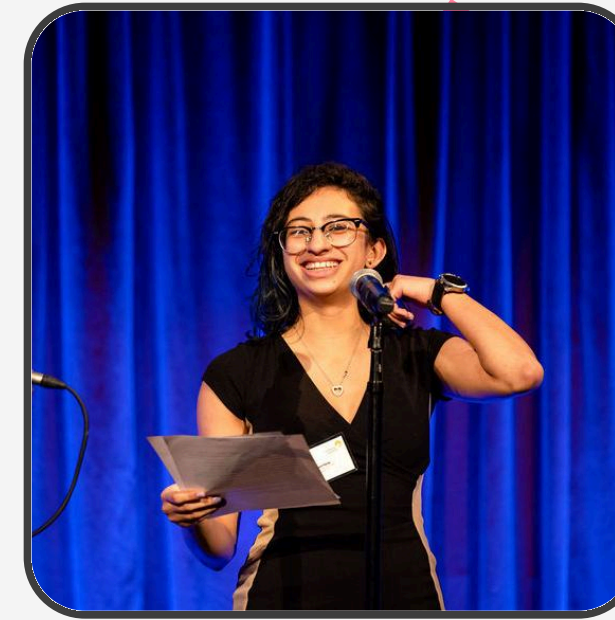


SUMMER  
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# Alumni Survey

## Reflections & Impact

\* BASED ON RESULTS FROM OUR 2024 ALUMNI SURVEY



# WHAT LONG-TERM IMPACT LOOKS LIKE



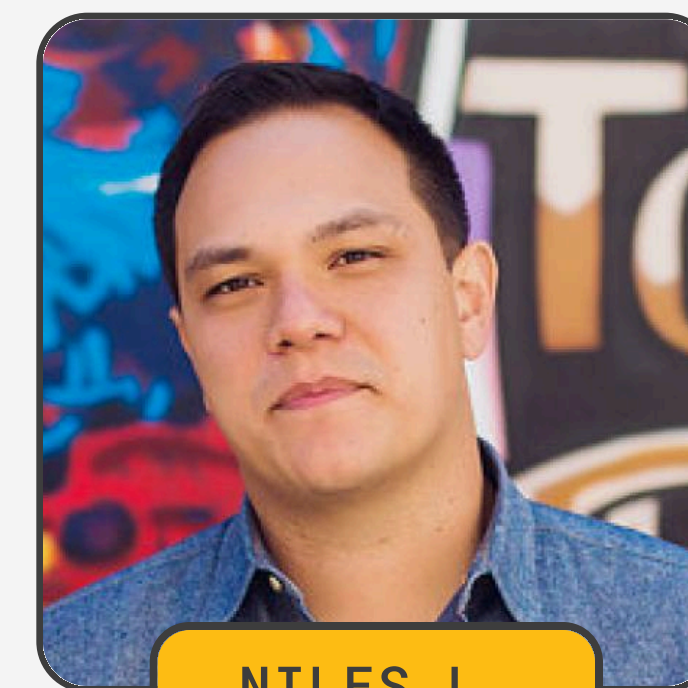
## It Starts With Us And Becomes A Story That Shapes A Lifetime.

Every Summer Searcher begins their journey full of potential — and questions. Who will I become? What can I overcome? Where will I go? Our alumni surveys are sent out every 3 years, as we look to measure the impact our program has made on their lives.

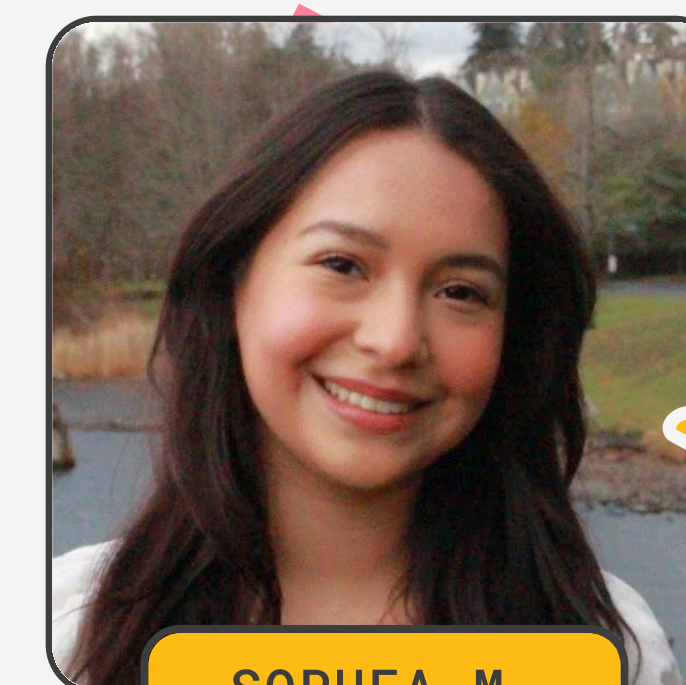
Take Katie and Sophea, two young Summer Search leaders recently honored with the prestigious [Oprah Winfrey Leadership Scholarship](#). Or Niles, whose company, [Nestment](#), is opening new pathways to homeownership for generations of families. Our alumni are living proof that when purpose meets opportunity, the results are transformative. This is what happens when we invest in young people — and trust them to lead.



KATIE L.



NILES L.



SOPHEA M.



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT



EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES



FINANCIAL WELL-BEING



SENSE OF PURPOSE



# Alumni Snapshot

## THE 2024 ALUMNI SURVEY REACHED

Summer Searchers at least:

- **6 years**  
out of high school
- **completed some**  
post-secondary  
education.

## We wanted to know:

- ✓ Where are they now?
- ✓ What changed?
- ✓ How did Summer Search  
help shape the lives  
they're leading today?

"IT GAVE ME THE  
SPACE TO DISCOVER  
MY IDENTITY."



## WHO WE HEARD FROM

A community shaped by decades and still holding strong.

**643**

ALUMNI SPANNING

**35 Years**

OF PROGRAM HISTORY

Oversampled recent grads to reflect  
current experiences

**93%**

BIPOC

**66%**

FEMALE

**77%**

AGE 21-34

RESULTS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT AT THE 95%  
CONFIDENCE LEVEL (±4% MARGIN OF ERROR)

# EDUCATION TRANSFORMS FUTURES

WHERE OTHERS SEE BARRIERS, WE SEE BRIDGES.

College success is about support, belief and persistence. Our alumni are beating the odds and earning degrees that far outpace their national peers.



**79%**

EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITHIN  
6 YEARS – MORE THAN TRIPLE THE  
RATE FOR LOW-INCOME PEERS  
NATIONALLY (25%)  
[PELL INSTITUTE]



**93%**

EARNED SOME  
LEVEL OF POST-  
SECONDARY  
CREDENTIAL

## REGIONAL HIGHLIGHT



**85%**  
SEATTLE



**80%**  
BOSTON





IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT GETTING THE JOB – IT'S ABOUT FINDING YOUR PATH.

## Launching Careers That Last

Alumni are entering the workforce and building careers with purpose. They see their jobs as stepping stones toward lives of meaning and impact.

66%

secured full-time work within 6 months of earning their highest degree and a full 77% reported some type of work, such as full-time, part-time, and military service. (vs. 57% national avg.) [\[NACE\]](#)

86%

view their current job as a career or stepping stone to a career

ONLY  
14%

view it as "just a job" — less than half the national average [\[PEW2024\]](#)

"I DIDN'T KNOW  
MY COURAGE UNTIL  
SUMMER SEARCH."



# FINANCIAL SUCCESS STILL BUILDING TOWARD OUR GOAL

## Stability is the goal. Breaking down barriers is our work.

Many alumni are outpacing national income brackets – but for too many recent graduates, economic stability remains out of reach. We're investing in post-secondary career readiness support and focusing on helping alumni secure jobs that pay a living wage with quality benefits within 6 months of graduation.

**40%** (238/589)

of Summer Search Alumni have household incomes  $\geq$ \$100,000 which is above most of the 2023 median household income levels in the states where our sites are located. [\[FRED\]](#)

**63%** (383/604)

of Summer Search Alumni had an individual income of \$50,000 or higher in 2023—outpacing the 2023 U.S. median individual income of \$42,220. [\[FRED\]](#)

**61%** (238/589)

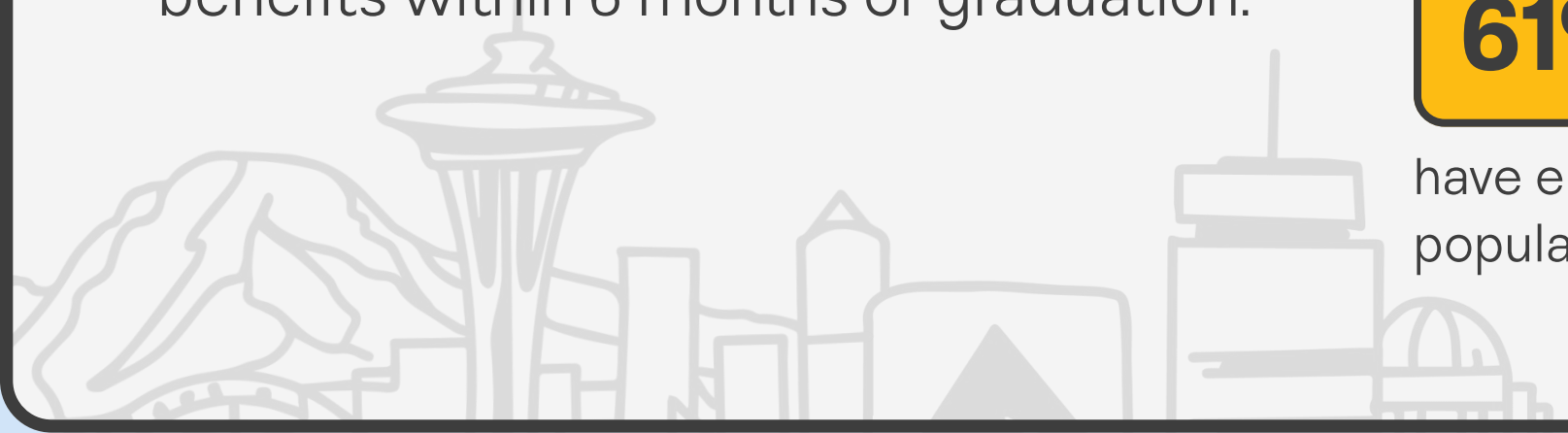
have emergency savings — higher than the general population [\[SHED-2023 Report\]](#)

### CHALLENGES & AREAS IN NEED OF SUPPORT:

- **7% drop**  
since 2021 in those paying bills in full
- Lower income gains for younger alumni

### FORWARD PATH

We're deepening our support around financial health navigation, career alignment, and sustainable income.



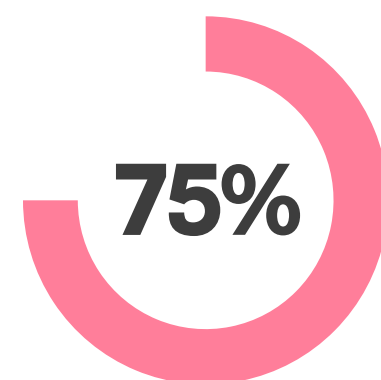
# FINDING MEANING & PURPOSE



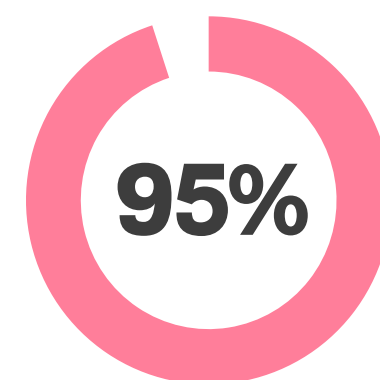
"IT CHALLENGED ME, SUPPORTED ME, AND SHOWED ME WHO I COULD BE."

## PURPOSE ISN'T A STATE OF MIND – IT'S A FOUNDATION FOR LIFE.

A strong sense of purpose supports long-term mental health, community engagement, and resilience — especially for young adults from underrepresented backgrounds. Our alumni show how early adoption of values can echo into adulthood with confidence and positivity.



SCORED ABOVE AVERAGE ON THE CLAREMONT PURPOSE SCALE



SAID THEIR SUMMER EXPERIENCE HELPED THEM EXPLORE PURPOSE

## SCORES ROSE

↑ 7%

FROM THE LAST SURVEY IN 2021

# EXPERIENCES THAT LEAD TO TRANSFORMATION

## ONCE A SUMMER SEARCHER, ALWAYS PART OF THE STORY.

This is more than a program — it's a lifelong network, a transformational experience, and a catalyst for personal growth.

## NET PROMOTER SCORE:



("WORLD CLASS" BY GLOBAL STANDARDS)  
[\[MORE ON NPS\]](#)



## WHAT IS A GOOD NPS SCORE?

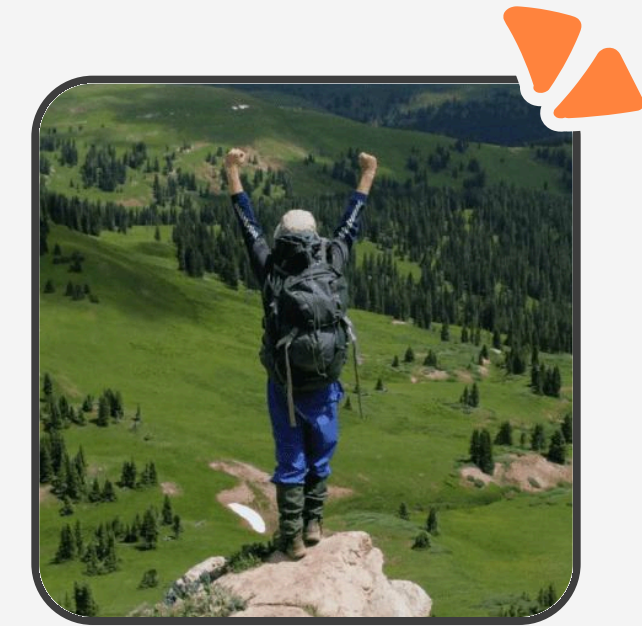




LET'S BUILD WHAT'S NEXT – TOGETHER.

# Join The Movement

Whether you're a mentor, alum, donor, or partner, you are part of this movement.



"IT HELPED ME REALIZE  
I WAS CAPABLE OF  
MORE."

- DISCOVER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED
- CONNECT WITH ALUMNI, MENTORS,  
OR OPPORTUNITIES
- SUPPORT THE NEXT GENERATION'S  
JOURNEY

LEARN HOW TO GET INVOLVED →

