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Gratitude Report 2021-2022

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Reaching Great Milestones!



Have you ever wanted something so badly but had no clue how to get there? This was my situation when thinking about college. From a very young age my parents instilled in me the importance of education and always encouraged me to pursue my goals. Although my parents didn't have the opportunity to receive an education past high school, their experiences motivated me to seek higher education for myself. As a first generation student, I couldn't go to my parents for advice on what schools to apply for or how I would afford college. CBO not only helped me at every step when completing college applications but was there for me through college until I graduated from Dominican University in 2021. I am grateful to now be a College Access Associate with CBO and working with the high

school students directly. My experience has been rewarding in many ways. I've seen the hard work and dedication on both sides, as a Scholar and now a staff member. Thanks to your generosity and support of CBO, I have the opportunity to work with our bright Scholars, giving them one-on-one guidance like I once received not too long ago. Our Scholars, including myself, are reaching milestones most first-generation college students could only dream of. Thank you for being a part of our empowering and inspiring community!

Thank you, Prola Jutierrez

Paola Gutierrez College Access Associate, CBO Alumna 2021

97%

College Graduation Rate

MISSION

College Bound Opportunities mentors, empowers, and inspires low-income, first-generation Scholars to overcome barriers, graduate college, and achieve success in life.

32

College Graduates from Fall 2021 - Spring 2022 202

CBO Alumni Network

VISION

All low-income, first-generation students are afforded the opportunity to graduate college and pursue their dreams.

Congratulations to CBO's Class of 2022 Graduates!

Esther Armenta University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Sadie Avelar Illinois State University

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Antonio Mancilla Lawrence University

Nayeli Montes North Central College

Harry Morales Illinois State University

Jenny Ortega Illinois State University



CBO is incredibly proud of our 2022 college graduates! Their college journey was interrupted by a pandemic but nonetheless they persisted and reached graduation. They were fortunate to have in person ceremonies and celebrate this milestone with friends and family. Congratulations, to the graduates of 2022!

Trinity Garcia Illinois State University

Maria Guadarrama Dominican University

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Tori Velazquez Lake Forest College

Erin Zhan University of Michigan



Thank you, CBO Mentors!

Mentors are at the heart of CBO and the reason our Scholars graduate at a rate **900% higher than their firstgeneration peers.** These volunteers commit to supporting their mentee from the time they are accepted into CBO until they graduate college. But the relationship forged between Mentor and Scholar often lasts well beyond graduation. Thank you Mentors, for your continuous commitment to CBO and the Scholars!

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CBO Metors! Young people with a mentor are 78% more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities.

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90% of young people who had a mentor are interested in becoming mentors themselves.

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100% of Alumni are working and or in graduate school. Many alumni are working in our local communities.

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College Access

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. 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
- Office hours at each partner high school
- Attend college fairs, meeting with college representatives & campus visits
- New laptop as a graduation gift for college!

Partner High Schools







CBO has forged outstanding relationships with its six partner schools: Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, Highland Park, Lake Forest and Vernon Hills high schools, and Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep. Members of the administration, faculty and staff at each school are responsible for encouraging students to research and apply to CBO.











College Persistence

Earning a four-year college degree and creating a network established as part of higher education remains a critical component for success in today's society. Our college persistence team guides the Scholars while in college to find resources, advocate for themselves and thrive.



Members of the College Persistence team provide:

- Assistance connecting students with campus resources
- Weekly check-ins with CBO Staff in person or virtual
- Review of class schedules & credits to ensure timely graduation



Watch CBO Scholar Sebastian, a junior at University of Illinois Springfield reflect on his time in CBO and his growth as a Scholar.

Colleges & Universities

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Below is a list of colleges and universities Scholars have graduated from or currently attend.

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*multiple students attend(ed)

Career Prep Programming

Over the years, CBO's Career Prep Programming has evolved to meet the needs of our Scholars so they are better prepared to enter the working world. We continue to help them perfect their resumes and LinkedIn profiles and sharpen their interview skills. This year, our internship was virtual again but thanks to an incredible group of volunteers and corporate partners, it was as successful as previous years!

2022 Internships & Summer Jobs Fair

Thank you to the participating employers:

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- North Star Camp for Boys
- Tamarak Day Camp
- Taste Buds Kitchen
- The ABL Group

Special thanks to all Volunteers and Sponsors!

We truly appreciate everyone who volunteered their time at the Internship Fair or during the summer workshop series to help our Scholars build the skills and confidence needed to navigate their professional paths.

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Summer Workshops career prep continued

This year our summer workshops were in person! These sessions are crucial for our Scholars as they continue to navigate college.

This year's sessions included:

- Importance of Getting Involved
- Interviewing Skills
- Resumes and Cover letters
- Majors and Minors
- LinkedIn and Networking
- Financial literacy

Thank you to our sponsors, presenters, alum & volunteers!

Cathy Abreu, Paulette Bizar, Pat Cannon, Karen Coplan Marianne Deagle, Nicole DiVito, Amanda Doblin, Jennifer Gonzalez, Margaret Hennessy, Marc King, Michael Lapidus, Felicia Learner, Maddy Levine-Wolf, Laurie Liebowitz, Karen Lygizos, Ellen Lubelfeld, Daniel May, Kathy McKenna, Hugh Pickus, Bruce Ponsaran, Sara Poticha, Ellen Robinson, Malgorzata Sas, Alyssa Shapiro, Ian Shapiro, Bonnie Shlensky, Henry Siegel, Bev Terranova, Tom Terranova, Arturo Vergara, Juan Wantig, Scott Wilson and Michael Wolf.













9th Annual Jees for Degrees

On Monday, August 23, 2021, CBO hosted our **9th Annual Tees for Degrees Golf Outing** at the beautiful Merit Club. We had several Par 3 challenges on the course with great prizes and beautiful weather! The day was a huge success, and we are so appreciative of all of the golfers, sponsors and donors who helped raise close to \$75,000 in support of our Scholar's college dreams!



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a Summer Soirée







After 2 years of virtual gala's we finally came together to celebrate the accomplishments and persistence of our Scholars during these difficult years. Thanks to everyone who attended and donated during our second annual month of gratitude, we raised an astounding \$269,000, allowing us to fund 10 first-generation Scholars throughout their college journey! Every gift to the Gratitude Gala – and any gift to CBO – has a direct impact on the lives of hundreds of young people, their families and entire communities.



Watch this video of Noemi Taboada, sharing with us her experience as a CBO Scholar and what it means to her.

We are Grateful bor you!

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Elliot Bell-KrasnerLinda Davis and Jeff GansbergMichelle and Mitchell CohnDavid Hyman

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 None of our success would be possible without you. Thank you for your continued support to College Bound Opportunities between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.
 Thank you for partnering with CBO to change the lives of hundreds of Scholars, families and community members for generations to come.

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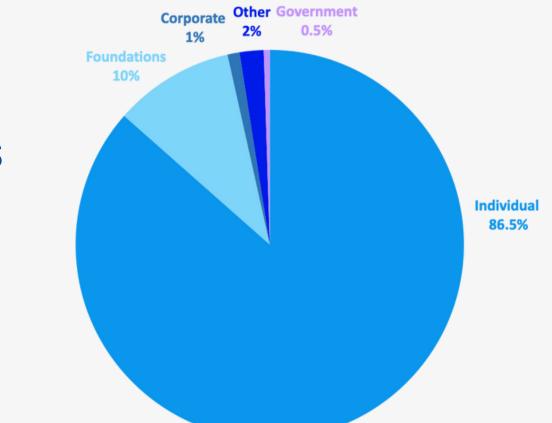
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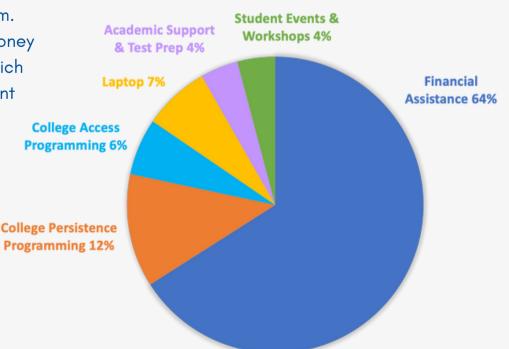
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