Persistence certainly took on a different meaning this year. Our students have worked hard to overcome even more barriers associated with Covid-19 and all of its ramifications on their college campuses across the country and in their families. CBO has always known the importance of not only getting students into college, but also helping them graduate from college. When I first started as Director of College Persistence, I had no idea how much our CBO Scholars would have to persevere through so many challenges. In the seven years I have been on staff I have seen students overcome so many obstacles to be the first in their families to graduate from college and achieve success.

As soon as they arrive on college campuses, many of our students face experiences that challenge their confidence and sense of belonging. Many of them have no concept of what college will be like before they arrive on their campuses. From move-in day to ordering in pizza to the dorms at night and purchasing books to vacations and school breaks, our Scholars have very different experiences than many of their classmates. Even college language is designed for students who have been planning on college their whole lives -- from office hours to Rush to RAs to Career Planning Centers -- these are all concepts that are new to many of our students.

At CBO we are constantly trying to refine how we approach our students’ needs. We visit colleges with them, create relationships with admissions representatives and other staff on campuses, and help them create their own communities with upperclassmen -- a CBO community at each school. We offer transition seminars to introduce the Scholars to the concepts and ideas they will face from counseling needs to working with professors appropriately to creating a budget and advocating for themselves to understanding dorm life. Once in college, we help them choose classes, majors, and navigate through bureaucracies to get what they need. We offer Career Preparation seminars every summer to keep them on track with life after college and an Internship & Summer Jobs Fair every January with paid internship opportunities since our students cannot afford to be volunteers to get work experience.

And, thanks to all of you, we are able to provide so much for our students to help level the playing field. In addition to helping fund all of our access and persistence programming, your donations of dorm room items and Target gift cards and Amazon wish list contributions help them arrive on campus with the same accessories as their peers. Your donations to the emergency funds have helped bring students brave enough to travel far away for college home for their first Thanksgiving so they don’t have to spend it alone and in their dorm rooms.
Your donations from the Gala, Cards for College, and the Golf Outing provide much needed money for ACT tutoring, workshops, seminars and college visits so our Scholars can arrive to every situation prepared and able to put their best foot forward. Your mentorship offers them support beyond compare, allowing our students to feel they have a cheerleader, a confidante, an advisor and most of all a friend who is there for them no matter what they are going through without judgment and with love.

Our Scholars continue to amaze me and inspire me and I am honored they have let me into their lives. Thank you to all of you who make college not only accessible for our students, but also successful. We could not do this without all of you.

Elissa Cohen Halpern
Director of College Persistence

**CBO's Mission:**
College Bound Opportunities mentors, empowers, and inspires Scholars to overcome barriers, graduate college, and achieve success in life.

**CBO's Vision:**
All low-income, first-generation students are afforded the opportunity to graduate college and pursue their dreams.

CBO holds a 94% graduation rate compared to the national average of 11% for low-income, first-generation students!
Congratulations CBO Class of 2020!

These students are remarkable, graduating amidst a global pandemic while overcoming every new challenge that came with it. They weathered changes in course structure and shifts in expectations and they responded with resilience and determination to complete their degrees. We are extremely proud of our graduates!

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The 1:1 mentor relationships provide the necessary guidance for the Scholars to make the right decisions in their academic and personal lives. They inspire our Scholars, help them dream big, set realistic goals, provide feedback, encourage accountability and celebrate successes with them.

Mentors are in contact with their mentees on a weekly basis and participate in monthly mentor meetings with CBO. These meetings have transitioned from in person to Zoom meetings that educate and equip CBO mentors on how to best guide their mentee through these challenging times.

Thank you to all who volunteer as a mentor. Your time and investment in CBO Scholars is a crucial part of their success!

Special thanks to the CBO Mentoring Committee:

Cathy Abreu & Janet Lipner, Co-Chairs
Pat Cannon, Leslie Hyman, Karen Lygizos, Susan Pinkus,
Ellen Robinson, Bonnie Shlenksy
Thank you, CBO Mentors!

Students who face an opportunity gap but have a mentor are 55% more likely to be enrolled in college!
CBO's 1:1 mentorship spans from Scholars' junior year of high school through college graduation!
On September 22, 2019 CBO welcomed 35 ambitious Scholars to the program. This exciting event is how Scholars and mentors are introduced and welcomed into the CBO Family! Many families attend the event with their student to meet the mentor and learn more about CBO. This luncheon included speeches from mentoring committee members, board members, and alumni followed by the matching ceremony of mentees and mentors.

90% of CBO Scholars are the first in their family to attend college!
The college access staff works with high school Scholars on an individual basis to ensure they are prepared to apply to a variety of colleges. While staff normally works inside our partner high schools, during the global pandemic they have transitioned to working with Scholars virtually or outside at a safe social distance.

Partner High Schools:

- Buffalo Grove High School
- Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep
- Deerfield High School
- Highland Park High School
- Vernon Hills High School

College Access programming includes the following support for high school Scholars:

- 1:1 assistance with college applications, essays, financial aid & scholarship applications
- Advising students on colleges best suited for all their needs
- Workshops on transitioning from high school to college
- Standardized Test Prep & Academic Tutoring
- Office hours at each partner high school
- Opportunities to attend college fairs & college campuses & meet with college representatives
- New laptop as a graduation gift for college!
Where do CBO Scholars go to college?

This is a list of schools CBO Scholars have graduated from or currently attend:

American University
Andrews University
Augustana College*
Azusa Pacific University
Ball State University
Beloit College
Bradley University*
Bryant & Stratton College
Carleton College
Carroll University*
Carthage College*
College of Lake County*
College of the Holy Cross
Columbia College Chicago*
Concordia University
Denison University*
DePaul University*
DePauw University*
Dickinson College
Dominican University*
Drake University
Eastern Illinois University
Elmhurst College*
Grinnell College*
Hamilton College
Hope College*
Illinois State University*
Knox College*
Lake Forest College*
Lawrence University*
Loyola University Chicago*
Loyola University New Orleans*
Malcolm X College
Marquette University*
Miami University
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
National Louis University*
North Central College*
North Park University
Northeastern Illinois University*
Northwestern University*
Ohio Wesleyan University
Providence College
Purdue University
Rhodes College
Roosevelt University*
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College (IN)
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Southern Illinois University*
Stanford University*
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University of Missouri
University of Rochester*
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin – Madison*
University of Wisconsin – Platteville
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Wellesley College*
Western Illinois University*
Wheaton College

*multiple students attended
A college degree is life-changing. For some, this degree means they will be the first in their family to have a salaried job. This degree means they might be the first to have healthcare benefits. This degree creates a ripple effect that knows no bounds for their lives, families, and communities.

How do we ensure CBO Scholars graduate? College Persistence programming includes the following support for college Scholars:

- Connecting students with various resources on campus
- Weekly check-ins with CBO Staff
- Reviewing class schedules & credits to ensure timely graduation
- Providing up to $16,000 financial assistance for tuition & room & board

The college persistence staff works with college students to ensure they stay on track to graduate. This support has become extremely important as students and schools are changing expectations and class structures due to the pandemic. CBO staff and mentors guide students on how to navigate these changes and continue their education.
CBO staff misses working in-person with our Scholars! But we are still offering all our programming virtually, keeping everyone safe and making sure CBO Scholars fulfill their college dreams!

This includes weekly check-ins via FaceTime, Zoom, or Google Hangouts. When the weather permits, check-ins are done outside at a safe social distance.

From understanding college applications and writing essays to learning new campus safety regulations, CBO is guiding our Scholars through it all. CBO programming has launched online essay workshops and virtual college visits for students. As the new normal changes, CBO adapts programming platforms to ensure Scholars overcome barriers, graduate college, and achieve success.

100% of CBO Scholars are continuing their academic classes during the global pandemic!
The Family Fund was initially established to support a mobile food delivery service program to meet our families’ basic needs when the pandemic ramped up in March.

While our no-contact, delivery service continues, reaching over 200 people weekly, we recognize our students and families have other pressing needs that must be met. The Family Fund has expanded to provide financial assistance for qualifying students to help with rent and utilities, as well as stipends to bridge the gap left by lost internships and jobs.

As the world continues to adapt to the new normal, this fund is how CBO continues to help our Scholars and their families overcome new challenges.

"CBO needs the support of our generous community. Social interactions are down to a minimum, learning styles have changed, working hours have been slashed or family members have been laid off, and food insecurity is very real. Your donation makes a big impact in the lives of the families we serve. Now is the time for us to join together to support our younger generation."

- Mari Najera, Director of College Access & CBO Alumna
Thank you Family Fund Donors

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the CBO Family Fund ensuring Scholars are able to overcome new challenges as they arise. Because of your generosity, we can help alleviate some of the burdens our students are carrying and help provide some stability during this unique time.

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Career Prep's Signature Event: Internship & Summer Jobs Fair

Work place exposure during a student’s college career is a vital experience that will help ensure their success after graduation. CBO's Internships & Summer Jobs Fair, a central component of our Career Prep programming hosted in January each year, is intended to provide our Scholars with access to potential paid internship and summer job opportunities while expanding their networks. CBO also provides professional headshots, resume review, and interview prep for this event.

Special thanks to CBO's Career Prep Partners:

- A+ Media
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- Briarwood Country Club
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- UPS
Career Prep

Career Prep ensures our Scholars are equipped with the skills and confidence needed to navigate the interview process and workplace. Scholars participate in a variety of professional development workshops sharpening skills applicable to both their academic and professional careers.

This June, CBO’s series of workshops went virtual. These workshops included:

- How to Build and Maintain Relationships with Professors
- StrengthsFinder
- Panel discussions on selecting majors
- Resumes, cover letters, and networking
- LinkedIn: Rock Your Profile

Special thanks to Career Prep’s summer 2020 virtual volunteers:

Cathy Abreu, Julio Abreu, Jordan Evans, Sheri Fox, Jordan Gavens, Marty Gilbert, Norm Goldring, Jenny Halpern, Maria Faletti Jugin, Eddie Leshin, Noreen Sugrue, Rob Sullivan, Arturo Vergara, and Brian Weinberg

100% of CBO graduates are pursuing graduate degrees or are employed within 3 months of college graduation!
We are so proud of every single one of our graduates. From the arts to the sciences, CBO Alumni are pursuing graduate degrees, a variety of careers and raising families in cities around the world.

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Sasvi Alam
Kiley Alexander
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Yesenia Alonso
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Amy Chen
Starr Clark
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Martha Cruz
Emily Cushing
Enrique Diaz
Isabella Diez
Zari Dobrev
Bibi Donis
Chase Ellman
Denisse Gaitan
Catherine Garcia
Lupita Garcia
Adilene Garcia
Mariana Garfias
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CBO Alumni Council

CBO is grateful for the actively involved Alumni over the years. After college graduation, CBO alums continue to support our Scholars in several ways. They are volunteering to help with career prep programming, donating and becoming mentors. A select few even work for CBO!

This year, the CBO Alumni Council was created with the mission to help current scholars, grow the alumni network, and act as a voice for the alumni community. The Alumni Council focuses on three key pillars: Give Back, Network, and Influence. These pillars keep alumni connected while partnering with CBO to help current CBO Scholars. This group has a monthly newsletter and groups on Facebook and LinkedIn to stay in contact.

Special thanks to the 2019-2020 Alumni Council:

Amy Yi, Give Back Lead
Nic Roti, Network Lead
Britney Wittes, Influence Lead
Anna Aguilar, Lesly Barrera, Frankie Charles, Zari Dobrev, Lupita Garcia, Brittany Lowis

10% of CBO Alumni are Mentors!
The Gatsby Gala...Reimagined

While the Gatsby Gala was not all the glitz and glamour we imagined, this event was dedicated to supporting CBO's mission, programs, and - most importantly- its Scholars. The event transformed into an online campaign with a goal to raise $250,000.

We surpassed our goal!
The Gatsby Gala raised over $250,000!

While the party was cancelled, the support from generous and committed donors remained. While everyone continued to shelter-in-place and adapt as the world changed so did our event. Fund-A-Scholar, an exciting annual fundraising portion of our gala, became stories of how graduating seniors persisted through these challenges, and with the help and guidance of CBO, graduated amidst a global pandemic. The online campaign included a Gatsby Gala Giveaway with prizes such as a shelter-in-place kit, case of wine, gift certificates to local restaurants, and a Kamado Joe Smoker donated by Abt.

Special thanks to the 2020 Gala Committee:
Melanie Hanig, Chair
Courtney Fahn, Lisa Fleisher, Elissa Halpern, Beth Hull, Megan Leopold, Elizabeth McGregor, Beth Olderman, Silvia Rota Pettenati, Stacy Raven, Leslie Rubin, Pam Udell, Elaine Weinberg & Lisa Xilas

Together, let's strengthen our communities & Scholars!
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Where Community is First!
On Monday, August 5th, 2019 more than 120 golfers attended the sold out 7th Annual Tees for Degrees Golf Outing at the Merit Club. The day included lunch followed by a round of golf that included several par 3 contests, a hole-in-one contest, and a drawing for a 2017 British Open flag signed by PGA Tour Champion Jordan Spieth!

Thank you to everyone who attended, supported, donated, and golfed to help raise OVER $100,000!

Special thanks to the 2019 Golf Committee:
Todd Heyden, Chair
Susie Blau, Mark Flavin, Cynthia Hirsch, Eddie Leshin, Bob Levine, Ken Rubin, Mark Schulman

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Birdie Sponsors:
On Wednesday, February 26, 2020 almost one hundred women gathered for a day filled with games, shopping, food, and friends to support CBO. Everyone enjoyed time with friends and had a chance to hear CBO Alumna Britney Wittes (CBO Class of 2019) speak about her personal experience with CBO from choosing schools and moments with staff to her relationship with her mentor.

The second annual Cards for College raised nearly $15,000!

Thank you to the vendors who participated at the event and donated a portion of their sales from the day:

Bestowed, DS Cosmetics, Emmis Jewelry, Kidoodles Inc/Initial It Gifts, RoGaWear & The MacMentor

Special thanks to the 2020 Cards for College Committee:

Bonnie Shlensky, Chair
Bonnie Brickman
Marla Gelfond
Mindy Leshin
Karen Lygizos
Lisa Schulman
How would you describe your first foray into philanthropy?

When I was in high school my mother recruited me to help with security for an event in Winnetka that featured Martin Luther King. At the time I did not really know who he was but over the course of several weeks of security training I became a true believer in his cause. The event came off without any problems and I ended up giving a donation to the NAACP. My mother went on to march for civil rights in Alabama and elsewhere in the south.

What causes are most important to you?

I have always been drawn to education as the mainstay of my giving because I believe that if great social change is to happen in this country it will be as a result of students enhancing their capabilities. As capabilities enlarge, more options are available for a more fulfilling life. Our educational system in this country has not kept up with the enormous strides we have made in other fields such as business and technology.

Why do you feel legacy giving is so important?

Legacy giving is a recognition that as one generation of donors moves on there must be a base of funds for the next generation to build upon. It is also a lesson in philanthropy for the next generation to see and copy.

What do you find unique about CBO?

CBO is unique in the way it can bring many resources to bear in support of students. The combination of college placement counseling, ACT training, help with writing college applications, help with financial aid, college financial support, and mentoring is powerful in preparing students for college. Most outstanding is the mentoring a new college student gets during the first year on campus. This period is crucial in indicating how a student will fare in college.

David was born on Chicago’s Northshore. His mother Sylvia Radov was a ceramist and social justice activist. His father Lewis was among the second generation to run the family business, Fel-Pro. After graduation from Roosevelt University David joined Fel-Pro and worked there for 35 years always proud of the reputation the company had for it’s employee-friendly behaviors. The company was sold in 1998 and David consulted with family businesses and sat on numerous corporate boards until he reawakened his love of photography and started a practice. He also started an art gallery in River North, which has evolved into the Weinberg/Newton Gallery, specializing in social justice practices. David has had a 20 year involvement in school reform in Illinois primarily in the charter school movement. He has sat on numerous not-for-profit boards like Marwen, the Museum of Contemporary Photography and still sits on the boards of the Noble Network of Charter Schools and The Illinois Network of Charter Schools (INCS). He was one of the original members of the Noble Board and was the co-founder of INCS. He and Jerry Newton have been married for nearly 30 years and have four kids and nine grandkids between them. David’s ambition is to write a bio as funny as Jerry’s.
The Cap & Gown Society recognizes those donors who have made a significant investment in CBO’s Scholars with a contribution of $5,000 or more in one or both of the last two fiscal years.

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