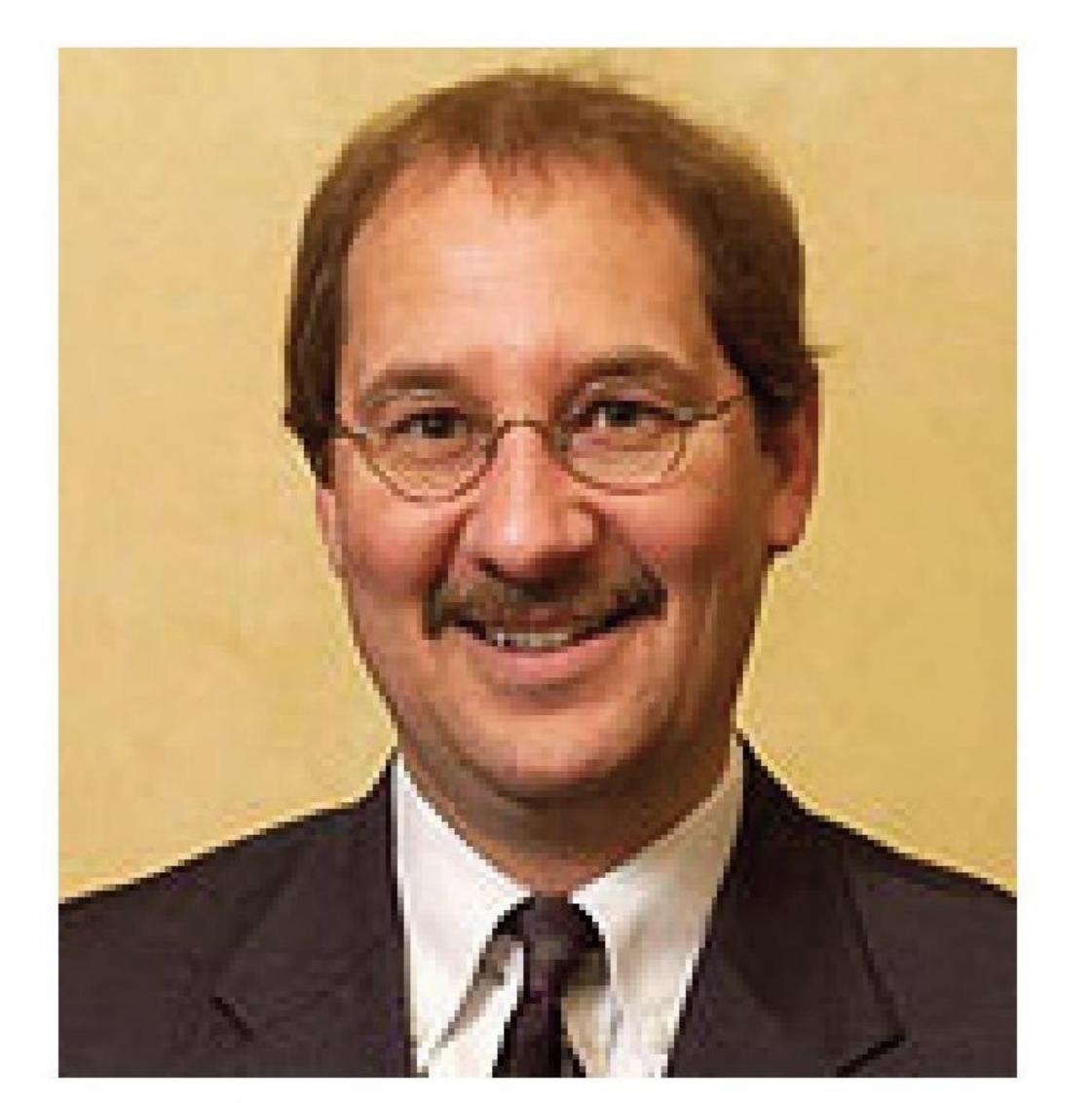
MESSAGE FROM KEVIN BOTTINI

Board Chair

While this past year has certainly had its share of challenges, we have also been presented with new opportunities. Opportunities to explore how technology can connect Scholars with volunteers in various careers; the opportunity to create partnerships with like-minded organizations to enhance our programs; and one that I am most proud of, time to strategize and plan for the future of Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar. Over the past year, our dedicated group of Board members and those who have invested in our programs came together to provide feedback and ideas that ultimately led to a comprehensive strategic plan to enhance our growth and further our program excellence and financial stability.



Drawing on the strength, resilience, and 24 years of experience working with youth in the Capital Region, we know we are well on our way to accomplishing these goals. Together we can strengthen and fuel our local community with the next generation of educated, dedicated, and skilled leaders. Thank you for joining us on this very important journey.

MESSAGE FROM LAURA MARX

President/CEO

Despite the challenges, this past year was a big one for Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar. Just like many other organizations, we had to figure out how to plan when you can't plan, follow ever-changing guidelines, and sharpen our comedic skills to engage groups of students through virtual workshops. I'm proud to say we did all that and so much more. We moved our offices to a more accessible location for our Scholars, we strengthened our staff and Board of Directors, we increased communication and engagement with our mentors, we officially partnered with Russell Sage College to enhance opportunities, and we achieved Stage 2 of the National Quality Mentoring System. These accomplishments didn't come easy, and they don't happen alone. It is



because of our community of investors, all of YOU, who support our programs, invest in our Scholars, and believe in the transformational power of higher education that all of this can be achieved.

We know our Scholars need us more now than ever before and we are ready to meet that challenge. Through innovative events like our Summit to Success in January, and skill-building activities through the Leadership Certificate program with Russell Sage College, we are looking forward to the year ahead. Follow along with us and see for yourself how investing in the future leaders of tomorrow has the power to change lives today.

Thank You

for believing in the power of education!



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Our Mission

To provide SPECIALIZED programs, mentoring, professional guidance, and ACADEMIC and FINANCIAL SUPPORT for qualifying high school students in the Capital Region. By assembling a network of

business leaders,

EDUCATIONAL ADVOCATES, and dedicated volunteers, promising youth are provided **OPPORTUNITY** and access to higher education that may be otherwise unavailable.

Financial Stability

STRENGTHEN our base Ensure more students have opportunities to access and the our programs and services to help them reach their

goal of a

higher education.

PROGRAM EXCELLENCE

Further enhance our programs by incorporating

best practices and evaluating program

OUTCOMES to increase the ability for

students to THRIVE

and SUCCEED.

Continue to grow and of support to ensure sustained investment in the students, their families, community.

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Earl Barcomb, Schenectady Academic Coordinator

2020-2021

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of College Graduates

1st Generation Scholars

in Pathways to College

of College Scholars

The sponsor-A-scholar team is ready

of High School Scholars

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Completed the National Quality Mentoring

Enhanced recruitment and selection process for

Strengthened connections with College

and volunteer opportunities.

Scholars by offering virtual workshops

Re-energized Mentor and Alumni Councils.

System (NQMS) – Step 2.

high school Scholars.

College that enhances opportunities for

College Graduation Rate

of Mentors

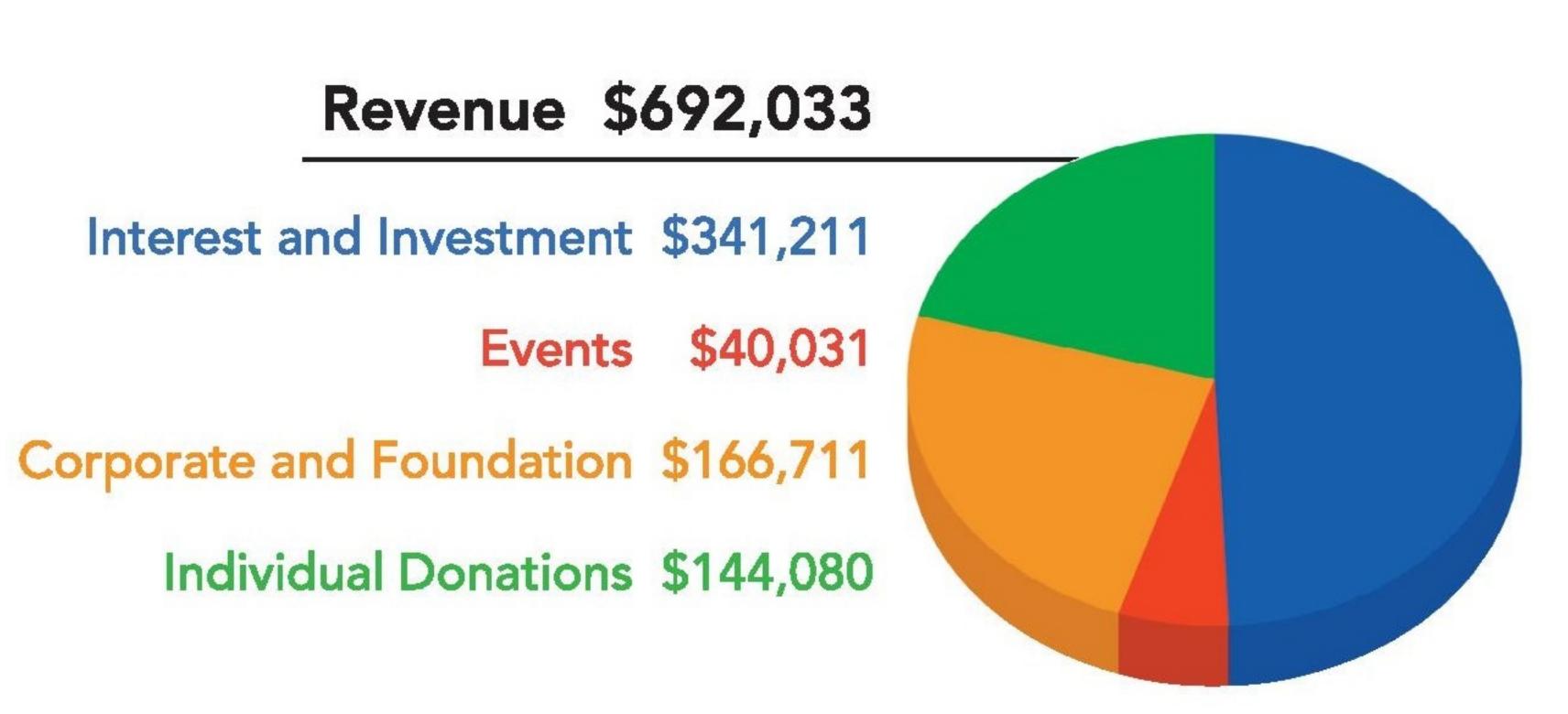




of Guest Speakers at Afterschool Sessions

Interested in mentoring e-mail mentors@crsas.org

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Expenses \$460,697

College Programs \$69,301

Supporting Services \$73,592

High School Programs \$124,168

College Scholar Stipends \$110,437

Development and Outreach \$83,199

\$217,426

Balance Sheet July 2020-June 2021

Investments \$1,869,394

Cash

Assets

\$44,314

\$14,713

Total Assets \$2,145,847

\$55,745 **Total Liabilities**

Total Net Assets \$2,090,112

Other Assets

76%

of assets are restricted for stipends for college Scholars

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