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## OPERATION JUMP START HELPS LOW-INCOME STUDENTS GET INTO COLLEGE, AND SUPPORTS THEM ON THEIR JOURNEY TO GRADUATE

LONG BEACH, Calif .- Operation Jumpstart is a nonprofit organization that provides mentorship and academic resources to low-income Middle and High School students in Long Beach, so they can gain acceptance, and graduate from a 4 year college.

“As an immigrant and first-generation student, my family did not know how to even begin applying to college, but OJS was there to provide me with the mentoring and resources I needed to get into a four-year university.” said OJS Alumna Panny Seng, “But what makes OJS great is that not only do you get academic support but you also gain fun life experiences.”

According to their annual report for 2023, Operation Jump Start has aided over 1,500 students and granted an estimated \$50,000 in scholarships. Their impact has seen OJS students attend Universities across the country such as Cal State University Dominguez Hills, UC Davis, Brown and more.

Students from 8th to 10th grade with a 3.0 GPA are able to join Operation Jump Start’s free College Access program. There they have access to one-on-one mentorship, tutoring, and social events. They are also given scholarship opportunities to help with university costs, as well as academic workshops and advisement. For students in grades 11,12, and those that are currently

in college, OJS offers the College Success program. This program provides one-on-one counseling towards earning their degree, scholarships, and internship opportunities.

“As an alumna of the program and now Summer Associate, I get a front-row seat of all the hard work that goes on to create opportunities for students like myself and you!” said OJS Alumna Zele Aldonza, “They give students the ability to dream of things that seem unattainable and make it a reality for themselves.”

Students can become an OJS scholar by applying on the Operation Jump Start website. If they meet the criteria, they will go through the interview process and receive their acceptance. Students then go through orientation, to learn about the program and later receive a schedule that works for them, as well as an event calendar listing all of the upcoming events.

Operation Jump Start has a goal to give first generation and low-income students access to higher education. By offering granting and financial resources, these students are that much closer to graduating from a 4 year university.

## Resources

Operation Jump Start Website : <https://operationjumpstart.org/become-a-scholar/>

Operation Jump Start 2023 Annual Report :

[https://operationjumpstart.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/OJS-2023-Annual-Report\\_FINAL.pdf](https://operationjumpstart.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/OJS-2023-Annual-Report_FINAL.pdf)