

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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POWERING OUR GROWTH



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CORE'S *mission*

is to ensure historically
underserved students and their
families achieve economic mobility
and lead choice-filled lives.





As we look back on the past year and welcome a new chapter, 2025, I want to take this moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for all that we have accomplished Together!

Gratitude is the word that first comes to mind when I think of the many volunteers, champions and donors that have become the CORE community.

Our journey has been marked by brilliant collaborations with exceptional partners, dedicated team members, and inspiring Scholars who continue to carve their own path to success.

Strengthening our alliances has not only enhanced our impact but has also enriched our community in ways that resonate far beyond the numbers but make CORE a better partner and resource.

Together, we have created a supportive environment where everyone thrives, and for that, we are immensely thankful.

Let's celebrate our achievements and look forward to what we can continue to accomplish together in the coming year!



Jeff Jones
Executive Director, CORE



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2024 CORE *community benefits*



Partnering with CORE has been very beneficial to the West Prep students. CORE has provided opportunities and experiences to ensure that students attending West Prep obtain HOPE! Our students have learned and gained knowledge and experiences about college, career, and social-emotional empowerment and resources. Thank you CORE and Roger's Foundation for your partnership with West Prep.

BEST,

Yolanda Brown, Principal

West Preparatory Academy

I absolutely love having CORE on our campus. They are a part of our family, our staff, our community, they build relationships with our students and our families. And all I have seen is a positive uptake in our school spirit and in the way that our students speak to one another and our staff. And I do not want CORE to ever leave.

BEST,

Principal Evans

Swainston Middle School

CORE SCHOLAR *Marcel L. Marcel* had almost straight F's and last quarter he had a 3% in science. With encouragement from CORE advisor and champion and positive reinforcement Marcel got inspired to get his grades up and ended up ***ending the quarter with A's, B's and C's***. He now constantly comes up to CORE showing us what he got on a test or when he is struggling with some of his classes.

Ms. Maria, A PARENT FROM BRINLEY, shared her positive experience with CORE. She shared that she had not been a part of a program so involved like CORE in her previous years. She greatly appreciates all the support that her family and her child are receiving. She hopes to continue with CORE long term. It has helped her stay engaged in her daughter's education and school.

A PARENT REACHED OUT ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE IN FINDING AN APARTMENT.

The champion and advisor started looking for apartments that fit the families criteria. Mom kept me updated and let me know when they found one and was very appreciative for the help in apartment hunting. Afterwards mom reached out to me asking if we could assist in any way regarding groceries. We gave her a grocery gift card and also referred her to multiple agencies in the community. This parent was very grateful for CORE's assistance and is appreciative to have CORE in her family's life.



57 TOTAL
ALUMNI SERVING

14 SENIORS
set to graduate in 2025



SENIORS

have applied to over **30** colleges & universities

& have applied for
50+ SCHOLARSHIPS
& GRANTS

Attendance and **grades** have increased
MORE THAN 25% from the first semester
last year to 1 semester this year



CORE has created **new partnerships** with:
CITY OF LAS VEGAS
BATTERIES INCLUDED
4-H CLUB
TRIO
GEAR-UP
AFTER SCHOOL ALL-STARS

ALUMNI NETWORK

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS: *Where Are They Now?*

Altravia “Tray” Jones,

a 2019 CORE alum and Western High School graduate, recently earned his Business Management degree from Utah Tech University. Over the years, he has embraced life’s challenges and growth opportunities, including his newest journey—fatherhood. Now a proud dad to his 4-month-old daughter, Malayah, Tray is focused on building his future as both an entrepreneur and a barber, expanding his clientele while working toward his barber license.



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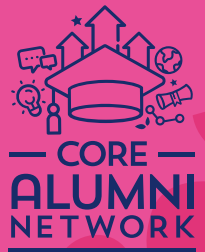
a 2019 West Prep graduate, earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology with a minor in communications from UNLV. She is currently completing her first semester of a master’s program in social work while working as a Mental Health Technician. Committed to making a difference, Fahmo aims to support individuals and families facing trauma and mental health challenges through therapy and clinical interventions.

Allison Guevara-Bernandez,

a 2021 West Prep Academy graduate and CORE alumna, earned her B.S. in Business Administration from Nevada State University, graduating magna cum laude in 2024. She currently works as an Executive Administrative Support and lead intern for WomenUp Leaderverse at the UNLV Office of Economic Development. This year, she plans to further her education by pursuing an MBA at UNLV.



CORE: STUDENT PROFILES



CORE alumni play a vital role in giving back by mentoring current scholars, sharing their experiences, and offering guidance on life after high school. Many return as guest speakers and provide networking opportunities. Their involvement helps strengthen the CORE community, ensuring that new students benefit from the same support and encouragement that shaped their own journeys.

Estefanny Garcia,

a 2022 Bonanza High School graduate, earned an Advanced Honors Diploma and a full-ride scholarship to Kentucky Wesleyan College from The Rogers Foundation. Now in her third year, she is double majoring in Criminal Justice and Political Science with a minor in Forensics. After completing her undergraduate studies, she plans to join the Air Force and continue her education in law or law enforcement.



Margarita Gallegos,

a 2019 CSN High School graduate, earned her bachelor's degree in Veterinary Science from UNR in 2022. With years of experience in the veterinary field, she recently achieved a major milestone by obtaining her veterinary technician license after passing the Veterinary Technician National Exam. Now, as she awaits responses from veterinary schools in order to become a fully licensed veterinary doctor, she continues gaining hands-on experience as a veterinary technician. In her free time, she enjoys baking and arts and crafts. Margarita credits CORE for helping her reach her goals and making her journey smoother.



PARENT ACADEMY

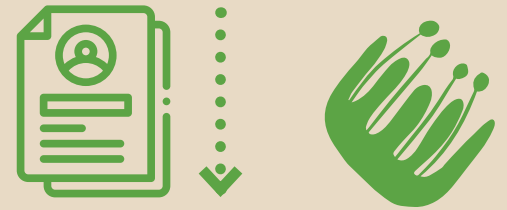
Parent Advisory Board:

GIVES A VOICE TO PARENTAL IDEAS AND OPINIONS. ENCOURAGES PARENT EDUCATION EVENTS AND PROVIDES PARENTS WITH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.



7 PARTICIPATING PARENTS MET ON A MONTHLY BASIS

WORKFORCE CAREER ATTAINMENT



Resume Building

FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Money Management
Financial Literacy: Renting and Leasing
Financial Literacy: How to Reduce Debt



EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TAKEN BY 26 PARENTS

English Classes Levels 1-6
Excel Level 1
Computer Basics
Spanish Class level 1



PARENT ALUMNI NETWORK:

18 ACTIVE ALUMNI PARENTS

Parent Alumni Network
Family Alumni Night





10 PARENT WORKSHOPS

- Technology Workshops*
- Preventing Child Abuse*
- CPR & First Aid*
- Trauma Informed Yoga*
- Family Yoga*
- Nutrition Education*
- Sound Bath*
- Toxic Stress and High Risk Behaviors*
- FAFSA Night*
- Parent University*



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Participating Parents



CAREER WE CAN

Events

4 Speed Mentorship Events - FINDLAY, WEST PREP, AND BRINLEY

PARTNERS:

Wynn Resorts
LVMPD
Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada
Northwest Career College
US Bank
NV Energy
AAPI Chamber of Southern Nevada
Office of Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto
The Rogers Foundation
AM Conservation
Northwestern Mutual
Nevada Association of Realtors

7 Guest Speaker Events - WEST PREP ACADEMY, FINDLAY

PARTNERS:

Vincent Rotolo, Good Pie
Randy Campanale, The Rotary Club
Commissioner Michael Naft
Leadership Las Vegas Alumni:
Vegas Direct Primary Care
Roseman University of Health Sciences
Crowne Dental
LVMPD
Clark County District Attorney's Office
Sands Center for Professional Development
Nevada State University
Trade & Fashion Academy of Las Vegas
The Hub
Shine A Light
Clark County Department of
Juvenile Justice Services
Judge Courtney Ketter,
North Las Vegas Municipal Court

9 Field Trips - BRINLEY, WEST PREP, AND SWAINSTON

PARTNERS:

Harry Reid International Airport
Project Real
Foundation Room & House of Blues, Live Nation
Black Fire Innovation, UNLV Office of Economic Development
Discovery Children's Museum
Neon Museum
Northwest Career College
Vincent Rotolo, Good Pie
Veterans Tribute Career and Technical Academy

3 Group Mentorships - WEST PREP HIGH SCHOOL

PARTNERS:

Theresa Goss, Melrose 11
Tony Penn, Penn Restaurant Group
Anthony Spiegel

1 Work-Based Mentorship

PARTNER:

Vincent Rotolo, Good Pie

1 Career Fair - FINDLAY

PARTNERS:

LVMPD
assemblageSTUDIO
Fingerprinting Express
State Senator Edgar Flores
Judge Harmony Letizia, Las Vegas Justice Court
Friends of Red Rock Canyon
Bureau of Land Management
Justus Kerr
RTC
Laborers Local 872
Meta Films
Spine Institute of Nevada





VOLUNTEERS

we had 208 scholars
complete **1273 hours** of community
service this year

OUR PARENTS ALSO GOT INVOLVED
BY PARTICIPATING IN:

- CORE END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
- CORE ORIENTATION
- NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
“LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL” EVENT
- HOLIDAY EXPRESS



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Communities in Schools
of Nevada

Opportunity 180

Junior Achievement
of Southern Nevada, Inc.

After-School All-Stars
Las Vegas

Amela Consulting, LLC

Camp Anytown

Ericka Avviles Consulting

Local 872

Red Rock Resorts

West Preparatory Academy

The Big Idea Challenge

CIRCLE

Harry Reid Airport

The Space

LVGEA

GOODWILL

Aviators

AV Vegas

Matrix LV

Black Fire Innovation

4-H Youth Development

RTC of Southern Nevada

Asian American Pacific

Islander Chamber

SUITE ACCESS

Kline Veterans Fund

Pitney Bowes

Nevada Afterschool Network

Las Vegas Rotary Club

Clark County School District

Tap N Ash Social Club

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

Batteries Included

(UNLV) GearUp

(UNLV) Trio





Thankful for our Partnerships





FUNDING

MGM FOUNDATION -

STEM Supplies - Funding will provide various technology supplies and consumables, art supplies, journals, and other supplies required to support the CORE Enrichment Curriculum. Level Up Village connects students from around the world for a unique global collaboration with an emphasis on world languages, cultures, arts, and sciences. CORE will offer the Global Scientist cohorts from around the globe and learn topics including water conservation, 3-D modeling and printing, and DNA exploration through asynchronous video and responses.

INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTH -

Cooking matters curriculum to encourage family participation in meal planning and preparation fosters a community-wide emphasis on healthy eating. This shared experience not only enhances the nutritional knowledge base but also strengthens family bonds. This program supports the educational mission by integrating practical life skills with traditional learning, promoting holistic student Development.

Mental Health Retreat - by addressing mental health issues and providing appropriate support, students are likely to show improvements in concentration, attendance, and overall academic performance. **Enhanced Emotional Resilience:** skills, helping them to manage stress and bounce back from adversity more effectively. **Strengthened Family and Community Ties:** Encourage involvement in mental health education, which can improve relationships and understanding between youth and family and school.

ARISTOCRAT GAMING - Operation Santa Sponsor

REPUBLIC SERVICES - Holiday Express Sponsor

WHITT FAMILY FOUNDATION - Social Emotional Champion at WPMS

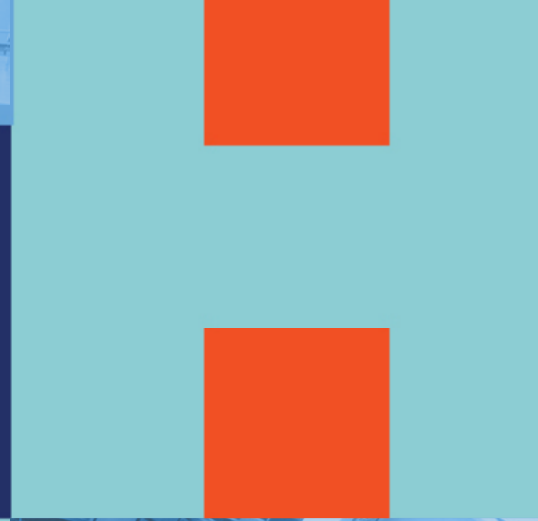
NEVADA GOLD MINES - Holiday Express Sponsor

RAIDERS FOUNDATION - Yoga program supplies
(mats, blocks) and healthy snacks for Core Academy

ROTARY CLUB - Stem Kits

WYNN FOUNDATION - Holiday Express Sponsor

NEVADA VOLUNTEERS - Support for CORE's MLK Day of Service
- Peace Rocks and Hygiene kits



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(UWSN)
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Services
Clark County School District
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Las Vegas Rotary Club
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Nevada Department of Education
NV Energy
Nevada Gold Mines
Raiders Foundation
Republic Services
The Whitt Family Foundation
Wynn Resorts Foundation

In-Kind Donations

1228 Main
Cultivate
Discovery Children's Museum
Good Pie
Gritz Cafe
Jill Schnieder
Kline Veterans Fund
Las Vegas Metropolitan
Police Department
Liquor Library
Live Nation
Michael Frey Household
Neiman Marcus Las Vegas
Nevada Donor Network
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Palms Hotel
ProServ
Red Rock Resorts
Share Village Las Vegas
Tap 'N Ash Social Club
The Beverly Theater
The Lev Restaurant Group
The Mob Museum
The Venetian
Ventura Spirits
Westgate Resorts
Wynn Resorts







As we head into 2025,

CORE celebrates a year of gratitude for growth, impact, and deeper community connections. Gratitude is the lens through which we acknowledge how far we've come and the people, experiences, and even setbacks that have contributed to our evolution. It reminds us that even in difficult times, there is something to appreciate—a lesson, a moment of clarity, or the simple gift of perseverance.

Our progress would not be possible without the unwavering support of our donors, partners, and the entire CORE family. Your belief in our vision fuels our momentum, empowering us to create lasting change and new opportunities for those we serve.

We look forward to building on this foundation, reaching even greater heights, and continuing to make a meaningful difference.

THANK YOU for being an essential part of this journey.





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