



2022 Year in Review

The Verto Fund enables students from low-income backgrounds to access the lifelong value of a first year abroad education.



Why The Verto Fund

THE PROBLEM

Only 14% of low-income students who start college earn a degree. [source](#)

THE SOLUTION

Students are more likely to graduate and build successful careers if they study overseas — Verto Education and the Verto Fund make that possible. [source](#)

Verto Fund Scholarships *Makes Travel Possible*

\$2,005,673

raised from individuals and foundations in 2022

\$1,410,000

granted to low-income Verto students in 2022



Double dose of Intercultural Understanding

Thanks to generous financial support from the Verto Fund, Verto students build authentic connections with people they'd otherwise never meet, *internationally and nationally.*



39%

PELL-ELIGIBLE STUDENTS



42%

OF STUDENTS ARE BIPOC
(BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR)



27%

1ST GENERATION
STUDENTS



49

STATES
REPRESENTED

Recent Successes with Verto Fund Programming

The Verto Fund developed three scalable interventions to help ensure that Pell-eligible students benefit long-term from Verto's strong start to college.



1:1 Financial Coaching

Teaching students how to budget for college and save for emergencies



Support Groups

Helping Verto alumni succeed at community college and transfer to 4-year schools



Career Coaching

Connecting Vertoans to experts in their field of interest via LinkedIn and 1:1 meetings

Details of Peer Coaching Models in 2022

Talented Pell-eligible students are a plentiful resource at Verto. With the right training, peer coaches can provide effective, authentic guidance, scale to many students, and provide financial support to coaches.

Finance Coaches

Five Pell-eligible Verto alumni served as 1:1 financial coaches last fall to 76 current Pell-eligible Verto students. Topics include how to build a budget, save money, and get scholarships.

Support Group

Three Pell-eligible Verto alumni helped facilitate a 10-week support group this fall for 9 Verto alums to provide a safe space to share college challenges and hold each other accountable.

Career Coaches

15 Pell-eligible students started 1:1 support in December to secure a well-paying job for college and explore future careers. 2-3 of these students will then start coaching themselves in 2023.

Results from College Persistence Study

The Verto Fund found that low-income students at Verto are persisting with college at much higher rates than students at community colleges, where so many low-income students are concentrated.

