

Increasing access to college preparation in Dane County, WI

2023-24 IMPACT REPORT



A message from our Executive Director

Two years ago, the Galin Scholars nonprofit began with a mission to increase access to college prep for academically talented Dane County high school students from low-to-middle income families.

We are proud of the progress we've made and plan to continue to grow to serve more students and families.

This is just a small snapshot of our work so far and we are grateful for all who are helping to make this happen!

Please reach out to connect and to support this important work!

What our scholars say

The experiences of our scholars demonstrate the difference that ACT tutoring and college guidance can make.

"I learned a lot of simple strategies to make test-taking easier such as, pacing, summarizing, eliminating, etc."

"I learned a lot about grammar, and that helped me a lot with my writing. My writing skills have improved because of it."

I learned ..."a lot about grammar and spelling. As well as some strategies that help me read and understand better."

"I learned that I need to be patient with myself and that learning is a process."

Impact Snapshot



Scholars chosen from 22 applicants for our comprehensive program



scholars will be the first in their families to go to college



additional students took a 7-week course to prepare study for the June ACT test

203

Dane County 10th-graders took a free diagnostic ACT at one of 10 Dane County libraries

From a donor

"Starting a new nonprofit is challenging.
Galin Scholars is doing great work to
increase access to college preparation and
we'd like to see them be able to help more
Madison-area students."

From a parent

"With how the experience has been so far, I just want to say thank you. There are so many benefits that I am seeing and it's been such a blessing. With how our life has unfolded the past two years, my energy is gone and I have no idea how I would navigate this step with her on my own. I am beyond grateful."

Funding 2023-2024

\$198,738

Individual and Business Donors \$149,050

In kind contributions from partners \$49,688







Comprehensive college preparation

9 scholars were selected in 2023 and 2024 for our 2-year program

- 5 Class of 2025 scholars will apply to more than 30 colleges this fall
- 4 Class of 2026 scholars will prepare for the ACT and begin college advising

ACT prep class

11 low-to-middle income students participated in a free 7-week ACT prep class Students motivated to increase their ACT scores accessed 14 hours of ACT focused instruction

ACT baseline score

In partnership with 10 local libraries and Galin Education, provided a free ACT practice test to 10thgraders

- 203 students
- Each student received their score and detailed analysis to allow them to create a plan for ACT prep

We couldn't do this without your generous support

We are grateful for the support we receive that makes the work of Galin Scholars possible. Together we are making a difference for talented students and their families who otherwise would not have access to this level of support and guidance in preparing for and applying to college.



Galin Scholars Interview at WKOW 27 News with Caroline Dade and Amber Noggle

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