



# Annual Report

## FY 2016



*Young people growing up in Pine Bluff should have the same opportunity to succeed as students growing up anywhere in America.*

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Board President



## Strategic Highlights

What's Next Pine Bluff was founded in March 2015 with three major goals:

**1) Enhance life opportunities for young people in Pine Bluff by growing the number of students receiving quality year-round academic support.**

*Over 100 Students and 12 educators in the Pine Bluff School District are involved in quality service learning, after school, and mentorship programs at Pine Bluff High School, Jack Robey Jr. High, and First Ward Learning Center. So far this semester, 34 community mentors have donated over 270 hours of their time to benefit these students.*

**Attendance at Morning Program so far Fall 2016: 948**

**Attendance at After School Program so far Fall 2016: 1,231**

**Over 5,000 Total Hours of Academic Enrichment (Spring, Summer, and Fall programs)**

**2) Increase student led service in Pine Bluff to develop leaders and strengthen our community.**

*Our students have given 2,500 hours of community service to Pine Bluff building 5 community gardens, mentoring young people at the Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County, running anti-hunger programs and more.*

**3) Raise the number of students in Pine Bluff graduating from High School and entering meaningful college, careers, and national service.**

*100% of our seniors graduating in 2016 are either enrolled in college, an apprenticeship program, in the workforce, or serving in the US military.*

### Financial Highlights

Grants from Hope Christian Community Foundation, Pine Bluff Area Community Foundation, Simmons First Foundation, 50 for the Future, Grace Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, and First Baptist Church, Synergy Foundation, Jefferson County Young Professionals Association, and United Way of Southeast Arkansas.

## Financial Summary January-December 2016

Revenue	Total Grants	55,250.00
	Total Donations	16,170.35
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$71,420.35</b>

Administrative Costs	Advertising/Promotional	1,089.87
	Board Meeting Food and Supplies	44.74
	Fundraising Expenses	294.67
	Office Expenses	849.07
	Professional Development	400.00
	<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>\$1,588.48</b>

Staff Costs	Payroll Taxes	3,268.47
	Program Facilitator Stipends	7,200.00
	Salaries	28,512.86
	<b>Total Staff Costs</b>	<b>35,712.86</b>

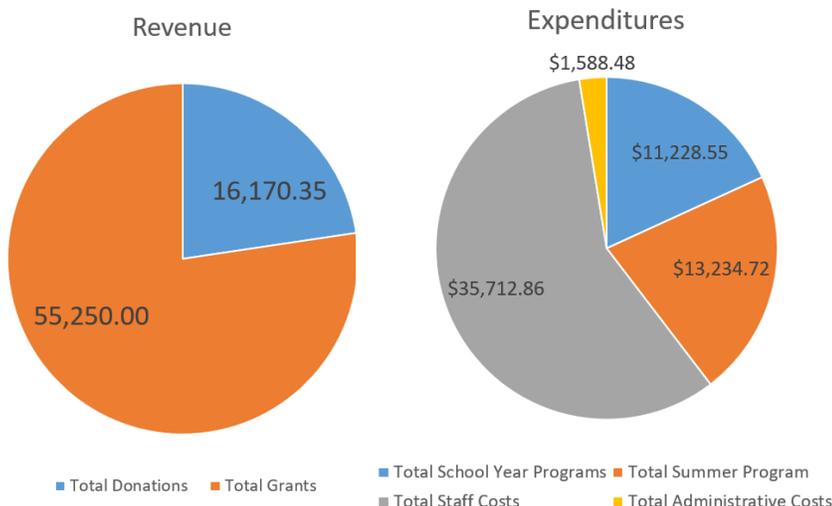
Summer Program	Food	137.21
	Summer College Trip Expenses	1,657.39
	Supplies	269.45
	Junior Fellows Summer Program	1,082.88
	College Savings Accounts	400.00
	Summer Program Stipends	9,825.00
	<b>Total Summer Program</b>	<b>\$13,234.72</b>

School Year Programs	Insurance	4,947.00
	College Trip Expenditures	2,662.06
	ACT Prep	290.30
	Applying to College	224.02
	ASVAB Prep	35.35
	Boys and Girls Club	143.54
	Career Readiness	10.71
	Community Service	1,473.45
	Faith and Social Justice	15.37
	Jack Robey	30.77
	Mock Trial	465.37
	School 101	16.66
	SLAY	411.33
	PBHS Community Garden	502.62
	<b>Total School Year Programs</b>	<b>\$11,228.55</b>

**Total Revenue**                    **\$71,420.35**

**Total Expenditures**           **\$61,901.82**

**Net Operating Revenue**            **\$9,518.53**



## PBHS After School Leadership Programs



Currently, sixty students at Pine Bluff High School are enrolled in after school leadership courses facilitated by our team. Students have access to before and after school support through the What's Next Pine Bluff Future Center. This program provides individualized mentoring for students to achieve their college and career goals. On a typical day, you will see seniors working on college applications, freshmen finishing their homework, and students receiving getting advice from UAPB college students and community volunteers. We believe that through academic support along with additional programming to enhance student leadership and life skills, our students can achieve their long term goals.



Our after school program is also serving as an incubator for initiatives on campus including a school wide community garden, the Arkansas Student Voice Council, and SLAY: Sisters Leading and Advocating for Youth, an initiative aimed at providing mentorship for young women of color at PBHS. In 2017 we look forward to developing a literacy campaign and a new mentorship for young men.

Students in our programs also receive bi-weekly one on one mentorship with a WNPB staff member. This year-round support aims to support students in their academics and leadership development to ensure that they are on track for the future. Students who complete the program requirements have the opportunity to attend a free college trip.

### Preparing for What's Next at PBHS

#### After School Programs 3:45-5:00pm

Academic Support

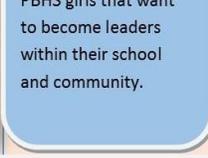
Leadership and Life Skills

Every Morning from 7:30am-8:15am

School 101 Ms. Smith (Media Center)

Boost your grades and learn how you can succeed in every class



Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Monthly	
<p><b>Mock Trial</b> <i>Mr. Noguera</i> Practice your speech, debate, and literacy skills. Represent PBHS in mock trial competitions</p> 	<p><b>Volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club</b> Serve as a counselor for elementary school students</p> 	<p><b>SLAY</b> <i>Ms. Cleaves and Ms. Enwerem</i> Sisters Leading and Advocating for Youth is the newest club for PBHS girls that want to become leaders within their school and community.</p> 	<p><b>Mentoring at Jack Robey</b> <i>Ms. Brooks</i> Serve as a mentor for Jr. High students interested in college and careers</p> 	<p><b>College Trips</b> Visit colleges across Arkansas and surrounding states. Learn the steps of applying and find a college fit for you</p> 	<p><b>Monthly Community Service Days</b> Join the WNPB Team in partnership with churches and organizations to make positive change in Pine Bluff</p> 

#### Future Center (Mondays-Thursdays)

McGeorge first floor computer lab

One stop for Tutoring, ACT Prep, Homework Help, College Applications, Scholarships, Career Readiness, ASVAB Prep, and more!



### What's Next Pine Bluff...

is committed to the day where young people in Pine Bluff have the same opportunity to succeed as a student anywhere in America.

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## Building Youth Leadership



### Pine Bluff High School In School Suspension Intervention

Every day, our mentorship coordinator works with students who are assigned to In-School Suspension for disciplinary reasons. Through counseling and support, students have an opportunity to address the problems that led to their suspension. According to research from Education World, structured suspension programs that address multiple issues can help students get back to class faster and stay there<sup>1</sup>. ([http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_admin/admin/admin329.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin/admin329.shtml))

### Jack Robey Jr High School College and Career Readiness Program

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Jack Robey Junior High School attend a weekly college and career readiness class after school. Participants receive mentorship from teachers at Jack Robey and college bound high school students at PBHS.



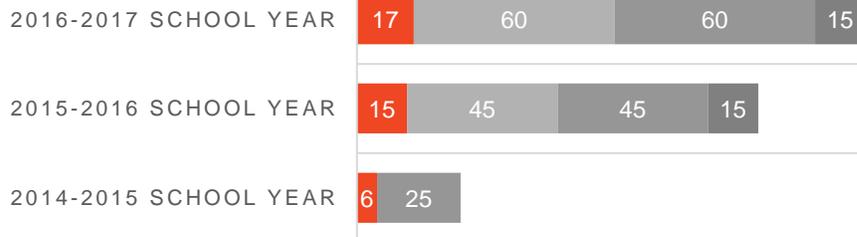
### Alternative Learning Environment Community Service Leadership Program

Each week, students at First Ward participate in a leadership and life skills program that brings them off campus to work on a community service project. Students are hard at work growing fresh vegetables at the community garden at First United Methodist Church along with transforming the grounds of the former Indiana Street School into a community park.



## WNPB STUDENS SERVED

- Summer Fellowship
- First Ward Learning Center
- Pine Bluff High School
- Jack Robey Jr. High





### Summer Fellowship

In the summer of 2016, 17 rising Juniors and Seniors at Pine Bluff High School completed a five week leadership program. These young people completed 1,700 hours of service to the Pine Bluff community and 2,000 hours of academic enrichment. The program was created to give young people in Pine Bluff skills they need for life after high school in addition to exposing them to new opportunities. Morning sessions in the program center around life skills including financial literacy and career readiness. In the afternoons, our students launched four community projects that resulted in the creation of 5 community gardens, the start of a new community park, literacy libraries across Pine Bluff, and mentorship to students at the Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County.



In partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County, First United Methodist Church, and the Quad W program, our team mentored 30 third-fifth graders with summer enrichment in math and literacy. Our Junior fellows improved their math scores by 8.5 percent from the start to the end of the summer, collectively read 408 books, went on 5 engaging field trips, and received over 2,000 hours of summer enrichment from our team.

According to the National Summer Learning Association, more than half of the achievement gap between lower- and higher-income youth can be explained by unequal access to summer learning opportunities<sup>2</sup> (<http://www.summerlearning.org>). As a result, low-income youth are less likely to graduate from high school or enter college. With quality summer programs, we are hopeful that statistics like these can be turned around for young people in Pine Bluff.



*Pine Bluff has some of the smartest, most courageous, and talented students in the nation. We are honored to partner with them towards achieving their hopes and dreams today and in the years to come. By investing in the next generation of leadership in Pine Bluff, we are confident that we are moving closer to the day where students growing up in our community have the same opportunity to succeed as young people anywhere in America.*

*–The WNPB Team*

