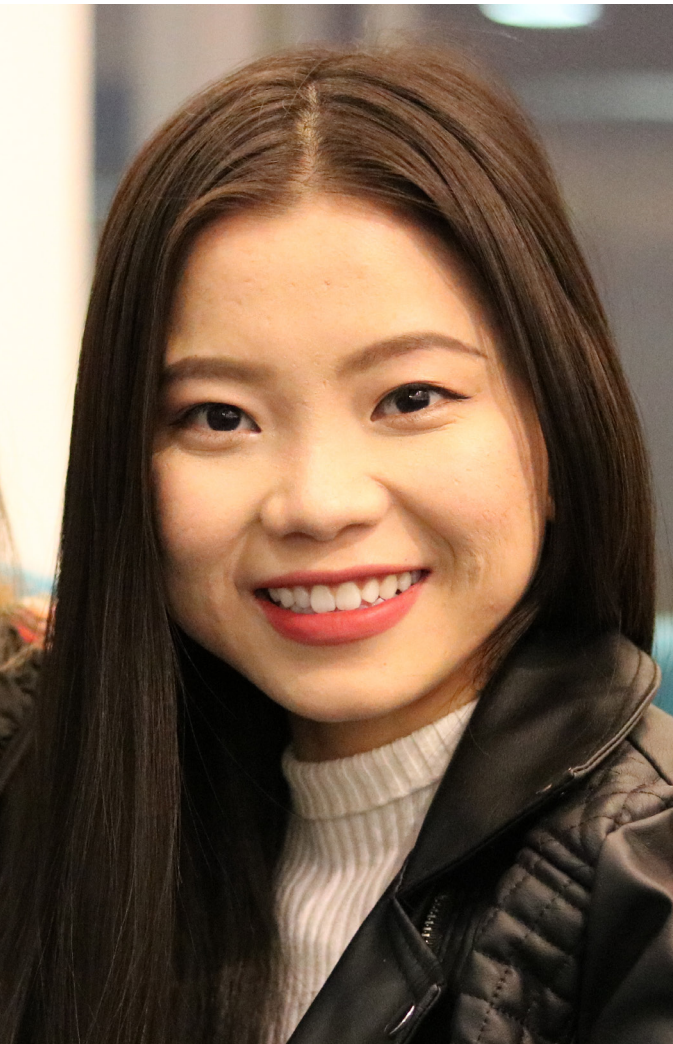
**70** AmeriCorps members served as high school and college coaches

**135** active partner high schools and colleges/universities across Minnesota

**87%** of high school graduates enrolled in college

**87%** first to second year college persistence

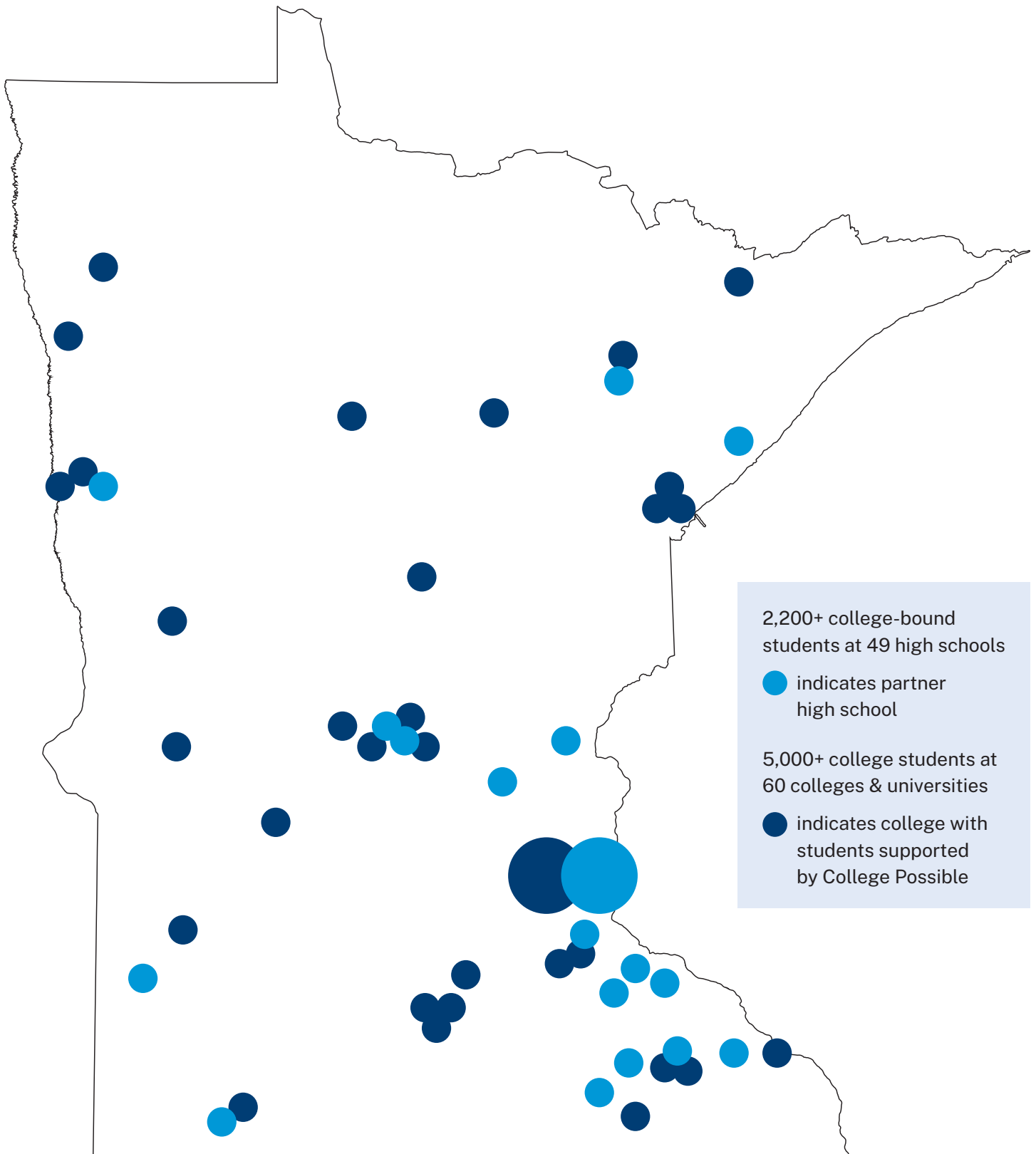
**4,500+** degrees earned by students since College Possible's founding in 2000



“ I’m really amazed at the amount of support that College Possible has given me throughout my whole college experience. Having [my coach] there just keeps reminding me that if I need help, there will always be someone there. ”

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University of Minnesota

# College Possible Minnesota Statewide Impact in 2022



# Minnesota High Schools and Colleges Attended by College Possible Students

## High Schools (On-Campus Coaches)

Armstrong High School  
Burnsville High School  
Central High School  
Champlin Park High School  
Columbia Heights High School  
Community of Peace Academy  
Como Park High School  
Coon Rapids High School  
Cooper High School  
Edina High School  
Edison High School  
Harding High School  
Highland Park High School  
Humboldt High School  
Johnson High School  
Kennedy High School  
North Community High School (MPLS)  
North St. Paul High School  
Park Center High School  
Patrick Henry High School  
Richfield High School  
Roosevelt High School  
Roseville Area High School  
St. Louis Park High School  
Ubah Medical Academy  
Washington Technology Magnet School

## High Schools (Remote Coaches)

Apollo Senior High  
Battle Lake High School  
Becker High School  
Blaine High School  
Blooming Prairie High School  
Bloomington Jefferson  
Cambridge-Isanti High school  
Cannon Falls Middle/High School  
Century High School  
Cristo Rey High School  
Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton High School  
East Ridge High School  
Eden Prairie High School  
Eveleth-Gilbert Senior High  
FAIR  
Faribault High School  
Farmington High School  
Frazee High School  
Fridley High School  
Hawley High School

Hiawatha Collegiate High School  
Irondale High School  
LEAP  
Leroy-Ostrander  
Metro  
Moorhead High School  
Mt. Iron-Buhl High School  
Orono High School  
Park High School  
Perham High School  
Red Wing High School  
RTR High School  
Saint Paul Conservatory for the  
Performing Arts  
Sartell High School  
Spring Lake Park High School  
St. Charles High School  
Technical High School  
Tower View Alternative High School  
Triton High School  
Wayzata High School  
Worthington High School

## Colleges

Anoka-Ramsey Community College  
Anoka Technical College  
Augsburg University  
Aveda Institute-Minneapolis  
Bemidji State University  
Bethany Lutheran College  
Bethel University  
Carleton College  
Carroll University  
Central Lakes College-Brainerd  
Century Community and  
Technical College  
College of Saint Benedict  
Concordia College at Moorhead  
Concordia University-Saint Paul  
Crown College  
Dakota County Technical College  
Dougherty Family College  
Dunwoody College of Technology  
Empire Beauty School-Bloomington  
Empire Beauty School-Dunwoody  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Hamline University  
Hennepin Technical College  
Herzing University-Minneapolis

Inver Hills Community College  
Lake Superior College  
Luther College  
Macalester College  
Metropolitan State University  
Minneapolis College of Art and Design  
Minneapolis Community and  
Technical College  
Minnesota State University Mankato  
Minnesota State University Moorhead  
Minnesota West Community & Technical  
College - Granite Falls  
Minnesota West Community and  
Technical College  
Minnesota West Community and  
Technical College - Worthington  
Normandale Community College  
North Central University  
North Hennepin Community College  
Northwestern University  
PCI Academy  
Rasmussen College-Blaine  
Rasmussen College-Bloomington  
Rasmussen University-Bloomington  
Rasmussen University-Eagan  
Rasmussen University-Minnesota  
Riverland Community College  
Rochester Community and  
Technical College  
Saint Cloud State University  
Saint Cloud Technical and  
Community College  
Saint John's University  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
Saint Paul College - CTC  
South Central College  
Southwest Minnesota State University  
St Catherine University  
St Olaf College  
The College of Saint Scholastica  
University of Minnesota-Crookston  
University of Minnesota-Duluth  
University of Minnesota-Morris  
University of Minnesota-Rochester  
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
University of Rochester  
University of St Thomas  
Winona State University