



CIVICS LEARNING PROJECT

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2022-23**



MEET OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



SAM KANG
Executive Director
Civics Learning
Project

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It's been an amazing year of growth and change for CLP! First and foremost, CLP now stands for *Civics Learning Project* – all the great civics education programs you know and love under a new name that better reflects the scope and nature of our work.

Before I review the accomplishments of the 2022-23 Fiscal Year, please allow me to introduce myself. I'm Civics Learning Project's new Executive Director, Sam Kang. It's my honor to take the helm of this amazing organization as it celebrates its 40th Anniversary. You can learn a little more about me on the following page.

I want to thank outgoing Executive Director Erin Esparza, under whose leadership the past year was such a rousing success. As we celebrated CLP's 40th anniversary in 2023, we launched a busy new school year. For the first time since 2020, we were able to hold all of our major programs safely and successfully in person. Staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to make this a great year for almost 150,000 Oregon students.

That's an impressive 23% increase in direct impact over the previous year. One major factor in that growth is the work of our Regional Program Managers. With the support of our whole team, local staff in Central and Southern Oregon and the Southern Willamette Valley significantly increased the reach of our programs. One particular measure of that success is an increase of over 18,000 students participating in rural parts of Oregon.

My thanks to the staff and Board of CLP for welcoming me into this amazing community. And my gratitude to all of you, our supporters, volunteers, and educator collaborators, who make the work we do possible. As I get ready for the year ahead, let's take a look at all the great work CLP did last year.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Kang". The signature is fluid and cursive.

SAM KANG
Executive Director, Civics Learning Project

MORE ABOUT SAM

Sam (he/his) became the Executive Director of the Civics Learning Project in 2023. He has served in a variety of leadership and executive roles in government, politics, tech, organized labor, and nonprofit organizations.

Prior to joining CLP, Sam was the political director of the largest independent labor union on the west coast, general counsel of The Greenlining Institute, and led government affairs in Lime's largest North American markets. He has led numerous successful policy and legislative campaigns on economic equity, environmental justice, transportation access, and consumer protection. He also has a decade of experience advising and working on local, congressional and gubernatorial races.

As a lawyer, Sam has successfully litigated dozens of cases before regulatory agencies, saving billions of dollars for consumers. He has testified before Congress and regularly testified before state legislatures to defend the rights of underserved communities.

Sam has been quoted in hundreds of media outlets across the country on issues ranging from energy to small business opportunities to media consolidation. Due to his community leadership, Sam was appointed to serve on various boards and commissions at the county, regional, and state levels.

Prior to law school, Sam was a Coro Fellow in Public Affairs in New York City and helped provide disaster relief after the 9/11 attacks. He also worked at the United Nations to facilitate delivery of humanitarian assistance in the Middle East following the first Gulf War.



In his spare time, you can see Sam playing with his daughter, Yuri at OMSI or in one of the myriad of beautiful parks in Portland. When he hasn't been completely exhausted by Yuri, he loves running along the Willamette River and discovering new restaurants with his wife, Akiko.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF CIVICS EDUCATION IN OREGON



"For those of us who love the law as I do, nothing could be more important than to pass on the understanding of our system of justice – in all its glory and with all its flaws – so that each generation will safeguard the rights our system guarantees for those who follow."

**— HON. HENRY KANTOR,
2023 LEGAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR HONOREE**



Creation of Tri-County Law Related Education Project, dedicated to ensuring that young people know how to participate in the state's model of direct democracy and be active community members.

1973



Incorporation of Classroom Law Project as a non profit organization.

1983



Marilyn Cover is named First Executive Director of Classroom Law Project.

1984



The Legal Citizen of the Year Award is created in recognition of the late Judge Jonathan U. Newman for his leadership in encouraging and instilling respect for civic education.

1985



Oregon takes first place in the national We the People competition, starting a legacy of excellence in this key program.

1990

THE CIVICS LEARNING PROJECT MISSION

Civics Learning Project is a non-profit organization of individuals, educators, lawyers, and civic leaders working to equip students with the knowledge, essential skills, and motivation to participate in our democracy.

"I understand that an individual's efforts can cause a lot of change...using what I've learned, I hope to influence legislation which promotes greater diversity in our nation."

PHUOCAN NGUYEN
CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
2018 RIDGLEY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Erin Esparza is named Classroom Law Project's second Executive Director.

The Passage of SB 513 that requires Oregon students to complete at least one-half credit of civics in order to receive high school diploma.

After 40 years as Oregon's leader in Civic Education, **we're excited to move into the future** with our new name:

CIVICS LEARNING PROJECT

This important change carries us forward and better reflects the work we do.



Sam Kang is named Civic Learning Project's new Executive Director



THIS WAY TO THE FUTURE!

2018

2021

2023

2023



IN ACTION CIVICS EDUCATION

*Over the past 40 years, Civics Learning Project has offered a wide variety of **interactive learning programs** for both students and teachers all over Oregon.*

COURTHOUSE EXPERIENCE TOURS

One of our most popular programs provides an authentic opportunity to learn about the justice system by observing real cases and court procedures. In addition to returning to in-person tours in Multnomah County, we held tours in Jefferson and Jackson counties this year, reaching 1,336 students.

CURRENT EVENTS

Each week during the school year, Civics Learning Project delivered timely, well-curated content and resources on up-to-the-minute topics to 873 teachers, reaching over 104,000 students throughout the state. This well-established, flexible curriculum helped educators in every Oregon county.

MOCK TRIAL

This year, students returned to the courtroom in person for this interactive competition experience. Sixty teams representing over 1,500 students participated from all around the state. In addition, dozens of teachers implemented this program in their classrooms, giving students direct experience with the workings of our justice system.



WE THE PEOPLE

Both an in-class curriculum and an extracurricular competition, We the People: The Citizen and The Constitution is an active learning program designed to foster a deeper understanding of the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the institutions of government. Besides the dozens of students who engaged with this curriculum in their classrooms, 575 participated in the annual competition.

LAW DAY

CLP was able to bring back this engaging conference for students as an in-person learning experience this year. Over 650 students interacted with professionals from a wide variety of legal and law-related fields. We're excited to expand this program, offering conferences in Curry, Deschutes, Lane, and Multnomah counties.

STREET LAW

This curriculum educates young people about the ways in which the law applies to their everyday lives. Students from Lewis & Clark Law School are trained by CLP to team teach legal topics in local high schools. This year, 23 law students, 12 classroom teachers, and 450 students participated in this program.

OREGON CONTACTS BY REGION FY 2022-23

	Individual Teachers	Individual Students	Total Teacher Contacts	Overall Student Impact	Percentage of Our Impact	Percentage of Oregon Population
Metro	494	55,522	760	89,756	39.99%	42.89%
Northwest	19	3,104	36	5,209	2.32%	6.02%
Valley	281	29,182	387	42,219	18.81%	25.89%
Central	170	35,634	234	49,514	22.06%	7.04%
Southern	323	20,879	416	32,402	14.44%	13.69
Eastern	25	3,063	43	5,354	2.39%	4.48%
TOTAL	1,312	147,384	1,875	224,454		



COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECT

Students develop the collaborative skills to identify local issues of concern, engage with appropriate civic leaders and stakeholders, and propose solutions. This highly interactive program culminates in a showcase and provides students with a chance to share their proposals often with local leaders or community groups. We reached 720 students directly with this program. In addition, we offered professional development to 53 teachers, who learned to implement this program with over 5,000 students.



OREGON CIVICS CONFERENCE FOR TEACHERS

This annual conference, supported by the Oregon Legislature and the Department of Education, offers teachers the opportunity to engage with officials from all levels of government. As we returned to Salem after two virtual conference years, 78 teachers participated in sessions, engaged with legislators, and learned from their peers. They'll share the benefits of this day with over 12,000 students.



SUMMER INSTITUTE

This intensive learning opportunity for teachers provided direct training experiences for teachers who will return to their classrooms and implement their new skills for over 1,000 students.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

In addition to the formal programs we offer, CLP works directly with educators, meeting them in their classrooms and in a variety of training settings. We're proud to be a trusted resource for teachers, and this school year we consulted with over 400 teachers, who took the benefits of this engagement to 32,373 students.





RAVES & OVATIONS FROM OUR SUPPORTERS

Civic-minded Oregonians share what CLP means to them.



"I tell my students that if we truly live in a democracy, then it's up to us to decide what our society looks like. Our job as civic educators is to work with students to create critical thinkers who can imagine a better world and then give them the tools to create it".

— **GEOFFREY STUCKART,**
2023 CIVIC EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

"CLP's programs gave an introverted nerd like me the skills and confidence to stand up in front of a group of strangers and share what's important to me. I could never have done that at the beginning of the school year."

— **BEND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT**



"It's incredibly helpful to have the resources from CLP, from Weekly Current Events to the Oregon Civics Conference for Teachers – which is the best conference I've ever attended. I love going back to my students and telling them about cases in front of the Supreme Court, or how the Attorney General is dealing with bias and hate crimes in Oregon. It's amazing to have access to so many resources, especially as a very rural school."

— **GAIL GREANEY**

TEACHER AT SISTERS HIGH SCHOOL



"Mock Trial broke my shell, and most importantly, helped me find my voice. Mock Trial fosters a sense of strong community where there is room and support for growth, and has had a profound impact on my life. I am so grateful to have truly learned how to build community, speak out, and work with others, and I will carry these skills with me through my life."

— **CORA CALLAHAN, NORTH EUGENE HIGH SCHOOL,
2023 RIDGLEY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

"Support for democracy is decreasing among young people across the globe. We don't feel represented in government. We don't feel like our government is working for us. Civics education is a way to fix this."

— **OREGON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT**

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thanks to the support of the Oregon business community, foundations, and individual gifts, Civics Learning Project is the leader in preparing youth to become informed participants in democratic society.

INDIVIDUAL GIFTS

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\$50,000 AND ABOVE

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Classroom Law Project
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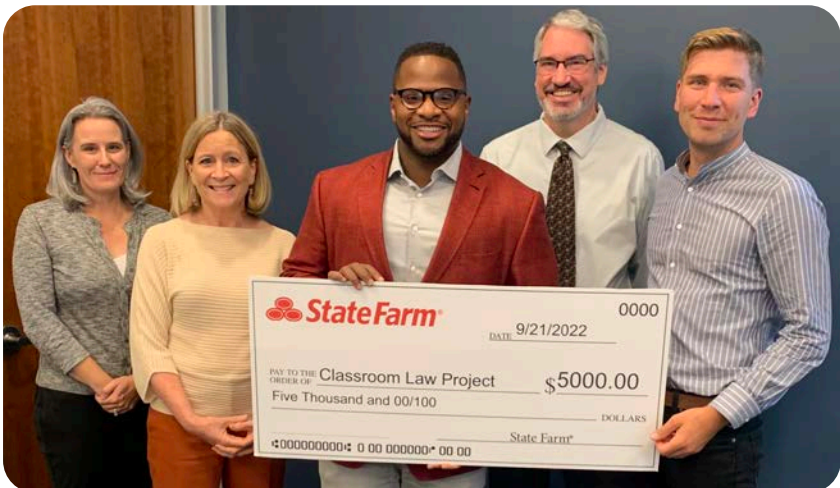
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The gift of your time and financial support makes it all possible.

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FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

With comparative totals as of June 30, 2022

Assets	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 599,582	\$ 623,617
Grants and contributions receivable	\$ 200,730	\$ 219,181
Pledges receivable, net	\$ 90,450	\$113,485
Investments	\$ 264,632	\$ 176,749
Prepaid expense	\$ 7,116	\$ 6,710
Property and equipment, net	\$19,979	\$ 18,861
Operating lease right-of-use assets	\$ 183,179	\$ 231,828
Total assets	\$ 1,365,668	\$1,390,431
Liabilities and net assets		
Accounts payable	\$ 43,710	\$ 23,481
Accrued payroll and related taxes	\$ 22,789	\$ 17,325
Deferred Revenue	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Operating lease liabilities	\$ 189,773	\$ 239,759
Total liabilities	\$ 256,272	\$ 290,565
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
Board designated for Oregon Reach Initiative	\$ 425,154	\$ 400,048
Available for operations	\$ 585,154	\$ 560,048
With donor restrictions	\$ 524,242	\$ 539,818
Total net assets	\$ 1,109,396	\$ 1,099,866
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,365,668	\$1,390,431

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

With comparative totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2023	Total 2022
Revenues and other support				
Corporate and individual contributions	\$ 280,710	\$ -	\$ 280,710	\$ 422,329
Foundation support	\$ 138,055	\$ 492,500	\$ 630,555	\$ 445,708
Government grants and contracts	\$ 126,072	\$ -	\$ 126,072	\$ 126,072
Legal Citizen event, net of costs of \$50,348 and \$39,899, respectively.	\$ 120,765	\$ -	\$ 120,765	\$ 117,776
Program revenue	\$ 30,759	\$ -	\$ 30,759	\$ 14,300
In-kind income	\$ 1,400	\$ -	\$ 1,400	\$ -
Interest income	\$ 24	\$ -	\$ 24	\$ 27
	\$ 697,785	\$ 492,500	\$ 1,190,285	\$ 1,126,212
Net assets released from restrictions				
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	\$485,041	(\$ 485,041)	\$ -	\$ -
Satisfaction of timing restrictions	\$ 23,035	(\$ 23,035)	\$ -	\$ -
Total revenues and other support	\$ 1,205,861	(\$ 15,576)	\$ 1,190,285	\$ 1,126,212
Expenses				
Program services	\$ 794,191	\$ -	\$ 794,191	\$ 562,348
Supporting services				
Management	\$ 261,066	\$ -	\$ 261,066	\$ 204,829
Fundraising	\$ 146,772	\$ -	\$ 146,772	\$ 121,955
Total expenses	\$ 1,202,029	\$ -	\$ 1,202,029	\$ 889,132
Change in net assets before changes in investments	\$ 3,832	\$ (15,576)	\$ (11,744)	\$ 237,080
Net investment income	\$ 12,193	\$ -	\$ 12,193	\$ 3,353
Realized and unrealized gains/(loss) on investments	\$ 9,081	\$ -	\$ 9,081	\$ (22,692)
Changes in net assets	\$ 25,106	\$ (15,576)	\$ 9,530	\$ 217,741
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 560,048	\$ 539,818	\$ 1,099,866	\$ 882,125
Net assets, end of year	\$ 585,154	\$ 524,242	\$ 1,109,396	\$ 1,099,866

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