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2016 annual report overview



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publishes a report describing what has been accomplished and detailing the contributions that made it so. An annual report is a way of celebrating and thanking. The moments that make up this report occur every day, some visible and some not quite so.

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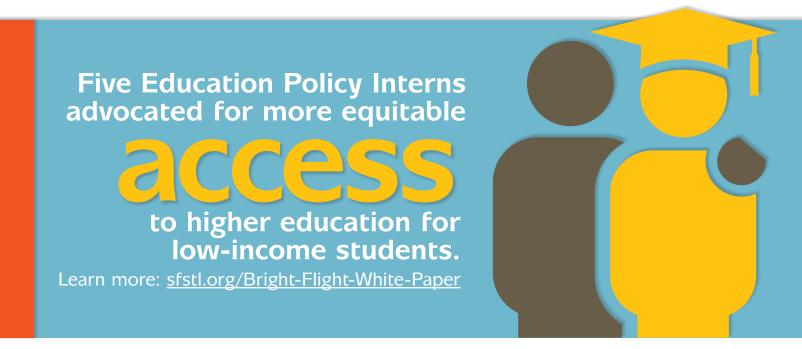
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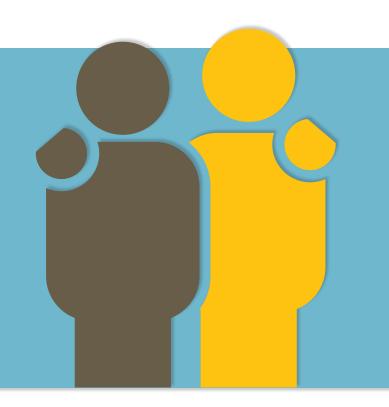
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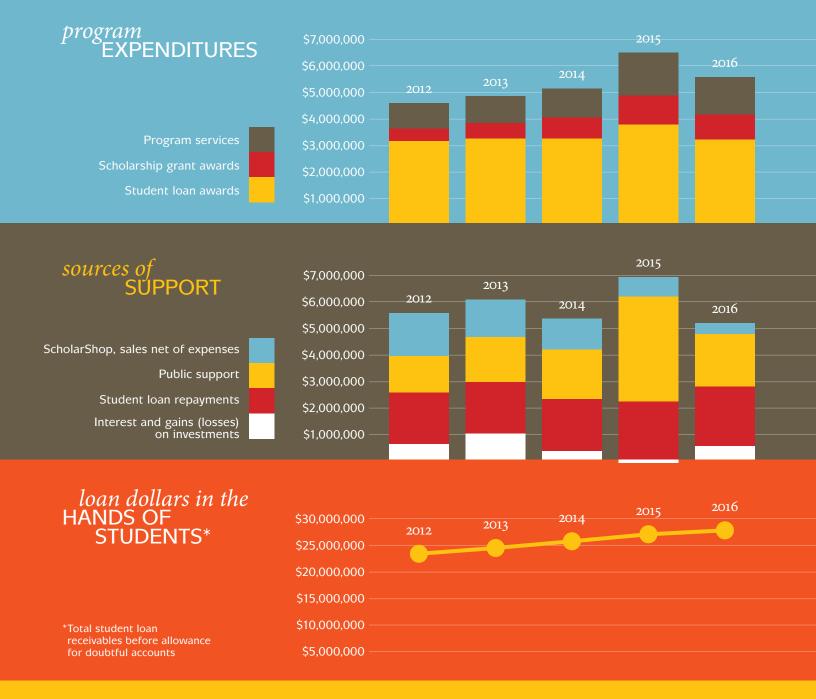
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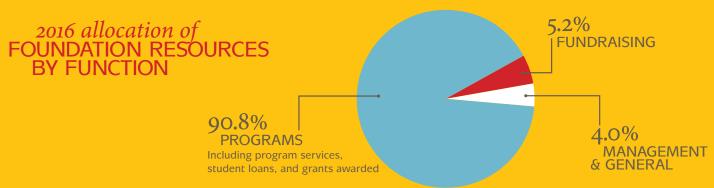
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