

College Savings & Early Scholarships

This past fiscal year, PVD Promise provided almost **\$140,000 in Early Scholarships** to the college savings accounts of our students. Participation in the Early Scholarship Program has increased significantly, growing from 46 students to 174 students.

Pictured below are some of our students earning funds for their accounts (from left to right) Kaylani playing music at the library; Dylan posing with his brother Jacob after receiving the Caring Classmate award; Elianny reading her favorite book with her mom; and Carlos celebrating after moving on to a higher reading level.

As of 6/30/22, families have cumulatively saved **three-quarters of a million dollars** for higher education.



Family & Youth Engagement

During the last year, PVD Promise facilitated **44 workshops, meetings, and events**. Some of these activities included Career Exploration, Parent and Youth Council, Online Safety, College Readiness, Financial Literacy, and Yoga & Meditation. We also continued partnerships with groups including the FLY Initiative, Inspiring Minds, Parents as Teachers, and the Providence Public Library to serve more families and students.

Our 5th Annual 529 Day was our largest celebration yet. We were joined by **more than 200 parents, students, community partners, elected officials, and community members** to celebrate the incredible success and hard work of our PVD Promise families. Check out this [short video](#) of the event.

Enrollment

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, PVD Promise has welcomed **234 new students**, bringing the cumulative enrollment number to **740**. We are now offering both in-person and virtual enrollment sessions for families and are actively recruiting through school and community events and activities.



Team

To support our growing program, PVD Promise welcomed three new full-time employees to the team.

Lucrecia Mendez joined the team as our first Bilingual Family & Community Engagement

Coordinator; **Chandana Srinivas**

moved up from her part-time work with us during and after grad school to become the Family Engagement Director; and **Sheila Bautista** began as our first Bilingual Youth Engagement Coordinator after interning with us while finishing college and grad school.



A Look Ahead

In this next fiscal year, PVD Promise will operate in accordance with its new Five-Year Strategic Plan. Major goals for this year include:

- Hiring a Development Manager and an Accounting/Data Manager by the fall
- Implementing the Family Champions program
- Increasing enrollment by at least an additional 300 students by June 30, 2023
- Expanding family and youth engagement programming
- Expanding the Mentorship Program in partnership with Roger Williams University
- Increasing the cumulative college savings of families to \$1.5 million

Thank you so much for your on-going support, and we look forward to another great year ahead of us!