We raised $18.89 million because of you. As a result, we can continue our work helping Durham youth get to college for years to come — hopefully forever. That’s what you have done as a Game Changer.

MIKE KRZYZEWSKI, FOUNDER & BOARD CHAIR

"GAME CHANGED.

With the incredible support of the Campaign Steering Committee, our Board of Directors, numerous donors and the Durham community, the Emily K Center Game Changer Campaign closed in December 2020, raising $18.89 million. Surpassing the original goal of $15 million, the success of this Campaign will allow the Center to continue to change the game for thousands of Durham students in the years to come.

Since the launch of the Campaign, the Center has gone from serving 500 students annually to more than 2,000 today. We have exponentially grown our Game Plan: College program, expanded our college support program, and built in more robust socio-emotional support for students and families. Your support of the Campaign made this possible. Thank you for being a Game Changer.
The Game Changer Campaign’s impact on the Emily K Center cannot be overstated. From an increased number of students served to an expanded physical footprint and a growing endowment, the success of the Campaign has enhanced the work of the Center significantly. We are tremendously grateful to everyone who helped make this campaign a win for students and the organization.

ADAM EIGENRAUCH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
GAME CHANGING CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK

The Game Changer Campaign provided much needed support to help the Center’s Game Plan: College program flourish. Game Plan: College saw more than 500% growth during the course of the Campaign and touched students at every public high school in Durham.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

JETHRO
DURHAM SCHOOL OF THE ARTS | CLASS OF 2021

Jethro began taking advantage of Game Plan: College’s virtual, one-on-one advising sessions during the pandemic, seeking guidance on scholarships and college essays. Our team helped Jethro research schools, seek scholarship opportunities, and craft essays that ultimately earned him acceptances to all five colleges he applied to — Appalachian State University, UNC Charlotte, East Carolina University, NC State, and UNC-Chapel Hill. This fall, Jethro will attend East Carolina University as an EC Scholar, which includes a full ride and a spot in the honors college.

“My acceptance into these schools and these prestigious programs would not have happened if I didn’t get scholarship application and essay help from the Emily K Center. I want to thank you all for all the help. The Emily K Center has helped me a lot, and words alone cannot express my thanks.”

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