“I Have A Dream” At A Glance

Over 45 inspiring years, the **“I Have A Dream” Foundation** has served more than 20,000 young people and their families, but we know the true impact ripples far beyond those numbers. It shows up in stronger families, healthier communities, and generational change. We see our scholars emerge as leaders who multiply the impact by paying forward the opportunities they received.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the “I Have A Dream” Foundation is to empower children from under-resourced communities to succeed in school and career by providing academic and social-emotional support from first grade through post-secondary pathways, along with scholarship assistance.

OUR VISION

Our dream is a world where every child has equal access to the educational and career opportunities that will ignite their innate potential.

45 Years of Impact: Our Results

NUMBER OF YOUTH SERVED

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT RATE

“I Have A Dream” Foundation - National Impact by Program Year			
	2023-2024	**2024-2025**	**2025-2026**
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	89%	82%	98%
High School Graduation	97%	95%	98%
Postsecondary Enrollment	65%	63%	Pending

Notes on Measurement
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible: eligibility at the time of enrollment.
High School Graduation Rate: percentage of participants who graduated during their Expected High School Graduation Year.
Postsecondary Enrollment Rate: percentage of high school graduates who enrolled in a postsecondary program during the following school year.
Rates reflect participants with available data; All-time since 2013

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About The "I Have A Dream" Foundation

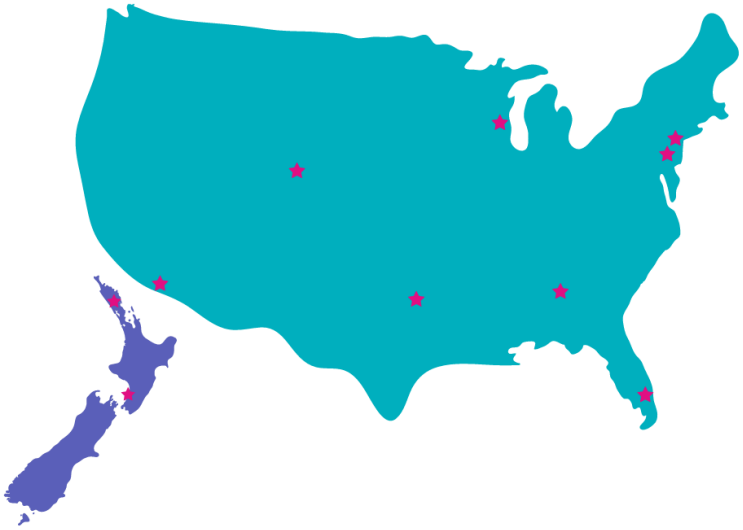
OUR HISTORY

The "I Have A Dream" Foundation was founded in New York City in **1981** by philanthropist **Eugene M. Lang**. After speaking to a class of sixth graders at his former elementary school, P.S. 121 in East Harlem, he promised to provide financial support for a college education to every student who finished high school. Lang kept his promise and then some by adding a year-round academic and cultural enrichment component, making social services accessible to Dream Scholars and their families when needed, and making a personal commitment to each student. Six years later, nearly 90% of his mentees graduated from high school – more than three times the expected average graduation rate of students from their neighborhood. IHDF has since expanded to support a network of affiliates across the U.S. and New Zealand, providing assistance to **over 20,000 youth** in **over 200 programs**—and counting.

OUR SIX PROGRAM PILLARS

- Academic Enrichment & Support
- Mentoring & Support Networks
- Family Partnership & Engagement
- Social Emotional Learning & Life Skills
- Civic Leadership & Engagement
- Postsecondary Preparation & Support

WHERE WE ARE



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