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We empower at-risk students to discover new hope and success through education, vocation, and love in a Christ-centered environment.

There is a generation of at-risk teenagers who deserve the chance to break the cycle of trauma and generational poverty to become productive, responsible adults. Using disruptive innovation, we will challenge the status quo and reach this generation to change their reality.

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a life of possibilities and hope

THEME FOR THE YEAR

"Imagine a world where every challenge is an opportunity." "Imagine if every setback was just a step towards success." "Imagine a future where our dreams define us, not our circumstances." "Imagine the possibilities if we dare to believe in ourselves." "Imagine a journey where our struggles become our strengths." "Imagine if today is just the beginning of our amazing stories."

> Imagine a school full of possibilities and hope. It exists...it's Omaha Street School.

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Imagining is something I love to do...it is a part of my brain that doesn't switch off.

This past year, as our vocational program took off and our entrepreneurial program started, I began to imagine our students, taking their vocational and entrepreneurial knowledge to a new level, coupled with academics, and socio-emotional training, to become successful in adulthood.

What if we became an advocate for each student, putting them on a track for their individual success. What if we could tailor a path of classwork, integrating academics with a career path. For example, integrate core classes into an automotive career path.

How do math, science, English and social studies fit into auto mechanics? What would it look like if a student was on an academic track, and their path included taking advanced classes, note taking, study skills, learning how to take tests, and finding the qualifications to apply at college?

Overlaying all of this are learning critical thinking and life skills, plus tools to help manage the trauma in students' lives. In order to help our students do better, we must BE BETTER. ADVOCATE, our new educational model will help us BE BETTER.

Our imagining took root as we were able to share our vision with foundations and key individuals. They imagined with us, embraced the vision, and generously gave funds to hire an educator to spearhead ADVOCATE. Mark Zulkowski was hired April 1st to begin developing the program.

Omaha Street School is comprised of a purpose driven principal and teachers and staff who will take ADVOCATE to the level of excellence.

We continue to raise funds so we can start this program August 14th, when our students return this fall.

ADVOCATE will no longer be something to imagine but will give our students possibilities and hope....IMAGINE THAT!

linda Keiner **Executive Director**



CONVERSATION INTELLU

In a conversation with Lilly, a senior at OSS, Anthony Williams, principal, was asked to reflect on the school.

Lilly: What sets OSS apart from other alternative high schools? Williams: We are intentionally small so that we can give more one-on-one attention to each student.

Lilly: I also think that the teachers care more and have a better understanding of what students need in the classroom and know how to help them.

Lilly: Mr. Williams, how will the new school model, ADVOCATE, improve outcomes for students?

Williams: Through multiple onboarding assessments, we will be able to better identify the specific needs of each student and develop individualized learning plans for each student.

Lilly: Tell us about an uplifting experience you had last year at school. Williams: Seeing students who struggled the most in school earn their high school diploma. Lilly: For me, it has been seeing my sister, Georgie, finally get it. She now wants to be in school and has found a purpose in the automotive program.



OSS HIGH SCHOOL 2023 STATISTICS

Total Students = 35

African American – 15 students (42%) Caucasian – 9 students (26%) Hispanic — 3 students (9%) Two or more races – 8 students (23%)

GENDER

Boys – 14 students (40%) Girls - 21 students (60%)

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Freshman – 18 students (52%) Sophomore – 4 students (11%) Junior – 4 students (11%) Senior – 9 students (26%)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

YES – 20 students (57%) **NO** – 15 students (43%)

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH **YES** – 32 students (92%) NO – 3 students (8%)

VOCATIONAL & ENTREPRENEURIAL

In alternative high school settings, vocational and entrepreneurial classes play a crucial role in preparing students for real-world challenges and offer opportunities beyond traditional academic pathways.

These classes provide practical, hands-on experiences that foster skill development and self-confidence among students.

VOCATIONAL: Vocational courses offer specialized training in various trades, enabling students to explore and master skills that are directly applicable to specific industries.

ENTREPRENEURIAL: Entrepreneurial classes teach students the fundamentals of business, innovation, and problem-solving. This equips students with the practical knowledge and confidence needed to pursue alternative career paths, start their own businesses, or enter the workforce with a unique set of skills.

30 STUDENTS COMPLETED

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VOCATIONAL

CERTIFICATIONS

18 STUDENTS IN PROGRESS

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT MEDICATION AIDE PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT CPR AUTOMOTIVE (TIRE, OIL, LUBE) SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING



Sewing will equip OSS students with practical skills that are not only creative and fulfilling but also provide students with hands-on experience in designing and creating their own clothing or tailoring clothing for others.

Sewing is a great career opportunity that fosters creativity, problem-solving, and attention to detail, boosting students' self-esteem and confidence. Thank you to our partner, Creations by Alisha.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS OF THE FUTURE

Nursing classes, such as CNA, Medication-aide, and CPR training are invaluable to our students as they provide essential healthcare knowledge and skills that can lead to promising career opportunities in the medical field.

Our students can develop empathy, critical thinking skills, and a strong work ethic. Thank you to our partners, Methodist Hospital and Quality Career Pathways.

By offering automotive trade classes, OSS provides our students with valuable technical skills and knowledge that can lead to promosing career opportunities in the automotive industry.

These classes offer hands-on experience in repairing and maintaining vehicles. Thank you to our partners, Jensen Tire & Auto and Collision Pros.

Learning a skill like tufting provides our students with a creative outlet and a valuable hands-on skill that can lead to a potential career opportunity in interior design, upholstery, or textile arts.

Tufting involves the art of creating patterns or designs by pulling thread through fabric, fostering creativity, attention to detail, and patience. Thank you to our partner, Young Entrepreneurs of the Future, Travis and Bre Hines.

COLLEGE

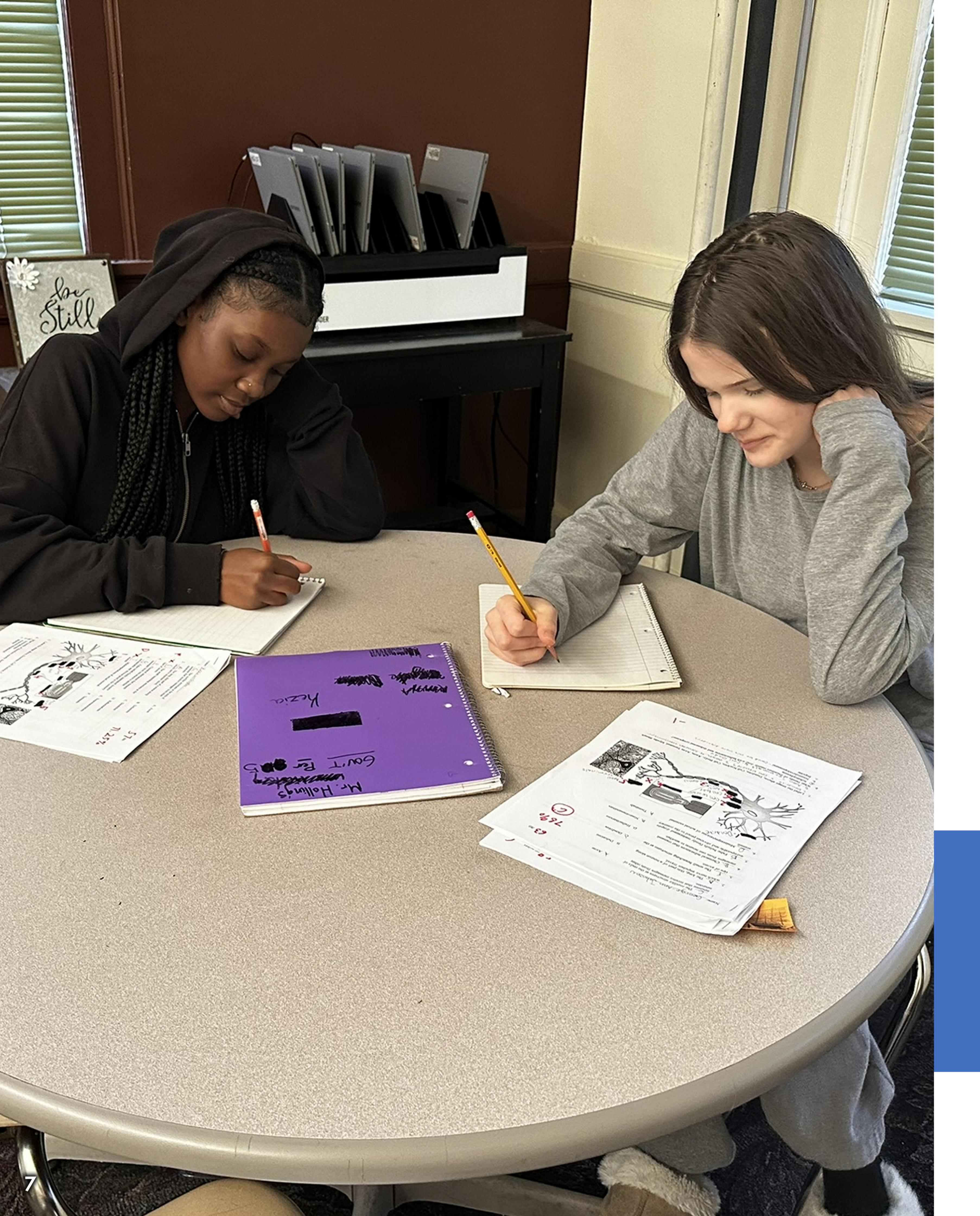
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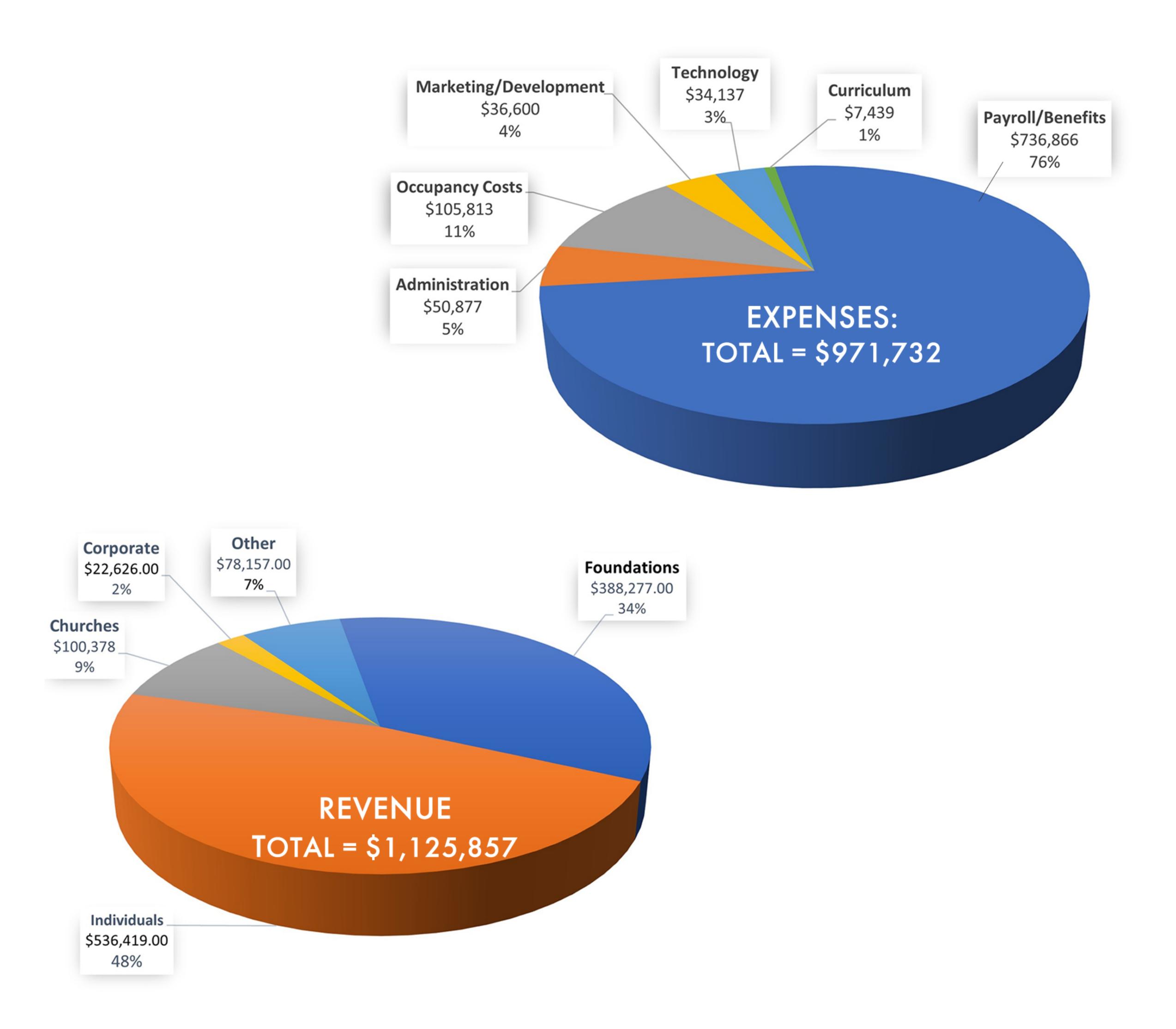
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Dursing and Allied Deal





Omaha Street School carries no debt. We are good stewards of the donations given us.



Special projects to give to...

Vocational Program Entrepreneurial Program GAP U Program GAP U Transportation Mental Health Therapy ADVOCATE - New School Model

To learn more or donate to these special projects, contact Linda Reimer at Ireimer@omahastreetschool.com

We receive no state or federal money because we are faith-based.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

TAKES ALL OF US

STUDENT/PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Family Night Compassion visits Athletics Job fair Homecoming Dance Lunches

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MAJOR DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL

Entrepreneurial Program - Renovation of classrooms - Salaries - Classroom set up Mental Health Program Pallets of Water Supplies Breakfast food (hot and cold) Water coolers Rent **Reading Paras** Game room



20 local churches 360 Bethany Men-33 Series Group **Boys and Girls Club** CCC Geezers **CCS Presentation Systems Collision Pros Body Shop** Concordia High School **Creighton University Nursing Students**



Digital Express Heartland Workforce Solutions Jensen Tire and Auto Jimmy John's **Juvenile Justice System** Lowe's Lund-Ross Constructors Made New Makerspace Methodist College

COLLABORATION

METRO Community College Nebraska Vocational Rehab Omaha Christian Academy Quality Career Pathways Thrasher/Supportworks Union Pacific UNMC Nursing Walmart YouTurn

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What you can give

129

 Your time – provide individualized support in the classroom

 Your skills – painting, small odd jobs, special projects

 Your belief – breakfast and lunch mean full stomachs which are essential to learning

Your hard work - keep the school clean



 Knowledge that you directly contribute to the growth and success of at-risk teens in Omaha Awareness of the necessity of

planting and nourishing seeds

 The opportunity to learn and grow as you contribute to the school needs







THE VALUE OF A VOLUNTEER

VALINTEED HALLOS

VOLUNTEER HOURS January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE CLASSROOM CO-OPT SPORTS BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS FATHERHOOD BELIEVERS CLEANING LUNCH

MINISTRY

SPECIAL EVENTS

Individuals

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Churches a

Businesses.

Chapel Family Mir

Christmas Christmas Gala Homecomi

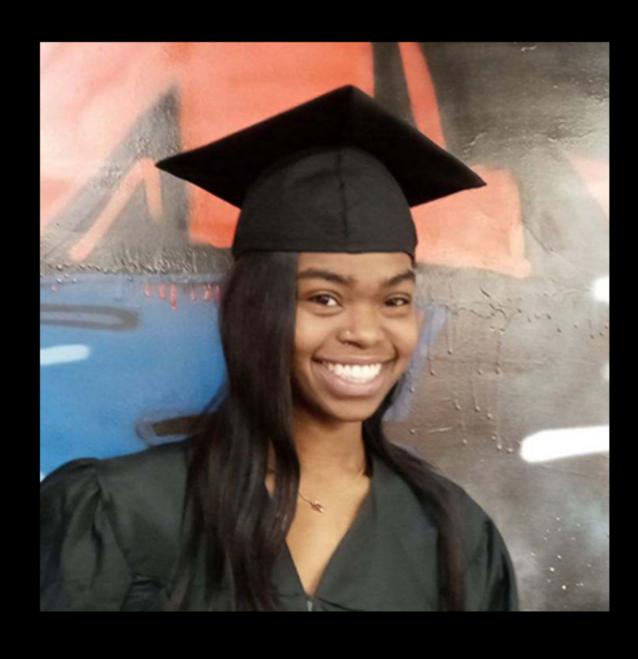
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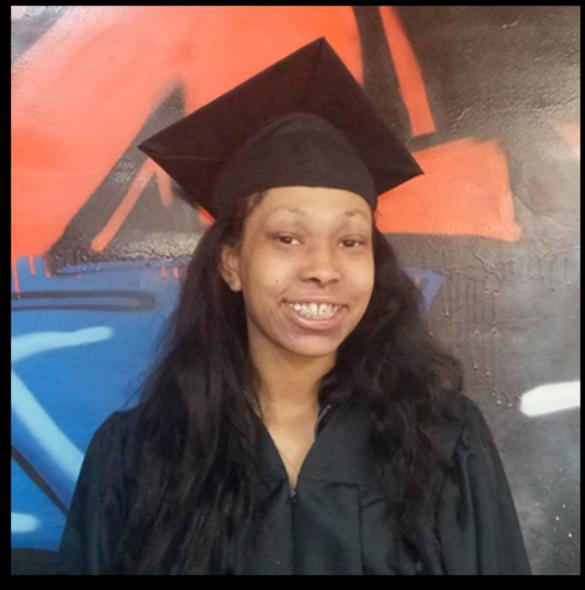
\$31.82 Cost Per Hour for Volunteer, According to "Independent Sector" April 2023

Total Amount Saved by Volunteer Assistance \$60,967.12

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d Leadership ademy	75.00	
Nursing ursing	80.00 72.00	377.00
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and Businesses		185.00
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inistry	19.00 35.00	54.00
Cookie Decorating Presents	10.00 40.00 64.00	
ing Dance	15.00	129.00

















IN MEMORIAM

It was exciting to celebrate two graduations this past year. Our seniors worked hard to graduate, and we wish them well as they take the next step toward adulthood. Several are working full time and others have enrolled in METRO.

Under Mr. Madrigal's leadership, we had two co-op opportunities, wrestling with Concordia High School and volleyball and track with Omaha Christian Academy.

Athletics help our students develop teamwork and leadership skills. We are thankful for these partnerships!





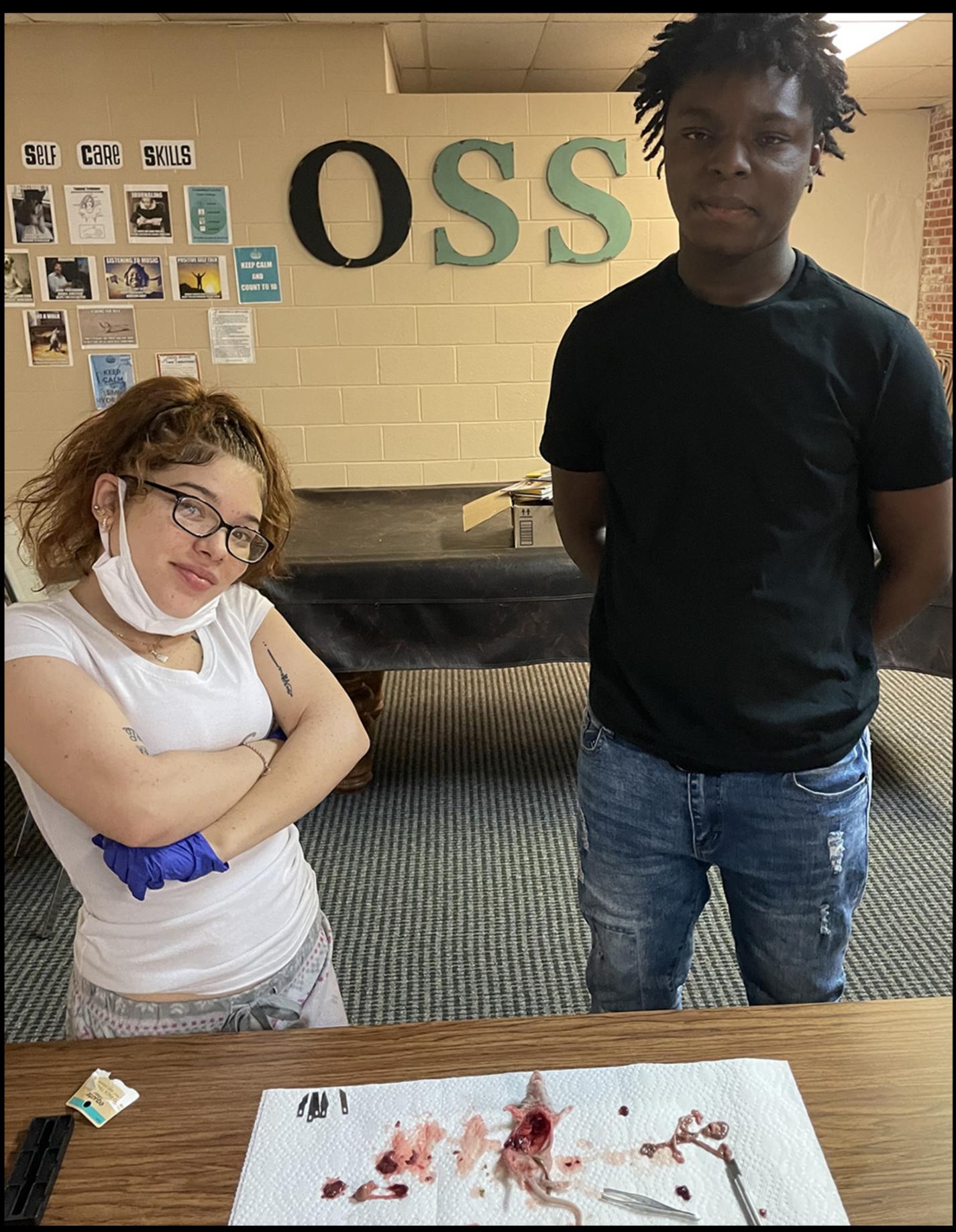
IMAGINE



Every student has access to a laptop computer to use! Teachers work one-on-one with students to help them complete the credits they need to graduate and receive a high school diploma!







Science students enjoyed learning about anatomy by dissecting frogs in class!

Our Champions Center features a Hair and Nail Salon, along with video games, to incentivize students to come to class, get good grades and choose good behavior.