



Dear AES Family and Friends,

It began with a Mission. At the end of 2017, we refined AES's Mission Statement to guide our efforts going forward in 2018.

The mission of Alliance for Education Solutions is to improve the life chances of vulnerable youth by empowering their voice and fostering collaborative, cross-cultural, cross-generational relationships for systemic change.

But a Mission is nothing without hard-working, invested, and caring people to put it into action. And, *together*, AES friends and family, we did it!

Together, we made 2018 a year of extraordinary growth, programming, and fundraising.

Together, we made 2018 a year of extraordinary impact in the lives of vulnerable youth.

Thank YOU for helping us do the extraordinary!

Charles "CC" Carter,
Executive Director



2018

A year of Extraordinary Impact
thanks to **YOU**,
our AES Family and Friends!



AES Got a New “Look”

AES rebranded to align with our updated Mission, including new AES and program logos

We increased our social media presence to **1086** Facebook, **226** Instagram, and **361** Twitter followers

AES’s website was recreated to be more interactive, including participant and volunteer sign-up links and an online giving portal

AES launched a blog and email newsletter to share participant, volunteer, and donor stories



The AES Family Grew

1 new Executive Director after Bernie’s **26** year commitment

3 new volunteers joined our Board of Directors

10 new volunteers joined our DLA Advisory Board

3 new positions were created to manage fundraising, administrative, and research and assessment projects

14 paid positions were created for young people, including DLA Coordinator, Marketing Specialist, and DLA and SYA Peer Mentors



"I wanted to be part of this program in hopes I could make a positive difference in one of the student’s journey through the program. One thing I didn’t anticipate is how much I personally have gotten out of the DLA program. It has impacted me in so many amazing ways, and I have grown tremendously and learned so much from the mentees"

- Jake, DLA Advisory Board Member

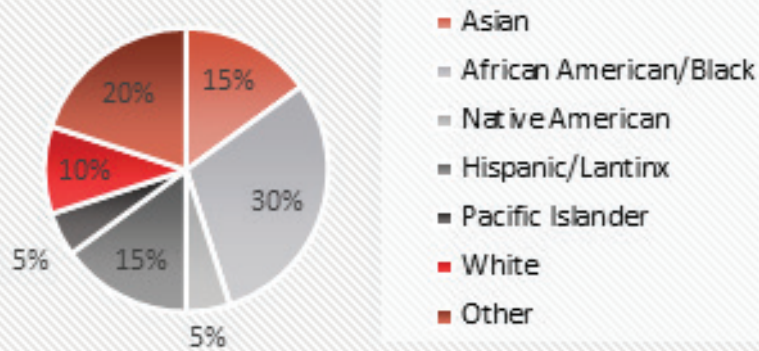


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Building Cross-Cultural Relationships DLA Cohort 1 Demographics

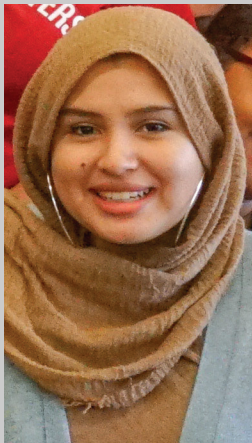


The **1st** cohort of the DLA launched in September

20 youth (ages of 16-24) participated as Peer Mentors or participants

95% Youth identified having **2+** of these characteristics: English language learner, foster youth, LGBTQ, teen parent, underhoused/homeless, academic underperformance, exposure to violence/abuse, and/or being a child of incarcerated parents

10 Advisory Board members volunteered to serve as a adult mentors to participants, helping them to build cross-generational relationships



“Participating in this program has opened my eyes to the potential we as youth possess and the countless opportunities that await us. I never realized how much our voices and input were valued when it comes to legislation and important decision-making. Overall, the skills and community I’ve gained are irreplaceable, and I am sincerely grateful.”

- Kaleemah, DLA Participant



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Engaging Others in the Movement: In July, SYA hosted a relaunch dinner to educate the Sacramento nonprofit community about Opportunity Youth United (OYU). OYU's National Coordinator, Lashon Amado, presented and shared OYU's history, mission, and vision to 15 local CBO's.



Collaborating with Other CBO's: SYA members serve on the Sacramento Kids First Coalition (SKFC) and are involved with the SKFC's 2020 ballot measure campaign to create a Sacramento's Children's Fund to support children and youth services.

Leading Sacramento Youth: In fall, SYA members were asked to facilitate 3 youth listening sessions so City Council members could hear the needs of youth from across Sacramento districts.

Advocating to Elected Officials: SYA members met with Assemblymembers Kevin McCarty and Ken Cooley, Sacramento City Councilmembers Angelique Ashby and Eric Guerra, and Mayor Darrell Steinberg.

Educating Young Voters: SYA used the Ballot Ready voter engagement tool to inform young voters about their candidate choices, election day information, voting centers, and mail in ballot procedures.



"When I am around my SYA family, I really feel like I can make a change. They are helping me build my voice while making sure it gets heard. People of my generation are so passionate, and SYA helps them gain the skills to express and achieve their vision."

- Mira, SYA member



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\$205,390 **\$1,200** **\$84,550**



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FUNdraising by the Numbers!

AES hosted an open house for over **50** friends and family to learn about AES programs

AES ran its first **2** fundraising campaigns - the DLA Gift Card Campaign and Giving Tuesday

85 new donors joined our AES family

52 donors gave over \$3000 to buy **25** \$125 gift cards for DLA Level 2 graduates to buy professional clothing for their presentations

27 donors gave over \$8100 on Giving Tuesday

AES was awarded a **\$25,000** 21st Century Skill Building grant from the City of Sacramento to launch the Davitto Leadership Academy



And thank you to American River College, Simpson University, and Opportunity Youth United for supporting our programs!





Hear Directly from the Young People **YOU IMPACTED** in 2018!

*“The world is bigger than one person, but it only takes one to start fighting for it. The DLA teaches you that if you want something, **it’s not impossible** if you **care** enough.”*



*“DLA has brought me many new connections with a very **diverse** and **loving** group of people....The DLA taught me that my voice and actions have **power**, and with that power **I can change the world.**”*



2018’s Extraordinary Impact was possible because of **YOU**, our AES Family and Friends.
Thank YOU for making an impact in the lives of vulnerable youth!



*“SYA provides me the opportunity to confront and **address youth issues** in Sacramento through **civic engagement, advocacy, and peer support.**”*



*“Being a part of the DLA has **impacted me** because they’ve shown me **love** that I would never receive anywhere else. To me, the DLA is a **safe haven** where I can be myself without any judgements.”*

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