

This year more than 50 Stevenson seniors won't go on to college.

Not because they don't want to, but because they don't believe they can.

You can change that.
You can open the door.
You can help them believe.



## A college degree is more critical than ever.

#### STUDENTS IN NEED AT STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL



#### **FINANCIAL HARDSHIP**

Did you know that there are hundreds of students at Stevenson High School facing financial hardship?



#### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Statistically, there's a lowincome student in every classroom who may not have enough to eat, own a warm winter coat, or even live with a stable roof over her head.



#### **FIRST GENERATION**

Of the more than 250 first-generation and low-income Stevenson students, only 12 are likely to get a college degree and be on a solid path to a better future.

#### FIRST GENERATION TO COLLEGE

ONLY **50%** OF LOW-INCOME AND FIRST-GENERATION-TO-COLLEGE STUDENTS **WILL MAKE IT TO COLLEGE**.



OF THOSE WHO DO GO ON TO HIGHER EDUCATION, ONLY 1 IN 10 WILL GRADUATE.



**EARN 56%** 

LESS

NON-COLLEGE

**GRADUATES:** 

**LESS LIKELY TO** 

**GET MARRIED** 

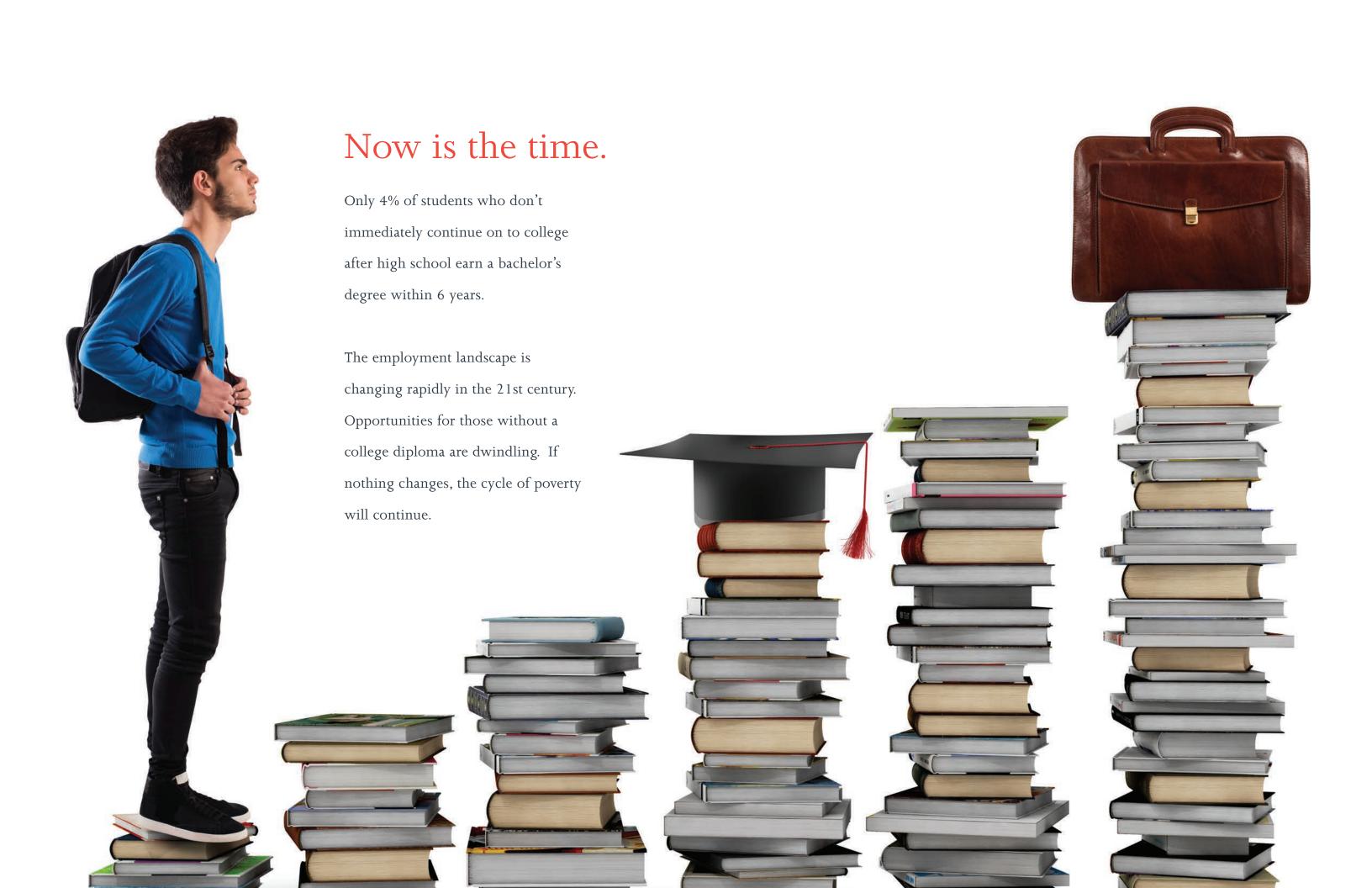
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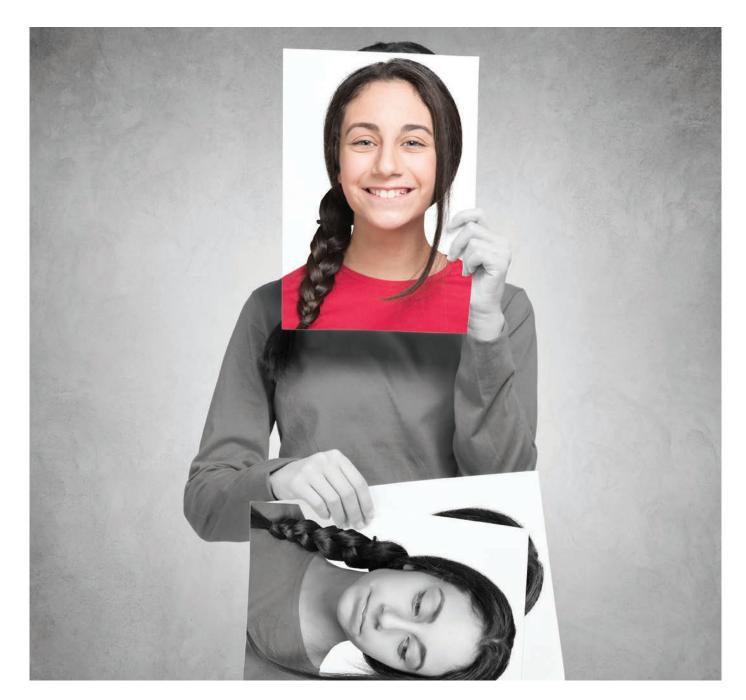
**OWN HOMES** 

LOWER LIFE

**EXPECTANCY** 

BY ALMOST 10 YEARS





# These students have the same goals and dreams you once had.

They dream of going on to become teachers, lawyers, or engineers, but they believe those opportunities are for everyone else, not for them. They want something more, to reach a better destination in their lives, but they have no idea how to get there.

You can create a pathway to and through college for a student at risk of not pursuing higher education.

In a competitive, college-focused high school environment, these students feel isolated and alone. Lost in a sea of their high-achieving peers, they often fall further and further behind. The complex processes of preparing academically for college, finding a school that's a great fit, and obtaining financial aid are more than most of these kids or their families know how to manage.

Public high schools, even Stevenson, have had no answer for supporting students beyond senior year.

Until now.



Stevenson to College (S2C) provides students with the mentoring, knowledge, and financial assistance they need to make it to and through college.



ONE-TO-ONE MENTORING







No longer discouraged, isolated, and lacking direction, S2C students begin to flourish and grow.

They start to believe in themselves and plan for the future they didn't think was possible.

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For every student accepted into S2C, there are as many as 9 who won't be.

You can change that.

Of the more than 50 students referred to S2C in 2017, sadly we were only able to accept 5. **5 of 50 is not good enough.** 

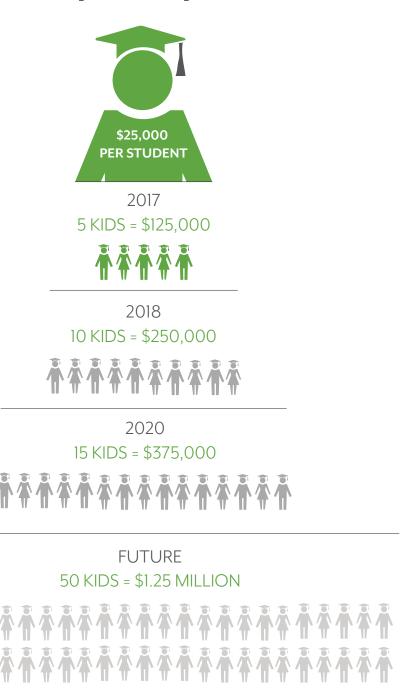
"When we learned that there are students in need right here in the Stevenson community, we had to get involved."

Charlie & Angela Tobler S2C Tobler Family Foundation Scholarship, endowed 2017



### This is a problem you can solve.

Our goal is to serve 15 students a year by 2020. With your partnership and generosity, we can triple S2C's impact.



Every year that we don't engage with students, opportunities are lost.

The students are eager.
The program works.
We just need you.

When you invest in these hardworking students at this pivotal moment in their lives, they will be forever changed. With each student's success, you will know that you have made an extraordinary difference right here in your community.

She will grow up to be that doctor, scientist, or entrepreneur. He will invent technologies that will make our world a better place. They will reinvest in the children of tomorrow. This brighter future starts with you.

His dreams are your dreams. Her growth is your growth. Their accomplishments are your accomplishments.





The Stevenson Foundation is an independent nonprofit organization that supports the school's mission of Success for Every Student through programs that directly impact student needs, but are not funded by public tax revenues.

For more information about Foundation programs and how you can make a difference in children's lives right here in your community, contact Linda Knapp at 847-415-4147 or lknapp@dl25.org, or visit us at StevensonFoundation.org.

