Historical Highlights

Program Results

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<th>Past &amp; Present</th>
<th>2009</th>
<th>1995</th>
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<td>Number of participating schools</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>Number of applicants</td>
<td>171</td>
<td>56</td>
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<td>Percent of applicants interviewed</td>
<td>37%</td>
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<td>Scholarships awarded to date</td>
<td>$186,000</td>
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<td>Number of volunteers</td>
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Financial Information

Statement of Financial Position

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Statement of Activities

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Surplus/demand</th>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>($15,437)</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>$98,808</td>
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Organizational Profile

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By rewarding students with strength of character, a commitment to learning, and a vision for their future, our aim is to invest in individuals who will positively affect their communities.

Executive Director’s Letter

In 2009, Education First received over a 170 scholarship applications from graduating seniors. Our scholarships continue to be some of the largest available and the opportunity they provide to students is lasting. The volunteers in six regions interviewed 63 students and ultimately granted $90,000 in scholarships to six remarkable high-school seniors. We are looking forward to watching these students grow and succeed in college and beyond.

An objective of the past year was to infuse new volunteers into our organization. We have been successful in our efforts by adding new volunteers in each of the six regions. With the increased volunteers, we plan to organize more local fundraising events, create new corporate donor relationships, and expand our reach in the Fall Letter Campaign.

The success of the upcoming fundraising season is important for us to maintain our top scholarships in the marketplace. We have actively been pursuing new corporate donors and grants, but many corporations have yet to restore their commitment to non-profit giving. As we approach the 2010 Fall Letter Campaign, we hope you will show support for Education First and help us continue to serve as a catalyst for remarkable graduating seniors.

Sincerely,

Nathan D. Smith
Executive Director

2008–2009 Participating High Schools

Seattle
Chief Sealth
Roosevelt
Jefferson
Mount Rainier
Rainier Beach

Los Angeles
West HS
North LA
Manuel Arts

Portland
Marshall
Reagan
Jefferson

San Francisco
 manual Arts

Austin
Eastside Memorial
Thurgood Marshall

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Past Scholars — Where are they now?

Our 2009 Scholarship Recipients ($10,000)

### Seattle

**Brittany Green**

Rainier Beach High School

“In my spare time, I am a tutor and enjoy teaching others to read. I also serve as a local fundraising volunteer for local food actions in Seattle and have been holding down a part-time job to pay for college. I will be attending Lincoln University and plan to study law with a focus in the civil arena.”

**Robert Ortega**

North High School

“Seven years ago I had promised my grandmother that I would pursue a higher education. Although she has now passed away she has motivated me to not only graduate from high school, but to go to college. I aspire to study law and see that education is the key to success and through hard work, anything is possible. It was once said ‘to get ahead is to get started’ and college is my starting point.”

**Alicia Griffin**

Jefferson High School

“I am a leader. I have the power to influence friends and peers. Even this year, I have influenced many of my peers to obtain a post secondary education by my actions and encouraging words. No one in my family has gone to college, so I want to be the role model that my younger brothers look up to.”

### Portland

**Alexandria Washington**

Jefferson High School

“Early on, I had to become very self-reliant emotionally and matr...y to ensure success at school. I’ve worked hard from a young age to overcome this adversity, do well in school, and work to not only support myself but to help my siblings, while also finding time to participate in and succeed in my community. I will be the first to attend college in my family.”

### San Francisco

**Anqi Ran**

Balboa High School

“After coming to the US, I realized there are plenty of people who are compassionate, but never put it into action. Thus, instead of saying ‘someone’ needs to get it done, I stepped up and became the President of the Red Cross Club to help senior citizens. Being a first generation college student will be tough, but receiving a college education will help me fulfill my goal of becoming a CPA.”

### Los Angeles

**Rosalinda Garcia**

Manual Arts High School

“With a college education I hope to change the lack of community involvement from the Latin American community. My personal involvement in the Salvadoran and American Leadership and Education Fund, is a step towards that goal. I enjoy this activity because it helps us grow leadership skills and makes me a more responsible student, as role model for others.”

### Honorable Mention Award Scholarships ($5,000)

**Seattle**

Tracoina Wiley

Rainier Beach High School

**Portland**

Taylor Maher

Marshall High School

**San Francisco**

Bashirah Bishdehie

Mission High School

**Los Angeles**

Josue Alvez

Manual Arts High School

**Denver**

Alicia Griffin

Jefferson High School

**Austin**

Isa Kohnhe

Eastlake Memorial

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### Our 2009 Donors

**Sponsors (above $1,000)**

**Amera Air and Travel**

**Brett Schwering**

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