

JOIN IN
JUBILEE
RISE IN RELATIONSHIPS



**SCHOLAR ADVOCATE
PROGRAM**

RISE

An Invitation



Dear Prospective Advocate,

On behalf of Rise, thank you for considering being an advocate for a student. After 30 years as an educator in San Francisco, I have seen the positive impact adult mentors have in a student's life. And here at Rise, our goal is for each scholar to be able to point to five or more adults, by the time they graduate, who have supported them on their journey.

In our society, many want to give their children the best opportunity to succeed, and they know that education is a key to that success. This means families buy a home and move to neighborhoods that have the best schools. This means families pour in thousands of dollars into tutoring, extracurricular activities, summer programs and test prep. This deep investment is what it takes to support a child's future.

And not everyone has the resources to access this type of education and these services. By joining with a scholar, you are helping make a way for a student and their family to access what it takes for children to thrive in school and beyond. You are directly confronting the inequity that begins in our schools and neighborhoods.

Ultimately, it is relationship that God is calling us to, and this is a unique relationship that can deepen your discipleship and be a blessing to your neighbor.

Again, thank you for considering this opportunity to join a scholar on their journey, and investing your treasure where your heart desires to be.

In community,

Danny Kim

Director of Development



An Investment in Relationship

The vision of Rise Prep grows out of a biblical understanding of Jubilee—the undoing of gross inequities and reclaiming God’s good portion for each community.

In **Luke 4**, Jesus launches His public ministry by proclaiming the year of the Lord’s favor, pointing us toward freedom and future restoration that begins here and now. At Rise, being rooted in Jubilee means a commitment to addressing ever-increasing gaps in our city by investing resources here in the Bayview and in our scholars—through the power of relationship. By becoming an Advocate for a Rise scholar, we invite you to step into generous and sacrificial love and care of another, just as Jesus does for us.

A School on Solid Ground



Rise University Preparatory is an independent high school, making accessible an academically rigorous education in a college-bound environment to the Bayview and Hunters Point community and beyond. Our goal is that 100% of Rise Prep scholars gain admission to 4-year universities. At Rise, we teach to whole students, equipping them to **reason, create, serve, and lead**. Rooted in our neighborhood, Rise Prep is a place where students and families of different communities, ethnicities, and socioeconomic status unite to grow academically, socially, and spiritually.

A Proven Model

In 2024, we celebrated a momentous milestone as **our inaugural class graduated from high school with 100% of Rise scholars admitted to four-year universities**. We are proud to share that we are continuing to accomplish that goal with each and every graduating class.



Javier

Sacramento State University

"I think my middle school self would admire how much I've gone through and how much I've been able to persevere in the face of adversity. Giving up was so easy, but I think I'd be proud of how much I've been able to accomplish despite challenges. Taking those key aspects that I've learned at Rise, I'm using those now on my own as tools to build myself from the ground up."



Jimena

University of California, Merced

"Being first generation means being proud of my successes and breaking barriers for everyone who comes after me. It means navigating spaces my parents never had access to and of course figuring things out on my own. But it also means that the sacrifices my parents have made are worth it. [...] I had the privilege of having the community here at Rise that helped me throughout every step in applying to colleges, going through my offers, understanding my financial aid, and realizing how much scholarship money colleges were offering, accepting offers, and so much more."

Za'Ryiah

Xavier University of Louisiana

"One thing I'm really grateful for are the connections and relationships that I have built, and just the support that has come from all the relationships that I have established here at Rise. [...] It's definitely those bonds that Rise continues to push and advocates for us to have, that are everlasting."





Become A Scholar Advocate

At the heart of all we do at Rise, is our Scholar Advocate Program. In order to be the school that we desire to be—to have 80% of our seats reserved for first-to-college, low-income and Bayview resident scholars—we need a financial model that increases equity and creates access to quality education for our families. On average, Rise families contribute 15% of tuition costs. The remaining 85% is covered by financial scholarships from generous Rise Advocates and partners. Our goal is to pair every scholar with a supportive Advocate who will provide a quarter, half, or full scholarship for the cost of education, and who will encourage them to their utmost.

Nathan & Cristian

Nathan: I think for me, when I first learned about Rise Prep, it was compelling and interesting as sort of a vision of what a school could be, but it took on more life when I was paired with Cristian—to be able to see his growth and development over the years—so that when I think about Rise now, I think more about him than about an idea. It has helped me feel more invested in the school to know someone here.

Cristian: I would say Nathan is like an older brother because I don't have an older brother. It's just actual people who are supporting kids. I never had an idea of adults actually sponsoring a kid's education. I thought it was just companies and programs. For a soccer team, the sponsor is just like a name on our jersey. It's not an actual person. It's different to see an actual person more than just a name or logo on a jersey. I'm grateful for him advocating for me, but I don't want his help to end here. I want him to help sponsor another student after I graduate. I'm grateful. I just don't want the help to end here, and I want this to flourish into other students. I want other people to meet who he is.





Financial Scholarship

Tuition

At Rise, 80% of our seats are reserved for low-income, first generation to college, or Bayview resident scholars. Each of our students receive scholarships that on average cover 85% of the cost of tuition in order to increase equity and access to quality education. Most independent and private schools in the Bay Area cost \$40,000 - \$60,000 each year. On average, Rise families pay 15% of tuition and the remaining 85% of student tuition is covered, thanks to the generosity of Rise Advocates.

Scholarships

Our Advocates can provide scholarships for a Rise student at four different levels per year:

SCHOLARSHIP LEVEL	TOTAL	MONTHLY
Full Scholarship	\$20,000	\$1,667
Three-Quarters Scholarship	\$15,000	\$1,250
Half Scholarship	\$10,000	\$833
Quarter Scholarship	\$5,000	\$417

- Rise Advocates have the opportunity to commit to a one year scholarship or up to four years of scholarship for a student's full high school journey.
- Scholarship donations can be issued yearly, or split into smaller gift increments on a quarterly or monthly basis.
- Rise Prep is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. All gifts are tax-deductible.

Individual and Group Advocacy

Consider becoming a Rise Advocate with your family, small group, coworkers, or friends. If giving a scholarship as a group, we do ask that you designate one or two members of your group to commit to relationally investing in the life of a Rise scholar.

Financial Giving Methods

- **Online Giving**
 - A recurring or one-time gift can be set up through Rise's [online giving platform](#).
- **Check**
 - Checks can be made to "Rise University Preparatory" and mailed to 1224 Fairfax Ave, San Francisco, CA 94124.
- **Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)**
 - Rise receives contributions through donor-advised funds such as Fidelity Charitable, Morgan Stanley, Schwab Charitable, and many more.
- **ACH Payment**
- **Company Giving Portal**
 - If your employer offers a corporate giving program, this is another impactful way to donate. Additionally, many employers offer a company match option.
- **Stock Donation**





Discipleship & Mentorship

A Relational Commitment

Our prayer and goal for each of our students is that they would know at least five adults that have championed them along the way to the finish line as future collegiate scholars. Just like our relationship with Jesus, and with the people in our lives, relationships require time and commitment if they are to flourish. Our hope is that this investment would look a lot like the sacrificial love and care Jesus has shown each of us. We ask our Advocates to consider what it looks like to commit to a mindset of mentorship and discipleship in becoming an Advocate.

Expectations & Events

Throughout the year, Rise hosts events that we hope our Advocates will attend.

- **Events Required Annually**
 - Spring Advocate Day (March 20, 2026)
 - Rise Graduation (June 6, 2026)
- **Events to Prioritize Attending**
 - Fall Advocate Day (September 19, 2025)
 - Rise Gala (October 25, 2025)
- **Events of Additional Impact but Not Required**
 - Schedule 1:1 lunches on campus
 - Extracurriculars (Sports Games, Choir Concerts, Performances, Presentations)
 - Supporter & Partner Open Houses
 - Volunteering

Cultivate Connection

- **Biographies**
 - Once matched, both our Advocates and scholars share short bios to get to know one another. Our Rise team will provide prompts to help you get started!
- **Letters**
 - Throughout the school year, our Advocates and scholars exchange pen-pal style letters. You can expect to receive and write letters three to four times a year.
- **Lunches**
 - Many of our Advocates find time to come by school during the year to grab lunch and catch up with their scholar.
- **College Essay & Personal Statement Workshops**
 - As students approach college application season, our Advocate community helps to revise and review personal statements and college essays.
- **Career Fairs**
 - Many of our Advocates volunteer to share about their own career paths or support with mock interviews and resume reviews.
- **Extracurriculars & School Showcases**
 - Rise Advocates have the opportunity to support Rise athletics, arts programs, and department showcases, especially those in which their student participates.
- **Volunteering & Tutoring**
 - Rise offers opportunities for Advocates and community partners to volunteer at Rise events or provide tutoring in various subjects for students in need.





Damariyah & Keji

Getting connected to Damariyah has been such a great experience. At first I was a little apprehensive and did not know what to fully expect, but as with any relationship, over time we both got to learn more about each other, and I very much looked forward to the in-person meetups & letters. We shared stories of our families, goals, faith, and prayed for each other. I have been blessed to learn and see the world through her teenage lens, inspired by how hard she worked on learning and projects, and grateful to be a small part of her Rise Prep journey. I am super excited as she takes the next step to college, and will continue cheer her on!

Keji

Next Steps

For more information, contact dkim@riseprep.org.

