



## 2 YEAR Snapshot

**17** projects

**332** students

**605** instructional hours

**4:1** student-to-teacher ratio



# FROM THE **Executive Director**

The last two years have presented new challenges for Wind & Oar, but we remain committed to our core belief that project-based, experiential, learning is the key to engaging and inspiring youth to own their education. As a part of our continued pursuit of best practices and constant learning, we also take the position that this kind of learning provides the best connection to career considerations. Wind & Oar's broad-based, integrated programming gives students a bigger field of vision for real world opportunities.

The aftershock of the COVID pandemic is still being felt, and it has wreaked havoc in some educational settings, but Wind & Oar survived it and has recently discovered new opportunities. The cornerstone to our success is the partnerships we have built, and as the variety of our summer partners demonstrates, we continue to build new ones every year. The growth of the summer offerings did not go unnoticed by the Oregon Dept. of Education, either, and we are pleased to be mentioned in their Best Practices Summer Learning Guide.

While in-school programs tailed off last year, we still managed to get our in-school partners out of the classroom for several events. Both years we took a total of over 150 students to the Willamette River for Earth Day activities, courtesy of the Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation. These included water quality testing, rowing small boats, taking out a 30' sailboat, and mapping Portland in relation to the river.

At Faubion Elementary, we were invited to run an 8th grade math elective class and we will be returning this year. The biggest issue facing schools over the last 12 months is funding. For Wind & Oar to provide these critical experiences, Wind & Oar's Board decided that we must fund them ourselves, or rather, with the help of our supporters. The Board has a new chair, and three new directors, who are adding energy and guidance to the efforts, and a new strategic plan is fine tuning our direction. And, management is devoting considerably more time and energy to executing the plan.

With several new large-scale opportunities developing, and a shift in our approach to funding programs, Wind & Oar is positioned to grow into a significant contributor to the education landscape of Portland. As I subtly implied, though, the students of Portland need your support.

With thanks to all our supporters,

  
Peter Crim, Executive Director



## THANK YOU TO OUR **School & Community Partners**

African Youth &  
Community Organization  
(AYCO)

Alliance High School

Center for African  
Immigrants and Refugees  
Organization (CAIRO)

EarthDay Oregon

Faubion School

Immigrant and Refugee  
Community Organization  
(IRCO)

iUrban Teen

Metropolitan Learning  
Center

Oregon Youth Sailing  
Foundation (OYCF)

POIC+RAHS

Portland Yacht Club

Sauvie Island School

Willamette Sailing Club

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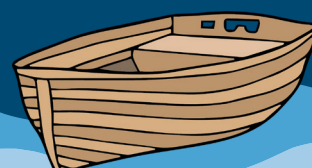
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## Expanding Horizons On and Off the Boat

Wind & Oar students engage in a range of activities that cover topics from math and physics to environmental science and geography. Activities pictured here include launching a boat on Sauvie Island, testing Willamette River water quality, reengineering hull designs, practicing knot skills, and learning basic woodworking.



## It's Bigger Than the Boat

Wind & Oar guides students to become better thinkers, engaged in their own learning, and empowered to make positive choices about their futures. Using an equitable and inclusive experiential learning platform, we remove barriers and create environments where students explore multiple disciplines united in a single team project. We believe that understanding process and learning by doing teaches critical thinking, problem solving, communications, and teamwork. With these skills, students can find, and succeed at, rewarding paths for their future. We are a model career connected program with experiential learning projects that inspire young people to pursue their potential.

Research shows that attendance is an important factor in student achievement.

On average, students engaged in a Wind & Oar program have a **35% INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE.**

That's not just significant, that's **REMARKABLE.**



## student SPOTLIGHT

**As a student at POIC+RAHS, a community-based alternative high school, Anabelle spent the last two summers building boats with Wind & Oar. Here is what she had to say about her experiences:**

"Wind and Oar gave me the space to do something great. They allowed me to not just learn by instruction but learn from hands-on experience and teamwork. I am truly the only person in my family who understands how to use a combo square to copy certain angles. I understand fractions in a more coherent sense, angles, and just the basic skills of carpentry.

"I attended two years of high school during the pandemic, a time where hands-on learning became impossible. I learned more with the first two weeks with Wind and Oar than I felt like I had learned in the whole year. It's why I made the decision to come back a second time the following year.

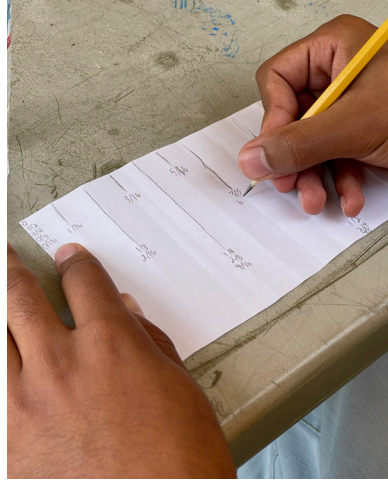
"I truly wish everyone gets to experience a program like Wind and Oar, for I believe their mission is more than represented in their work. I think everyone could benefit from their programs. Not just because of the boat building, but because of the confidence Wind and Oar gave me to do great things. Things I truly thought impossible. They gave me a box of tools, helped me along the way, and we built a boat. I built a boat. That is more than incredible."





# MISSION

Wind & Oar Boat School engages young people and inspires learning through the art, science, and craft of building wooden boats.



WIND & OAR'S IN-DEPTH PROGRAMS RANGE FROM 30 TO 140 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION. Each project weaves together boat building and off-boat STEAM activities via an integrated academic and culturally responsive curriculum.

## QUOTABLE

“Through activities that engage both their mind and their hands, youth build not only a boat but their knowledge, skills, and capacity to work effectively within a team. Wind & Oar says that “it’s bigger than the boat” and that focus on empowering youth to be better, to expand their horizons, to grow in ways unexpected is truly remarkable.”

**Jerian Abel, Director of Research & Assessment at Portland Metro STEM Partnership**



## Ways to Get Involved

We are always looking for community partners whether as volunteers, financial supporters, boat sponsors, board members, or simply program ambassadors.

If you believe in the power of youth to carry us forward into the future, there is a place for you in supporting Wind & Oar.

Visit us at [windandoar.org](http://windandoar.org) or email [info@windandoar.org](mailto:info@windandoar.org). We'd love to connect!

**Be on lookout for this year's Root Beer Floatilla coming in September.**



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