

# 2022

## *Annual Report*



Connecting globally. Thriving locally.



A professional headshot of Greg Jackson, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

# A message from *the Chair*

Thank you to the many supporters of Fort Worth Sister Cities International. With your help, the citizens of Fort Worth have access to the best Sister Cities program in the nation. Your encouragement means more than you realize – especially now, when creating a world of respect and understanding is more important than ever.

To accomplish this, we receive about 4% of our \$1.5 million budget from the City of Fort Worth. Most of our work, however, is made possible through the support of the community – people just like you. Many of you chose to support our worthy mission and helped us raise nearly \$300,000!

2022 was a resounding success! We won a national award for Innovation in Youth and Education, conducted many in-person exchanges for students and adults, and celebrated several anniversaries, all while hosting over 80 international delegates locally, sending over 100 abroad, and engaging over 1,500 Fort Worth citizens here at home.

Thank you for your continued belief and support as we look forward to another great year!

Sincerely,

Greg Jackson  
Chairman of the Board

# Our Sister Cities

BANDUNG, INDONESIA

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

GUIYANG, CHINA

MBABANE, ESWATINI

NAGAOKA, JAPAN

NÎMES, FRANCE

REGGIO EMILIA, ITALY

TOLUCA, MEXICO

TRIER, GERMANY







Honored with national  
award for Innovation in  
Youth & Education



Celebrated 35th  
anniversaries with  
Nagaoka and Trier



Held seven virtual  
roadshow events



Sent 117 students and  
adults to four countries



Staged the 33rd annual  
International Leadership Academy

# 2022 *Highlights*





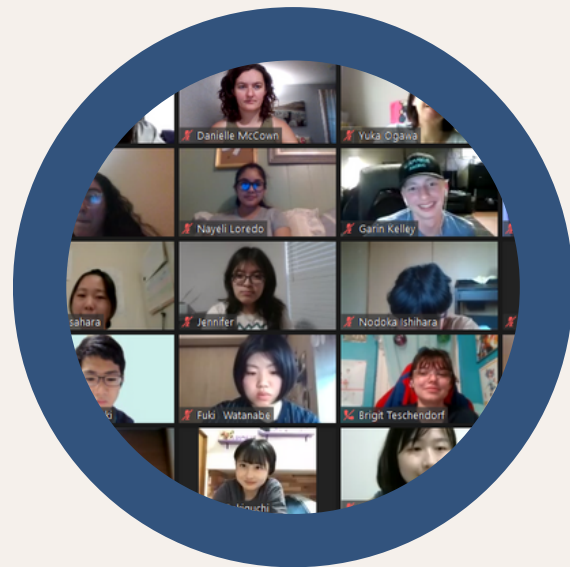


# Our Reach



17

in-person exchanges



15

virtual activities



15

local events



472

youth participants



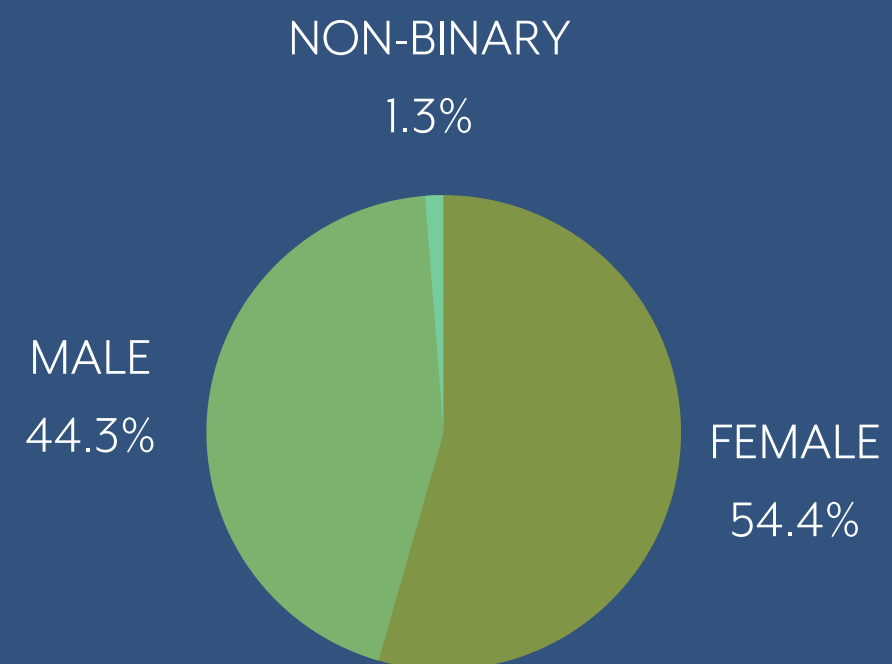
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adult participants

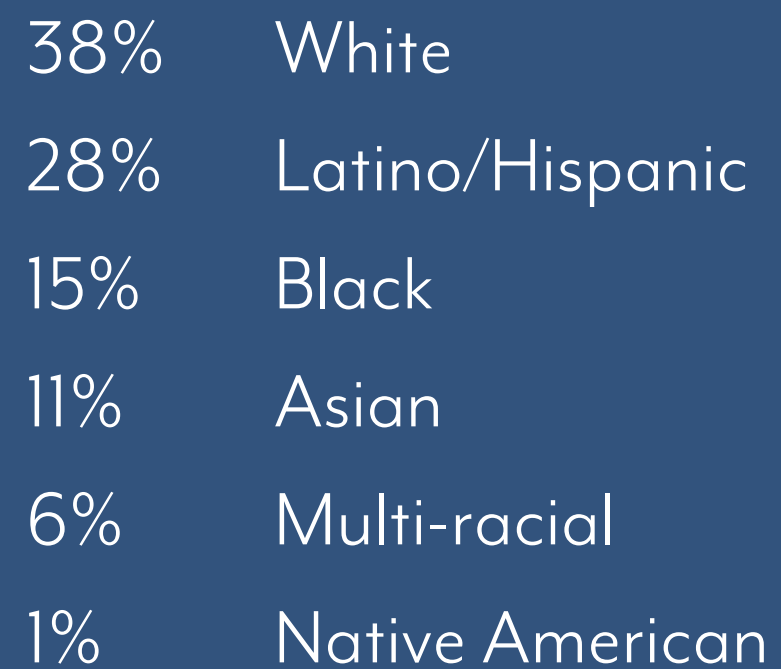


# Who are our students?

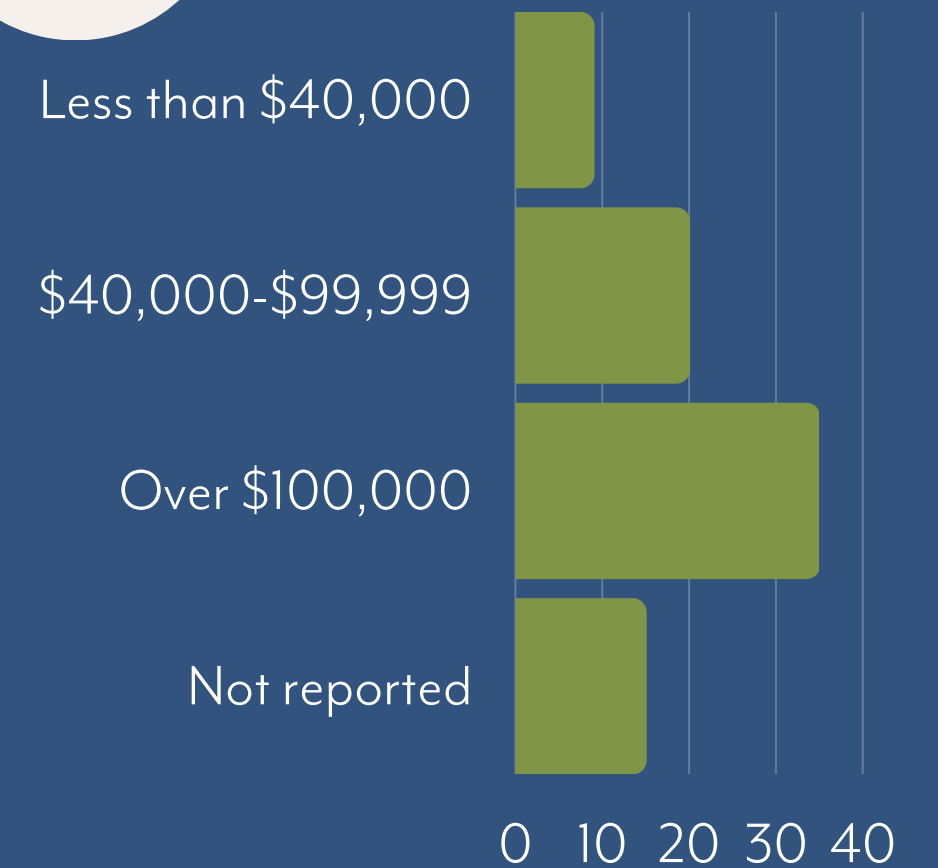
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## ETHNICITY



## INCOME LEVEL





# Student Impact

## Cultural Awareness

- 100% Expanded knowledge of different cultures
- 91% Increased awareness of global issues

## Skills

- 100% Felt more independent
- 92% Improved leadership
- 96% Improved problem-solving



# What *They Say*



Leah Peterson



My global perspective on community, understanding, and awareness has become enriched through the programs that Sister Cities has provided in the forms of outreach, service, education, and celebration. This organization has taught me that community and friendship are much more than ours here in Fort Worth, Texas, and the United States. I have made connections that have allowed me to break down cultural barriers, build cultural bridges, and appreciate those different from me. Connections that have given me lifelong friends and experiences that continue to assist me in my growth as a young leader emerging into adulthood.



Sian Borne



I first became aware of Fort Worth Sister Cities back in 2004 when our daughter was a youth ambassador to Reggio Emilia. We then hosted the student she had stayed with, the following year. Through my trip to Reggio Emilia this year, I was able to meet the student and family she stayed with and make valuable and lasting connections. Our trip was culturally stimulating, and I fell in love with the food, architecture and people. Connecting with others, establishing relationships globally and promoting Fort Worth as a city of culture and opportunity is so important. I am excited to be part of such a great organization and encourage others to become involved.



# Local Awards



Bob Bolen Award for Outstanding Board Leadership - Jan Titsworth  
Youth Volunteer of the Year - Leah Peterson

Volunteer of the Year - Kimberly Kowalski  
Eisenhower Award for Organization Involvement - BRIT





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