2014 was a year of success for North Cascades Institute. We served more children, families and adult participants than ever before, grew our scholarships and set the stage for growth in several program areas. Thanks to our core partners — North Cascades National Park, US Forest Service, Western Washington University and Seattle City Light — for their support.

2014 saw impressive participation in our youth programs. Both Mountain School and Youth Leadership Adventures were filled to capacity, and we plan to expand both in the coming year with additional scholarship support. Family and adult programs were also strong, particularly Family Getaways, Base Camp, Skagit Tours and Group Programs. Please take a look at the program charts on the back page!

Our graduate partnership with Huxley College of the Environment at Western Washington University is unique. We invested resources into video interviews with alumni, website improvements and outreach and, as a result, are seeing the largest pool of applicants in the program’s history. We hosted an all-alumni reunion at the Environmental Learning Center with representatives of all 14 cohorts, where we celebrated Professor John Miles’ retirement after 46 years of teaching.

We continued to find ways to meet people in their own communities. With Mountaineers Books we produced events in Seattle, Everett, Mount Vernon, Leavenworth and Bellingham to celebrate the new book *The North Cascades: Finding Beauty and Renewal in the Wild Nearby* with authors William Dietrich, Craig Romano and Christian Martin, reaching thousands of current and future stewards of our *wild nearby*!

We bought a house! Growth in our graduate program and increased needs for staff to support our expanding youth programs led us to purchase eight acres in Marblemount at the confluence of the Skagit River and Diobsud Creek. Our first off-campus investment in the upriver community, the “Blue House” will be home for staff and graduate students, as well as our own organic garden.

We couldn’t have done all of this without you. We continue to be humbled by your support and belief in our mission to conserve and restore Northwest environments through education. YOU are helping to provide transformative learning experiences to thousands of young people. In particular, your support of youth scholarships has helped connect many kids with the *wild nearby* of the North Cascades ecosystem.

As we move into 2015, we will celebrate two significant milestones: 25 years of Mountain School and 10 years of the Environmental Learning Center. Please join us at the Learning Center on August 23 for a free celebration with food and fun activities. Looking toward to the future, we will:

- Reach a larger, broader and more diverse audience
- Inspire participants in our programs to make changes in their lives that positively affect their communities and environment
- Engage and mentor young people with programs that emphasize leadership and outdoor adventure
- Increase, and measure, the impact of all our programs

We are grateful for your support.
Come visit us in the mountains!

Nan McKay, Board Chair
Saul Weisberg, Executive Director

Lauren Marzilliano, Class of 2004, shares why she signed up for the Institute’s Graduate M.Ed. Program, what she got out of it and how she landed her dream job after graduating. Watch the video >> [www.ncascades.org/study/alumni-profile-videos](http://www.ncascades.org/study/alumni-profile-videos)
2014 Financials

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

SUPPORT AND REVENUE
Contracts, tuition and fees, net $ 1,393,487
Investment income 213,019
Contributions 362,496
Foundation grants 411,352
Government grants 244,130
In-kind contributions 230,460
Learning Center Fund (Seattle Foundation) 390,000
Bookstores (retail/outreach), net 142,562
3,387,506

EXPENSES
Programs 2,521,694
Management and general 207,669
Fundraising 237,336
2,966,699

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS
$ 420,807

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014

ASSETS
Cash and cash equivalents $ 380,099
Short-term investments 677,080
Receivables, net 143,724
Inventory and other 100,725
Long-term investments 4,369,035
Property and equipment, net 384,016
6,054,679

LIABILITIES
Accounts payable 69,054
Line of Credit (house purchase) 317,115
Accrued expenses 65,879
Deferred revenue and other 20,572
472,620

NET ASSETS
Operating reserve 1,600,000
Unrestricted funds and temporarily restricted funds 1,578,250
Conservation Education Fund 1,573,135
Nugent Family Fund 524,378
Darby Foundation Scholarship Fund 25,102
Youth Leadership Fund (Ginny Darvill) 197,988
John Miles Graduate Fund 35,636
North Cascades Conservation Council 47,570
Founders Fund 5,582,059
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS $ 6,054,679

Audited financial statements and independent auditor’s report can be found at www.ncascades.org/financials.

North Cascades Institute has received ten consecutive 4-star ratings from Charity Navigator for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency.

THANK YOU TO OVER 600 INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, CORPORATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS WHO GAVE IN 2014!
www.ncascades.org/donors

Revenue: $3,387,506

Expenses: $2,966,699

Portrayal of North Cascades Institute >>
www.ncascades.org/multimedia

North Cascades Institute is a lodestone for inspiration and connection. Where else can you catch a glimpse of a black bear or a tail of wolverine, behold an ephemeral dragonfly, sketch down the peaks and hike under a stream of migrating warblers - all in a weekend?
Nothing is more gratifying than the discovery of people, nature and history through the programs of North Cascades Institute.

- Joan Poor,
Donor & Participant
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25,370 days in the field each year!

YOUTH PROGRAMS
Participant days = 10,880

FAMILY and ADULT PROGRAMS, EVENTS
Participant days = 14,490

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ADVENTURES AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
- Mountain School 77%
- Youth Leadership Adventures 23%

8,371 AUDIENCE REACH
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- 91 from British Columbia
- 926 from other states
- 6933 Greater Puget Sound Basin
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