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## Annual Report

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## REFLECTIONS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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I pulled up to Nike headquarters on a rainy fall day. My feet squished and squashed their way to the entrance. My heart was pumping — I love to launch a new program! I planned to arrive just after our first-ever Days Off for high school students began, and was greeted by our dynamic staff....and Daniel, a McDaniel high school student who was running late. What occurred after meeting Daniel is one example of so many powerful interactions we have with students.

We shook hands, and while we waited to connect with the rest of the students, we explored, in communal awe, the footwear museum we stumbled upon. He ooo'd and awe'd! Already abuzz with excitement knowing he was going to get inside access, he shared "this is so cool! My goal is to break my personal best this year in track. I'm racing against myself...but I wanted to know what it would be like to work here. How could I make a living out of my passions? Let's go!" At the end of the day, he had his answer saying "this was amazing. I'll be back." And he did. He came to sixty percent of our Days Off last year via scholarship and was introduced to careers in Science, Engineering, Technology, the Arts, and Math. He told me "This is dope Brianna. I never thought about my future like that before".

You did that.

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Nike Headquarters, Days Off (grades 9-12), Daniel L

Whether you were a donor, a mentor, an educator, a volunteer, a foundation, or a corporate partner, your investment in time, energy, expertise, and funds allows students to think differently — about themselves, their community, and the world around them. The result is a more informed, empathetic, and energized next generation innovator!

This past year, we prioritized connecting to high school students in new ways, offering increased opportunities for engagement to meaningful career-connected learning. Additionally, we doubled-down on our commitment to robust and meaningful summer learning through full-day, full-week summer camps for Grade K-8 exploring topics such as Geomapping and Healthcare. We maintained our valuable school partnerships across five counties through our School Residency Program and ran Classes and Youth Days Off in partnership with OHSU.

Demand remains high for our Apprenticeships in Science and Engineering program.

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We focused on how Saturday Academy provides critical wrap-around support for our summer cohort. We added new mentorship host sites, including...us! For the first time in 42 years, Saturday Academy has taken on mentorship of high school students with a focus on fostering the next generation STEAM educators!

This year has not been for the faint of heart. We continue to tackle our deficit, right-sizing the organizational staff, expense cutting, and contracting in specific programs to live within our funding means. We doubled our granting efforts, focused storytelling on student voice, hosted a beautiful Soiree, and connected with more than 140 individual donors. As a result, we have bridged our deficit by seventy-two percent over the past three years and ensured that seventy-seven percent of our students represent historically and systematically excluded communities in key social impact programming. We believe that all children should have access to safe creative spaces to discover themselves through STEAM.

Looking ahead, we are taking meaningful steps in the right direction. Stay tuned for exciting updates as we have a new administrative headquarters in the Hollywood district, explore deeper connections to schools through our newly branded LINK.ed School Residency Program, launch summer classes, and double our high school Days Off Program, offering ten career-connected learning experiences, while aiming for inspired sustainability.

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LEGO Explorers, Summer Camp (grades K-2)

I continue to be in awe of the generosity of our community. To quote Daniel, "let's go!" and thank you.

Be well,

*Buanna McCoy*

(she/her/hers)  
Executive Director





# THANK YOU

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Saturday Academy, I wish to add my voice to the chorus of gratitude for our generous donors and supporters. More than ever, our children and young adults need the access to hands-on, relevant STEAM experiences that help build and sustain strong STEAM identities that propel them forward to greater curiosity, discovery, and exploration. Your gift matters to the kids we serve, and it matters to us. Thank you so much for your support of Saturday Academy.



*Stephanie Salomone, Ph.D.*

- Stephanie Salomone Ph.D.  
Board President

## Innovative Education Grows Here

In 1983, two public school educators, Jackie Jackson and Gail Whitney, noticed that children in their classrooms had individual interests or “sparks” that couldn’t be fully addressed within the regular school day. They believed that giving students access to experts in their fields of interest would both inspire them and showcase the careers that follow education. To meet this need, Saturday Academy was born.

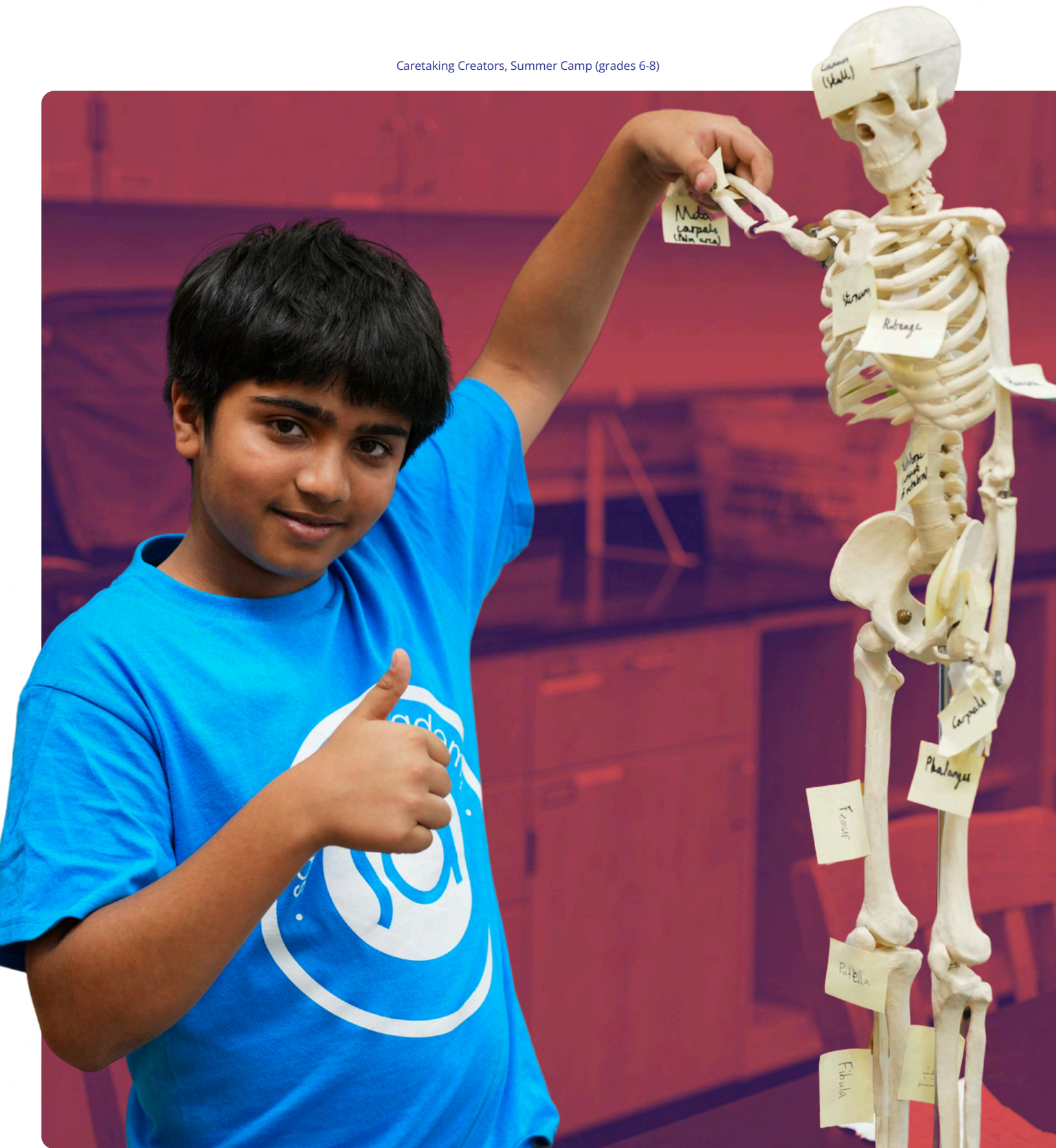
Today, our programs inspire K-12 students through hands-on education led by community experts during out-of-school time.

In total, we serve hundreds students annually. Our focus remains on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) and the intersection of each of these disciplines.



2025 In Full Bloom Soiree









Port of Portland, Days Off (grades 9-12)

## ABOUT US

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Saturday Academy provides wide access to hands-on learning for diverse students in grades K-12 in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM). Since 1983, our community experts have sparked curiosity and love of learning in young people.

## OUR MISSION

Saturday Academy develops creative, confident, and curious critical thinkers by engaging students in socially conscious and equitable Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math experiences. We spark curiosity, connect our community, and empower students to become the innovative thinkers and problem solvers of the next generation.



Prehistoric Journeys, Winter Classes (grades K-2)

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Science Lab Explorers, Summer Camp (grades K-2)

## IMPACT

By the numbers, this has been a year of strong growth and meaningful community impact for Saturday Academy. We saw summer camp enrollment double and scholarship awards increase by 62%. We also expanded our offerings with new camps such as Geomapping, LEGO Robotics, Theatre, and expanded our animation offerings.

*"My son had an amazing experience at the Saturday Academy camps this summer! He not only gained knowledge in science, but the experience also helped to build confidence in himself and helped him cope with the existing family crisis because of my illness. I cannot thank you enough for this opportunity."*

— **Deepannita R.**, Scholarship Awardee

*"Saturday Academy has been a wonderful experience for my family. Over the years, all of my kids have participated in different camps and each one has been engaging, creative, and inspiring. The educators are not only knowledgeable but also deeply supportive, helping kids build confidence and curiosity through hands-on learning. They work hard to remove barriers so that kids from all backgrounds can explore STEAM learning in a way that is fun and inclusive."* — **Molly T.**, Scholarship Awardee

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

Full-day, full-week summer camps serving grades K-8.

24 | 201

Camps Ran  
Over 8 Weeks

Individual Students Served

86 | 960

Unique Schools  
Reached

Total Learning Hours

\$14,089

Provided in Scholarship Assistance



Of summer camp students identify as  
female or nonbinary



## CLASSES K-8 & DAYS OFF K-5

Three semesters of Saturday classes and Days Off full-day camps provided hands-on STEAM learning when school is out, but families need support.

6

Educational experiences ran serving grades K-8

58 | 128

Total Learning Hours

Students Served

22

Unique Schools Represented

## SCHOOL RESIDENCY

After-school programming designed to introduce and deepen students' understanding and confidence in a wide range of STEAM subjects.

16

Residencies

9

Unique Schools

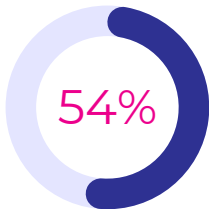
181 | 192

Total Learning Hours

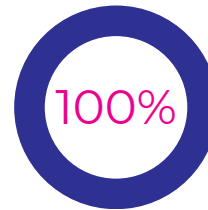
Students Served

\$32,170

Provided in Cost Assistance

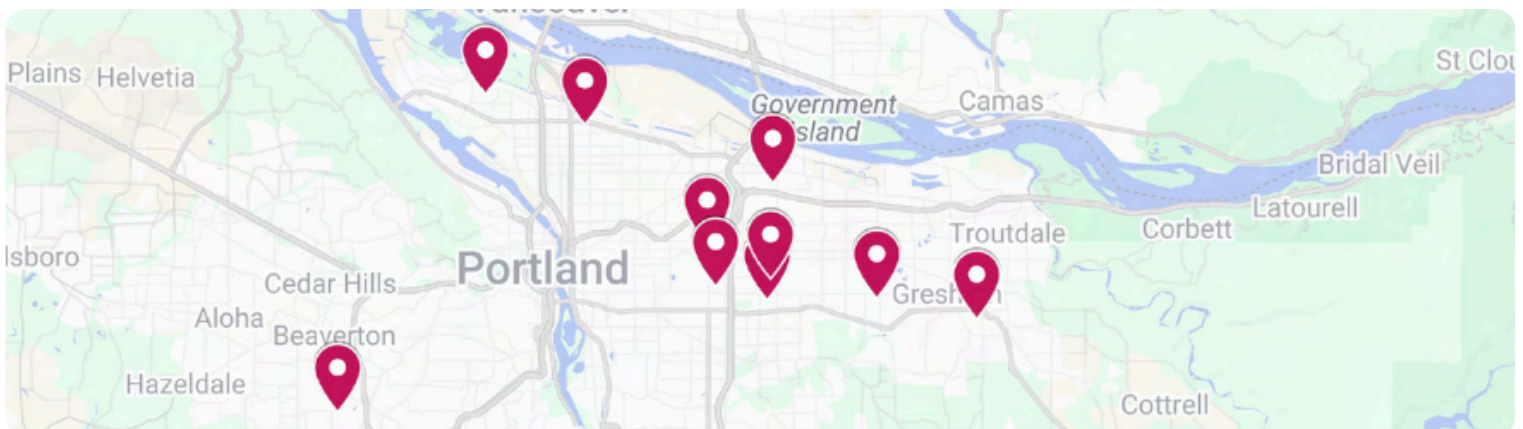


Of residency students  
are BIPOC



of school residencies held  
at Title 1 schools

*"In my eight years of watching Saturday Academy creatively innovate the after-school residency world, I am most impressed by the teachers and the connection they form with our students. The passion they have for their subject matter is shared in such an authentic way that our students can't help but feel the same enthusiasm and interest!" — Audrey Rozell, Marysville ES*



School Residency Geographic Reach

# DAYS OFF, GRADES 9-12

## CAREER PATHWAY EXPLORATION

Full-day program designed to connect students to diverse STEAM careers highlighting Oregon's leading organizations when school is off.

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Days Off Experiences

85

Individual Students Served

611

Total Learning Hours

38%

Of students received tuition assistance

44%

Of students qualified for free or reduced lunch

\$3,915

Provided in scholarships

*"I wish every day off from school was like this!"*  
— **Kharter C.**

Nike World Headquarters, Days Off (grades 9-12)







2025 Mid-Summer Conference, ASE (rising grades 10-12)

## APPRENTICESHIPS IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

28

Apprenticeships

37

Interns

36

Mentors

13

Host Organizations

26

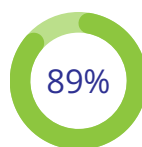
High Schools Represented

8900

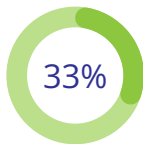
Total Learning Hours



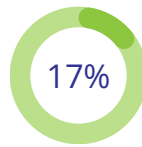
Reported feeling more confident in their career aspirations



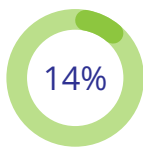
Historically or systemically excluded



English as a second language



Of ASE applicants qualified for free or reduced lunch.



First generation college bound



Of ASE interns were from historically underrepresented gender identities.

*“The most impactful part of my internship experience was getting to work in a research laboratory, an environment I had never experienced before. I’m truly grateful for the chance I had to contribute, learn from experienced scientists.”*

— **Aline LR**, VA Portland Health Care System Apprentice









## FINANCE

### Revenue & Other Support

		2025	2024	2023	2022
Program Fees	31%	\$240,265	\$219,286	\$271,912	\$304,647
Grants and Contributions	48%	\$374,487	\$442,224	\$283,199	\$200,995
Special Events	13%	\$99,030	\$97,611	\$92,655	\$62,680
Investment Income + Other	8%	\$65,740	\$479,215	\$90,466	\$97,260
Total		\$779,524	\$1,238,338	\$738,233	\$508,434

### Expenses

		2025	2024	2023	2022
Program Services	67%	\$598,333	\$644,852	\$763,004	\$800,069
Management and General	16%	\$148,355	\$159,928	\$225,413	\$222,153
Fundraising	17%	\$149,775	\$168,708	\$192,173	\$209,227
Total		\$896,463	\$973,488	\$1,180,590	\$1,231,449

### Net Assets

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Beginning of Year	\$1,409,476	\$1,491,913	\$1,844,827	\$1,224,976
End of Year	\$1,129,497	\$1,409,476	\$1,491,913	\$968,459
Increase/Decrease	-\$279,979	-\$82,437	-\$352,913	-\$256,517

2025 In Full Bloom Soiree





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STEAM Your Own Adventure, Days Off (grades K-5)

## Community Support: Corporate, Business, Non-Profit

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## Youth Programs

Dexter McCarty Middle School  
Greenway Elementary  
Harrison Park Middle School  
Maseeh College of Engineering & Computer Science  
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STEAM Your Own Adventure, Days Off (grades K-5)





Mentor & Intern, Content Creator Internship, ASE (rising grades 10-12)





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