AIM HIGH SUMMER 2019:
YOUR IMPACT
IN REVIEW

Thanks to your generosity, nearly 2,300 middle school students across Northern California attended Aim High in 2019. They made strong academic gains, discovered new interests, formed enduring friendships and grew into confident, college-bound young people!

OUR STUDENTS

97% are students of color
91% live at poverty or low-income levels
69% speak a language other than English at home
81% will be the first generation in their family to graduate from college

OUR TEACHERS

78% are people of color
56% are multilingual
22% are Aim High graduates!

NEW CAMPUS ALERT!

This summer, we operated 18 campuses, including two new locations: our first in Novato, at San Jose Middle School, and our fourth in Oakland, at Westlake Middle School.

Because of these new sites, 160 additional students experienced Aim High in 2019.

Because of Aim High, I speak up more in class. It boosted my confidence and gave me the opportunity to grow.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

I was nervous to start Aim High, but now I have so many friends! I learned new things every day. I was able to learn about different countries, and in math class we learned about dot plots and different types of graphs. My favorite class this summer was humanities because we learned how to become better writers. We learned about sentence structures, spelling and grammar which helped me a lot. I like the teachers at Aim High because they are patient when I don’t understand something. I can’t wait to come back next year!”

Kendall, 7th grader at Aim High/Westlake

Thank you for championing the limitless potential of thousands of students like Kendall!
YOUR GENEROSITY MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ALL AIM HIGH STUDENTS TO:

**Engage in the Classroom.**

Hands-on, project-based academics are the heart of our program. For example, this summer our students...

- Developed roller coaster prototypes
- Invented board games
- Designed community parks

Our students credit the Aim High classroom with changing their attitudes about learning and their views of what they can accomplish.

82% of students feel prepared for the school year ahead.

89% said teachers gave them assignments that made them think.

**Try Something New.**

Exposure to new experiences helps our students build confidence and uncover hidden talents. Popular afternoon electives included:

- Musical theater
- Swimming
- Computer science
- Rock climbing
- Painting

Students also visited the Walt Disney Museum, the Aquarium of the Bay, the Oakland Museum of California and the Exploratorium.

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**Imagine Their Future.**

We encourage our students to dream big, set goals and explore a wide array of college and career paths. This summer our students toured the campuses of UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, Stanford University and Santa Clara University, and visited the offices of BlackRock, Salesforce, Deloitte, Ford Motor Company, Twitter and Accenture (and many, many more!).

Click here to learn more about our Career Day partners.

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**PROJECT-BASED LEARNING in Action!**

This year, we introduced a new interdisciplinary project for our ninth-grade students that incorporated math (data analysis), science (climate change) and humanities (persuasive writing and speaking). This project was designed to develop critical deeper learning skills that will prepare our students for high school and 21st Century jobs.

Deeper learning skills include complex problem solving, working collaboratively and communicating effectively. Students were tasked with creating an eco-business that will solve an environmental challenge. They developed a persuasive pitch and a comprehensive business plan that they delivered to investors who could pose their own questions.

PITCHES INCLUDED:

- Ventura - a solar-powered company
- Casa Bus - a company that renovates old school buses and turns them into living spaces for low-income families
- RTC (Recycled Tin Cans) - a company that turns tin cans into reusable water bottles

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**Questions about your impact? Comments about our program?**

Contact Stacey Lewis, Vice President of Development, at splewis@aimhigh.org or 415-551-2314.

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