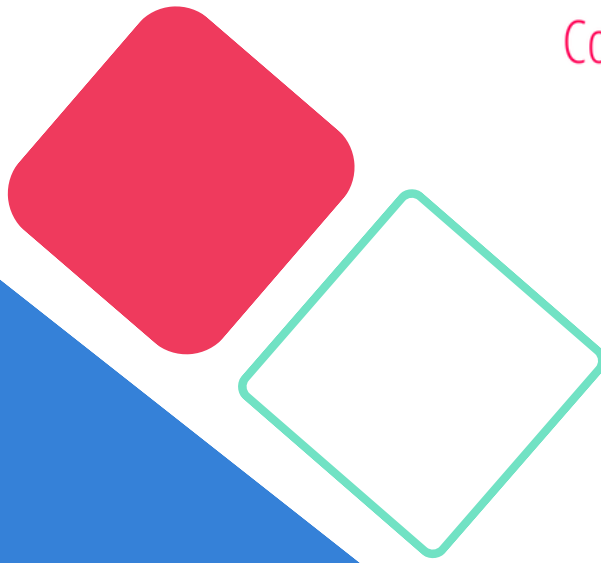




College & Career Services



IMPACT REPORT

2022-2023
Founding Year

Your wings already exist, all
you have to do is fly!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

I am thrilled to present to you Volar's first annual Impact Report, a testament to the incredible journey we've embarked upon together in pursuit of our mission to empower and support students towards their postsecondary goals. As the founder of Volar, it brings me immense joy to share the remarkable impact we've made in our first year. We may be small, but the impact is mighty! Growth is inevitable.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you—our families, our donors, volunteers, partners, and supporters. Thank you for your trust and support. None of this would be possible without you! Thank you for ensuring that EVERY student is empowered to take charge of their destiny.

In the past year, we've achieved significant milestones and we share those numbers with you within. Our Year 2 theme is "capacity". How can we continue to serve more students and their families by increasing our capacity? The demand is there and we want to meet it!

We hope you will continue this journey with us as we kick off Year 2. Vuela alto!

Cynthia Gudiel

CYNTHIA M. GUDIEL

FOUNDER, PRIMARY ADVISOR, MOM



About Us

Volar provides free individualized college and career advising to first-generation students and students of color in the Dallas area. Our goal is to increase degree attainment for these groups of students.

In addition, we want to support college completion for students choosing this path through best fit advising, family engagement, and scholarship opportunities.

As an organization, we understand the value of a diverse workforce and value ALL career pathways.

Our Mission

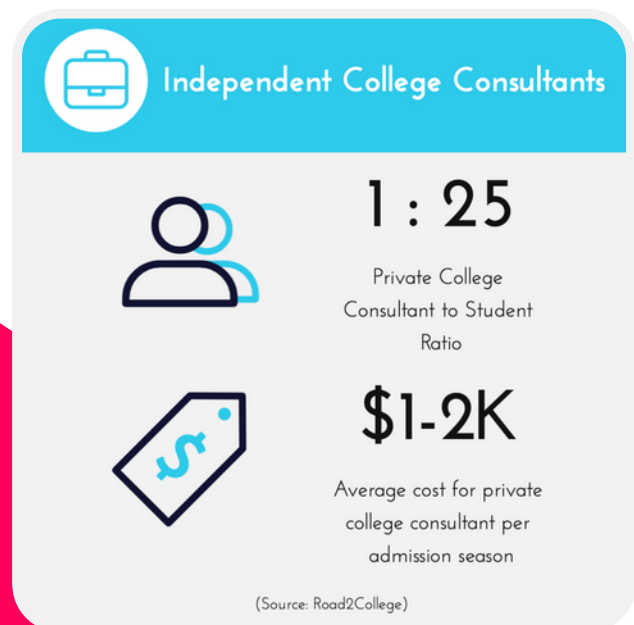
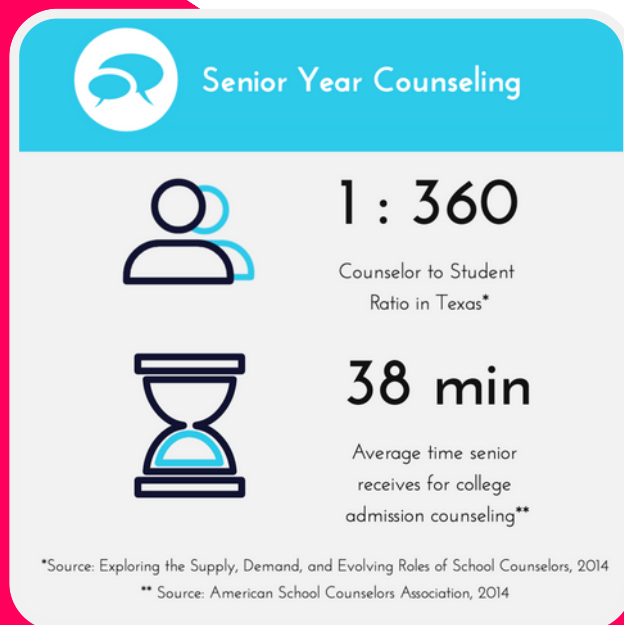
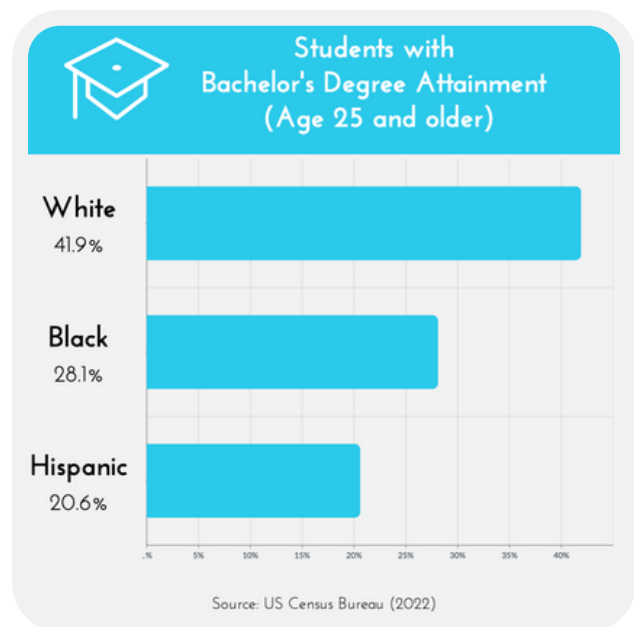
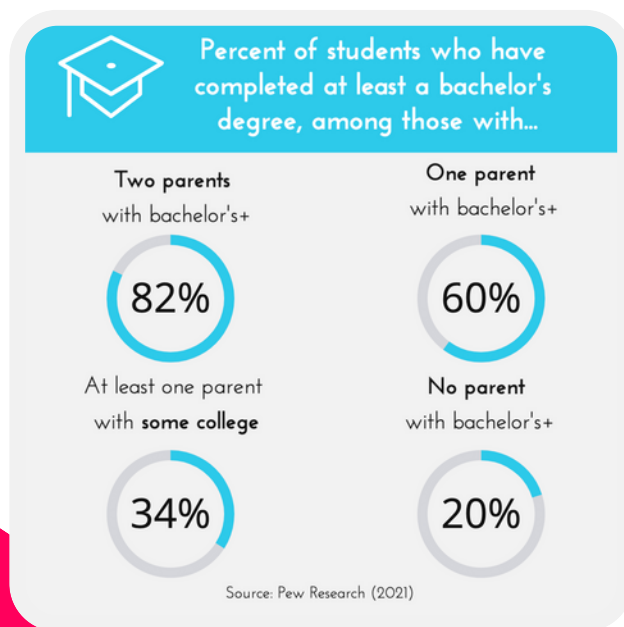
Volar empowers and educates students about their higher education and career options.

Together with their families, we help students find the path that most aligns with their values and strengths.

Our Why

Data shows that underserved and marginalized individuals (first-generation, low-income, students of color) graduate college at lower rates and receive lower lifetime earnings than their white counterparts.

We want to ensure that the next generation of our workforce is strong and empowered, and that EVERY student is empowered to take charge of their destiny. Volar works to address the degree attainment and college advising gaps illustrated in the graphics below.



Our How



INDIVIDUALIZED ADVISING

Provides comprehensive college and career advising to high school seniors as they navigate their post high school goals. By recognizing each student's distinct values, strengths, and potential avenues, the advisory process can be finely tuned to support their triumphant journey toward post-secondary attainment.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Empower Volar to achieve more significant and sustainable outcomes by leveraging shared resources, expertise, and support networks. Partnerships foster a sense of unity, cooperation, and shared responsibility for student success, ultimately driving positive change and improving the well-being of first-generation college students.



COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Play a critical role in empowering students and their families by providing invaluable guidance on the higher education application process, from navigating financial aid options to selecting the right institutions. Our workshops are open to ALL students and their families in the Dallas-Ft.Worth area.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Enhance access to higher education, alleviate financial stress, and encourage the pursuit of higher education. By reducing the financial barriers to higher education, we are creating opportunities for social mobility and contributing to a more diverse, skilled, and engaged workforce.

Our Impact

Meet the Volar Class of 2023

INDIVIDUALIZED ADVISING

10 Founding cohort of students who received personalized advising and are now attending college

4,260 Total minutes dedicated to student 1:1 advising

62 Cumulative college applications submitted

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



4 Community events

86 Attendees

3 Community partnerships

20 Volunteers

SCHOLARSHIPS



\$12,000 Awarded in scholarships

80% Volar students attending college with zero debt

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

100%

Students of Color

90%

First Generation

90%

Pell Grant Eligible Students

Acceptances

Volar students applied to more than 60 schools and received acceptances to schools across the country from Denton to Hawaii!



STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
STATE UNIVERSITY
NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS



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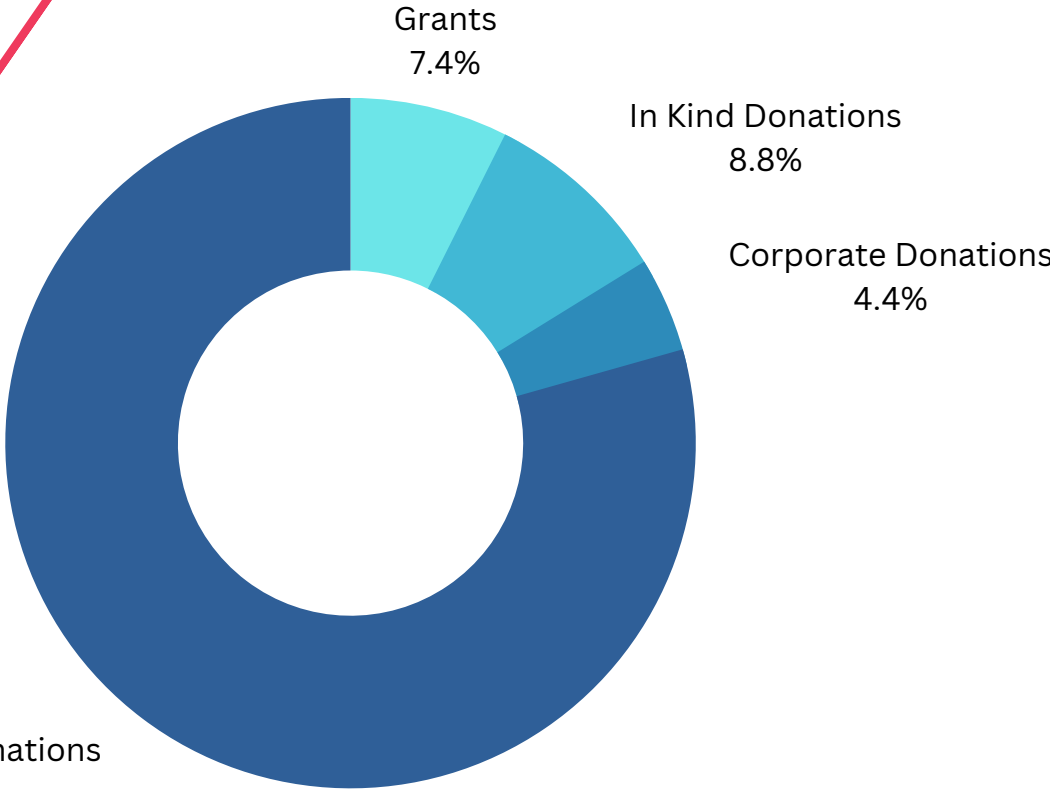


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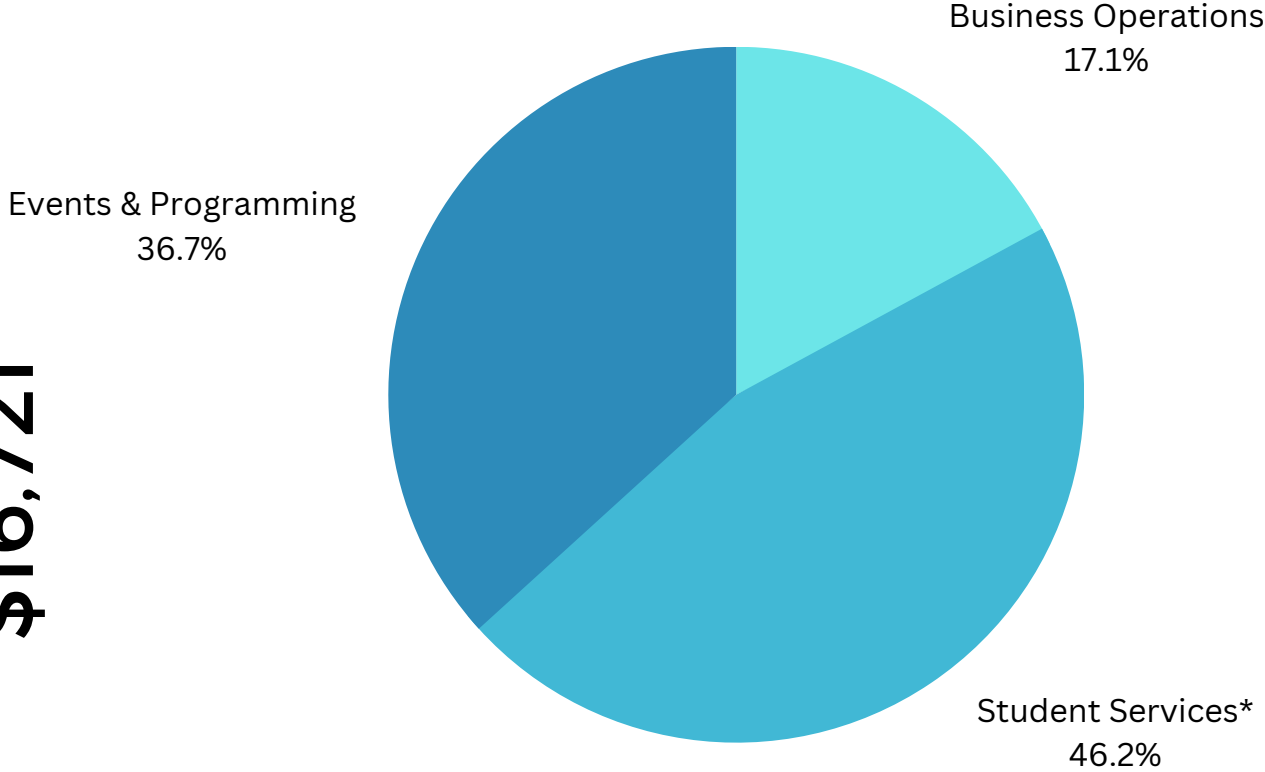


Financials

Revenue
\$,27,062



Expenses
\$16,721



*Student Services include scholarships awarded

Testimonials



“

Mrs. Gudiel did everything well! Any questions I had she always found a way to answer them efficiently and always found ways to help me with my college process. She pushed me and motivated through my whole senior year.

”

Ashley Z.

Dallas College

Diagnostic Medical Sonography



“

Since I'm the first to go to college in my family, my parents don't know much about the process of applying to college and having Mrs. Gudiel guide me through this has been a huge help, for example helping me with TASFA. It was something I was completely unfamiliar with and there were some things on it that I didn't understand.

”

Juana G.

Texas Christian University

Business



“

Mrs. Gudiel simplified the application processes and helped me write my application essays. She does a good job at keeping the student on track.

”

Diego M.

The University of Texas at Dallas

Electrical Engineering

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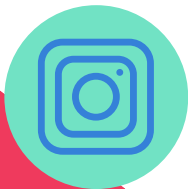
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Matthew 6:25-26