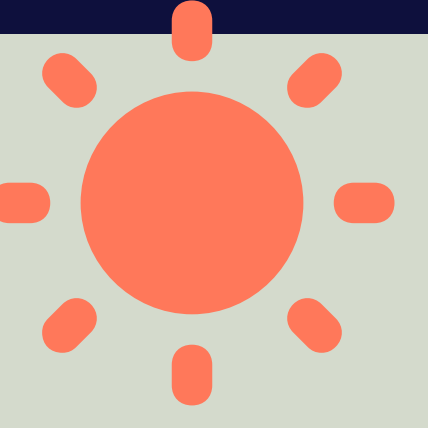
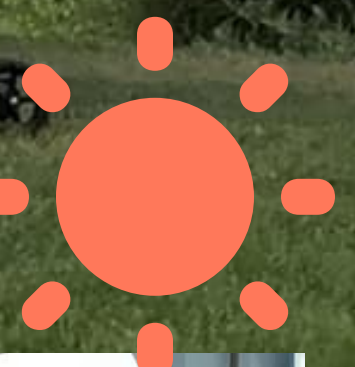




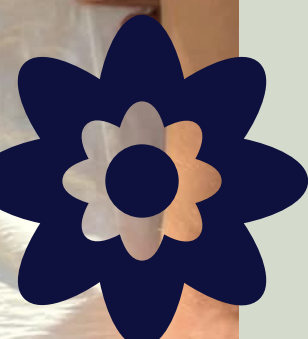
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YEAR IN REVIEW



COSLI was by far one of the best experiences I've had in my life, and it's changed me so much. I think I might have been hopeless. Then I came to COSLI, and not only did I learn that I love having conversations about politics (when they are respectful), but also that I can create change. I have become more independent, strong, and I have found my voice. I am so excited to go into the world and make a difference, and it is all thanks to you and your program.





Letter from the Executive Director

Dear COSLI Friends,

Reviewing my letters from the last two years, I see artifacts about the impact COVID had on our students, our society, our world. With that in mind, I am happy to say that we are in full recovery mode--with an expectation of the biggest class to date during the summer of 2023.

But the Class of 2022 was special. They had emerged from several years of uncertainty. Each student was brimming, boiling over actually, with questions, concerns, relief, fear, angst, joy, gratitude, expectations-- and a desire to make differences in the various interests they represented. Their quarantine created deeper introspection and more well-developed abilities to demand answers. In that sense, we can be assured that the false idea of "lazy teenagers" is more than ever a fallacy--although we have always known that.

In the 28 days where they were with COSLI, our group netted nearly \$3,000 in their small business projects. They solved problems that ranged from teacher respect/pay to homelessness to gentrification to drought to the brown cloud. Each group created real solutions that were worthy of consideration. I expect and hope to see some of them as testifiers during the 2023 legislative session. They know their stuff.

They struggled through being challenged in their assumptions and worked to refine conclusions. Not one thing was taken for granted - every single thing seemed worthy of a discussion. It was in those many conversations that we saw the emerging leadership for Colorado, for The United States. Possibly globally.

At the same time, it seemed an opportunity to try to allay fears and to try to help these teens understand that the world is not so bad as some of the media would like to proclaim it to be--and they were assured of this by real journalists. Seeing light return to eyes was a particularly high point for me--whether it was rising to silly challenges at Coors Field or throwing water balloons in the field outside Tivoli.

Lives were changed, students became family and COSLI grew even more important for Colorado's kids. We are always grateful to our partners and supporters--you see some of the logos on this mailer. The return speakers, many of whom are embedded in who we are, give this program the real depth we celebrate. Our gratitude to them is endless (take a look at one of our schedules to see those names at costudentleaders.org/application).

The application just opened for 2023--this will be our 8th summer, but it marks our 10th year in existence. I still think back to that coffee where I heard, "we need a governor's school, but you'll never get the money to support it. Colorado won't do it." Colorado did support us and, as we've proven our worth and our thriftiness, continues to support COSLI in bi-partisan strength. We hope you will consider joining in with that support. Because we count every cent, every cent matters.

Best wishes to you in this final quarter of 2022 -- may 2023 be the year we are all hoping will emerge.

Celeste

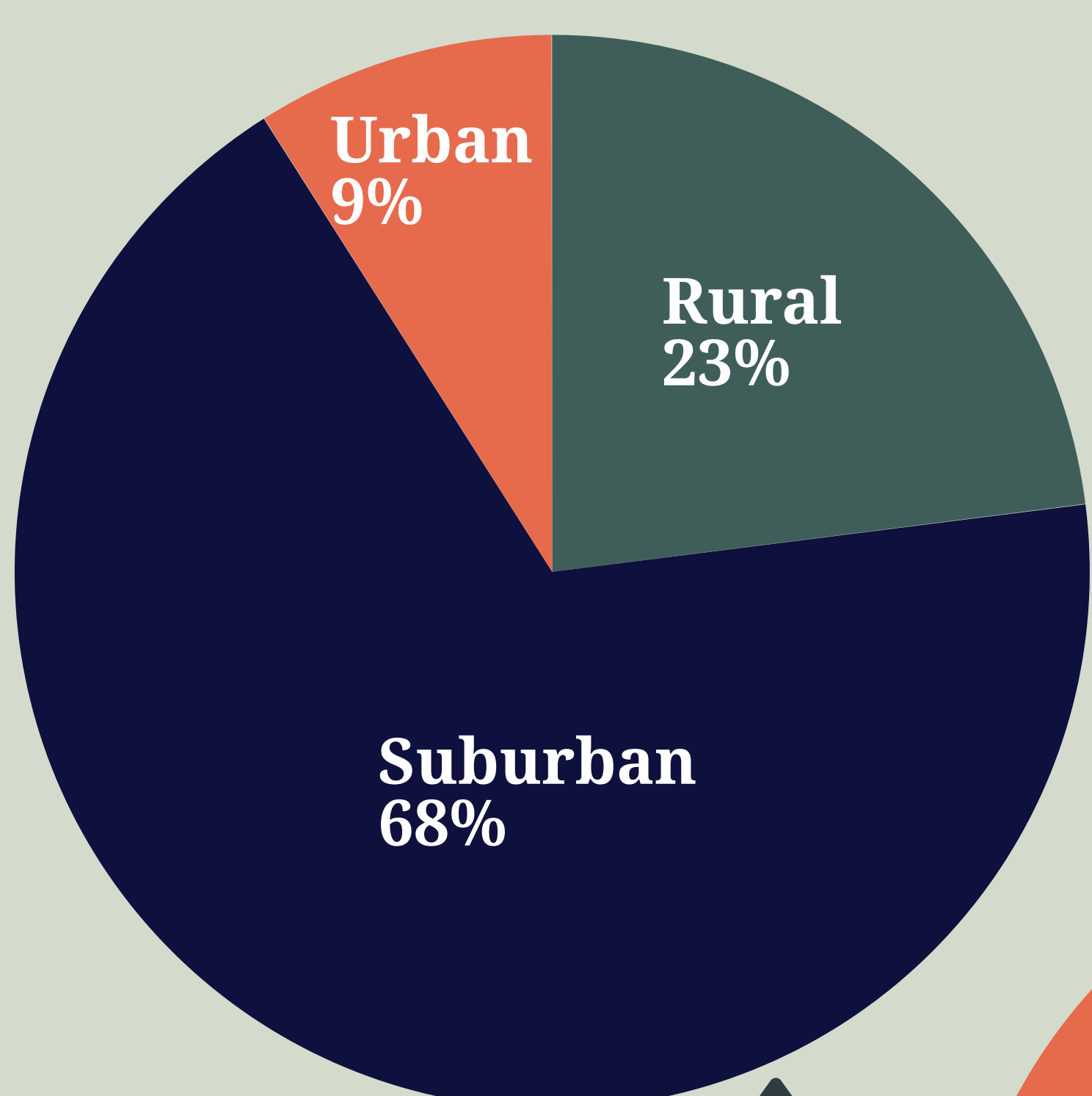
I feel like this program empowered me and showed me that I have a big voice.





By the Numbers...

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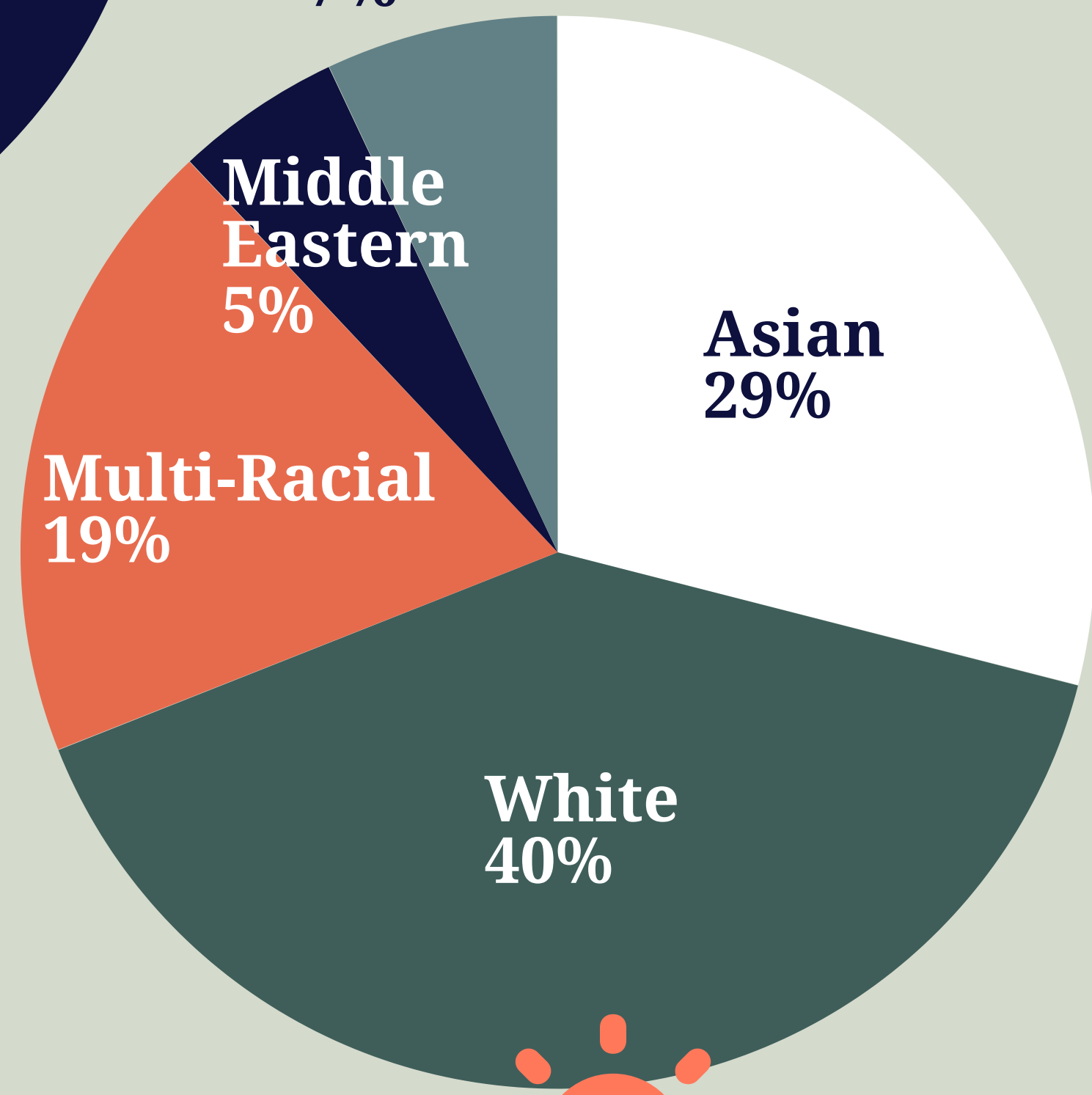
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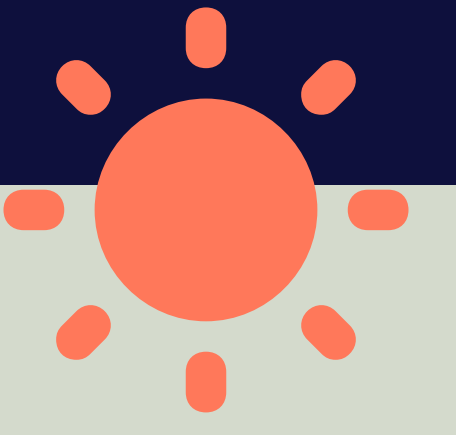
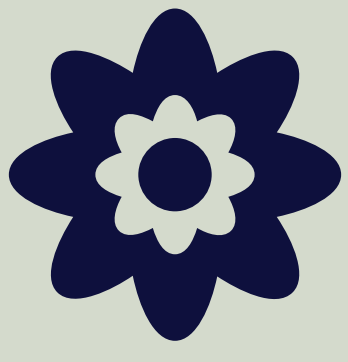
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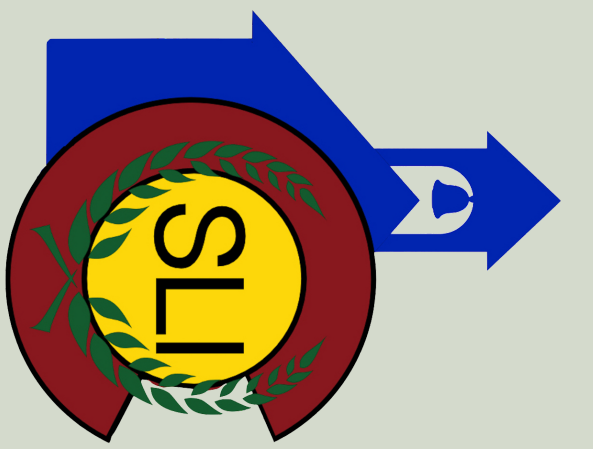


LaMoure Philmon (Class of 2018) returned to Howard University, where he is a Greenhouse Scholar. He was also a 2022 Resident Assistant.



Mohamed Ibrahim (Class of 2019) and **Allison Thomas** (Class of 2021), both graduated from Wiggins High School. Mohamed began his freshman year at Yale and Allison began hers at Stanford. Allison was a Greenhouse Scholar. Mohamed, along with alumnus **Carolina Loa** and **Brandon Dang** (Class of 2018), received the Daniels Scholarship.

Wren Capra (Class of 2022) was awarded the Character Award. **Annika Aumentado** and **JP Kerrane** (Class of 2022) were awarded the Spark Award



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