

# DURANGO Shin-Budo Kai Aikido

2024 • Annual Report



News for 2024 DSBK settled into its space without upheavals or interruptions! Continuity in space enabled us to focus on kyu test prep, nidan demonstrations, and beginner classes every other month.











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## **Financial Report**

DSBK narrowly skirted deficit spending across 2024. It mostly balanced monthly income and expenses, thanks in large part to its sublease partner, Threshold Training.

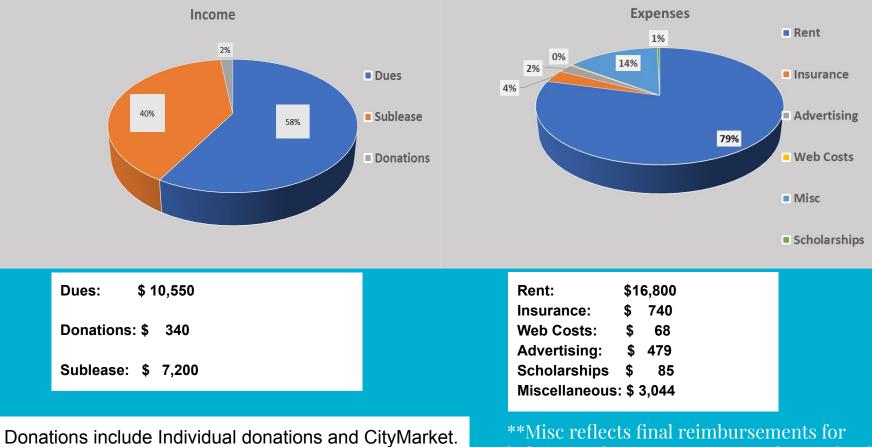
Attaining and sustaining strong numbers in classes across 2025 will help the dojo weather a projected rise in rent without shortchanging rich learning opportunities.



**Current Balances** Checking: \$8,701.34 Emergency Fund: \$2,502.63 Scholarship Fund: \$ 225.23 Paypal balance: \$ 477.65

Total: \$11,906.85 \*as of 12/11/2024

#### January 1 – December 11, 2024

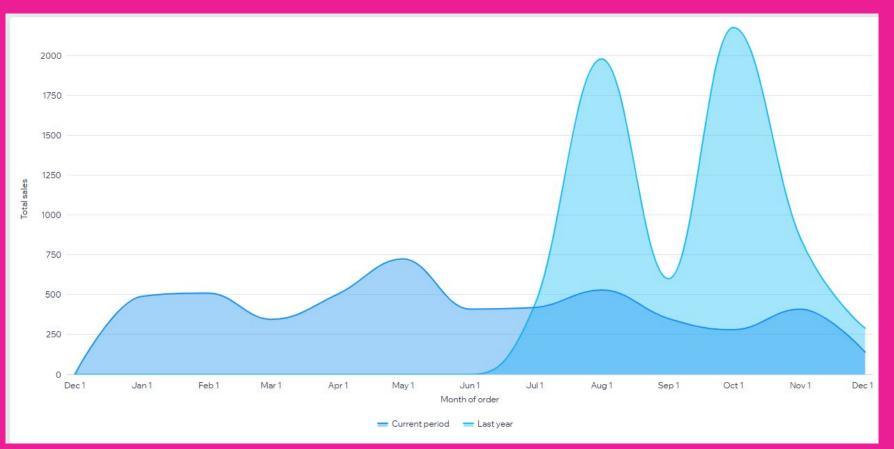


\*\*Misc reflects final reimbursements for lighting and 2023 grant partnerships offset by grant funds November Stats 13 people paid dues totalling \$766 Threshold Personal Training Durango (AJ's sublease): \$600 Rent: -\$1400 NET (November): -\$34

As 2025 arrives, the best support we can receive from our aikidoka is a solid commitment to regular practice! A critical mass on the mats helps attract and retain new students.

Attendance totaled **881** in 2022 and **1,261** in 2023 and **1,229** in 2024. Grant-funded events clearly helped the dojo grow by almost 40% in 2023, while 2024 participation dipped slightly by 2.6%.

#### Class Registrations & Memberships 2023 & 2024



### **Promotions**

We celebrated multiple promotions in 2024. Each one represents collective advances in everyone's skills and expertise. Congrats!

Taylor Hanson, Gokyu

Lisa Franceware ど Chris Lewis, Yonkyu

Mike Boeckman, Sankyu

Nate & Lynne are in progress on Nidan



### <mark>Events</mark>

DSBK hosted two successful shugyos (one in January and one in June) that drew in a diverse mix of regular, new, and visiting students.

We provided beginner classes every other month. January's class achieved the largest number of registrations.

Steve Sensei provided a spring semester aikido course for Ignacio High School students.

In September, Senseis Warren Wynshaw and Mike Cheney led two post-seminar classes just for DSBK students.





## Web Traffic

In order to grow and continually reach new students, DSBK relies on a robust website and social media presence. Many unpaid hours go into maintaining these online platforms. Based on our traffic stats, the nonprofit is clearly the benefactor of skillful messaging and marketing.



### **Attention-Getters**

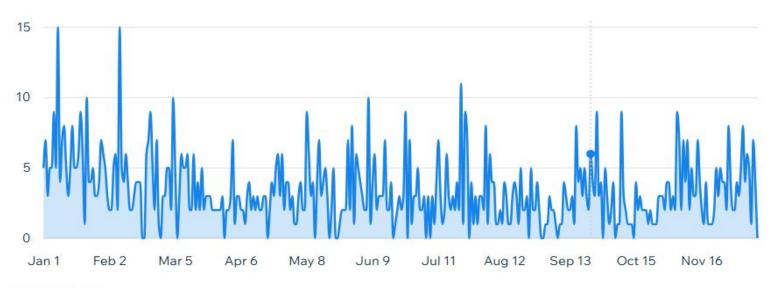
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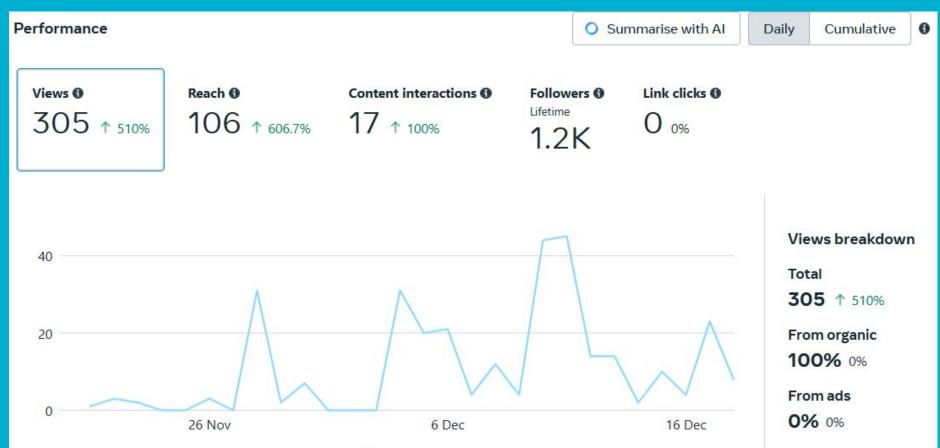
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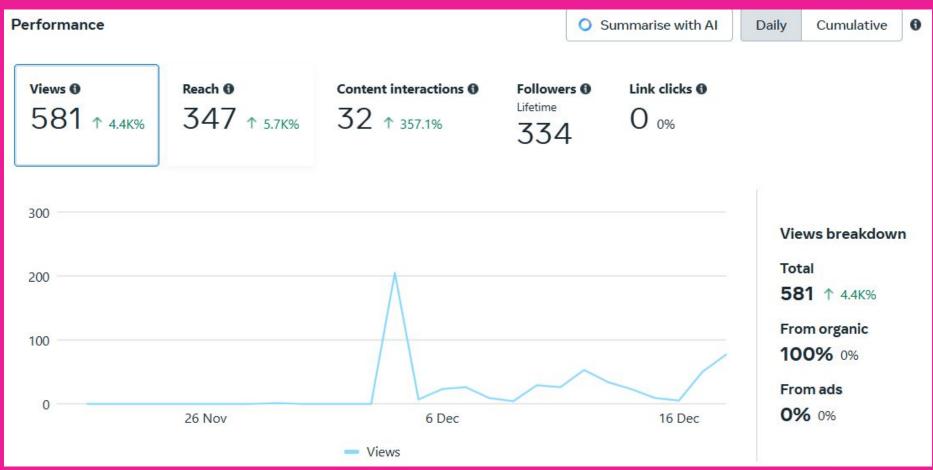


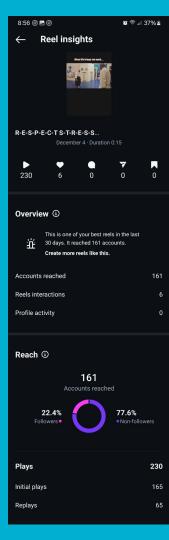
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### **Facebook Traffic (last 28 days)**



### Instagram Traffic (last 28 days)





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### 2024 in Review

In 2024, DSBK focused on supporting and strengthening its most regular students as they advanced through kyu levels and dan demonstrations. Except for January, bimonthly beginner classes yielded low registration counts. Tracked attendance data since 2019 suggests that DSBK sees its heaviest beginner traffic and interest in the new year and the fall. In 2025, these calendar segments will receive special attention and better paid advertising to encourage substantial participation and engagement in two, annual starter sessions

supported with a weekly crash course. We are also planning weapons classes at the Durango Fitness Club in 2025. Dojo state-of-affairs reports at recent SBK Leadership Council meetings suggest that all SBK dojos are battling low public interest, high rent, or a lack of dojo space. DSBK's strategies and promotional tactics are seen as the most impactful and widely imitated at the other dojos. NYC's dojo closure shines a harsh light on attaining security and solvency. DSBK's leadership remains committed to attracting and retaining more students (especially women), and to sharing the benefits of Aikido training with the wider community.