



Fulfilling College Dreams

COLLEGE BOUND OPPORTUNITIES

GRATITUDE REPORT
2024-2025

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on this past year and my first months as Executive Director of CBO, I am filled with deep gratitude and hope. Every day, I am inspired by our remarkable students, dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and engaged alumni whose belief in education transforms lives.

This year we celebrated many milestones that speak to the strength and spirit of the CBO family. Our high school and college graduation ceremonies were exciting reminders of what your support makes possible. We also reached an inspiring benchmark: 304 CBO alumni have earned their college degrees.

At the same time, we recognize the challenges facing many first-generation college students. Federal cuts to higher education and financial aid have made the path to a degree even more challenging. With determination, courage, and the support of the CBO community behind them, our scholars will overcome

these obstacles.

I want to extend heartfelt thanks to our students and alumni who remind us every day why this work matters; to our mentors, volunteers, and staff whose dedication uplifts and guides; and to our donors and partners whose generosity ensures that CBO scholars have the resources they need to succeed. Finally, I want to express our sincere appreciation to Susan Bell, who led CBO with vision and commitment for 16 years.

As we look ahead, I am optimistic about the future. Together, we will empower the next generation of leaders who will make our communities more equitable and bright.

With gratitude,



Brian Weinberg
Executive Director

RESEARCHING THE PAST, RESHAPING THE FUTURE

CBO Alumna Oché turns her passion for history, justice, and community into real-world impact — on campus, in courtrooms, and beyond.



Oché Harris earned her B.A. in History and English from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in May 2025, graduating during a time of rapid technological change and global uncertainty. The rise of AI and shifting current events sparked her intellectual curiosity, “Researching the past to understand why the present is the way it is, along with how the future may unravel, became a passion of mine.” A self-described optimist, Oché was determined to make a positive impact on her campus community. In addition to being a Resident Advisor and Career Services Peer Mentor, she spearheaded an initiative to help residents of Urbana earn their GED’s as the Social Empower Project Director. Oché hopes to become an attorney, a dream she has had since attending middle school in Highland Park. She is currently working as an Illinois JusticeCorps Fellow through an AmeriCorps program and the Chicago Bar Foundation where she assists self-represented litigants, “From housing to family law, I appreciate the opportunity to learn and aid those who cannot afford an attorney.”

MISSION

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

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\$35,000
AVG FAMILY INCOME

211 HIGH SCHOOL &
COLLEGE STUDENTS

304 CBO
ALUMNI

40 HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS
ADMITTED TO CBO

98% COLLEGE
GRADUATION RATE

\$10,300
AVERAGE STUDENT
LOAN DEBT

VISION

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

CONGRATULATIONS CBO CLASS OF 2025!

CBO is incredibly proud of our 2025 college graduates! The following Scholars returned to campus, persisted and graduated in December of 2024 and May of 2025.

Jailin Aragon

Lake Forest College

Emily Arizmendi

College of the Holy Cross

Lesly Carballido

Lake Forest College

Sonia Chavez

University of Illinois
Urbana Champaign

Catalina Cowell

The George Washington University

Erick De La Cruz

University of Illinois
Urbana Champaign

Yudany Diaz

University of Illinois
Urbana Champaign

Christian Donoe

University of Illinois
Urbana Champaign

Maritza Dominguez

University of Illinois
Urbana Champaign

Jeremy Estrada

University of Illinois
Urbana Champaign

Ashley Garcia

Northeastern Illinois University

Oché Harris

University of Illinois
Urbana Champaign

Jennifer Herrera

University of Illinois
Urbana Champaign

David Hong

University of Illinois
Urbana Champaign

Amy Inestroza

College of the Holy Cross

Chaemin Kim

Case Western Reserve University

Jada Kinney

University of Illinois Springfield

Ariadna Lopez

College of the Holy Cross

Carlos Luviano

Augustana College

Ximena Jaramillo Mata

Columbia College

Lizeth Mendoza

Lawrence University

Jackie Morales

Illinois State University

Priscila Murillo

Bradley University

Zugey Olvera

University of Illinois
Springfield

Yonoxi Perez

University of Illinois
Springfield

Anajancy Ponce

University of
Wisconsin Madison

Arly Ramirez

Hope College

Nathalie Zelaya Raudales

University of Illinois
Urbana Champaign

Ivan Rivera

Illinois State University

Xochitl Rodriguez

Augustana College

Hailey Tino

Lake Forest College

Gissele Valle

Illinois State University

Jacklyn Vargas

University of Illinois
Urbana Champaign

Ulisses Villegas

Illinois State University

Khye Washington

University of Illinois
Urbana Champaign

Congratulations, Class of 2025. You Did It!

WELCOME CLASS OF 2030!

CBO accepted **40** juniors into the class of 2030. These students visited college campuses, began building college lists with the help of the college success team and participated in essay writing workshops to prepare for the busy college application season in the fall.

Alexa Martinez

Andrea Ponce

Andrea Alvarez

Annette Ponce

Anthony Matute

Apple Wojtowicz

Brenda Guadarrama

Camila Guadarrama

Cesar Pena

Daniel Huicochea

Dayana Sosa Velazquez

Destiny Soto

Esther Kim

Isabella Oviedo

Jacob Estrada

Jamie Mazariegos

Jasmine Maldonado

Jessi Serrano

Jocelyn Ortega

John Ruiz

Juan Aparicio Bahena

Kate Rodriguez

Maelyn Garcia

Maggieluna Campos-Luna



Marco Rodriguez-Rios

Mariely Jaimes

Marta Karkavchuck

Mia Soto

Miley Chavez-Naranjo

Karla Nava

Owen Prado

Pilar Rosales

Sarah Baiiche

Sophie Moncivaiz

Stephany Elias

Valeria Rodriguez

Valerie Martinez

Yana Mendeliuk

Yaretzi Mujica

CBO ALUMNI

We love adding the newest graduates to our alumni list each year and are thrilled to count 304 alumni living, working, pursuing graduate degrees and starting families in cities across the country and around the world! *cbo mentors

Ailyn Adames
Samantha Adan
Enrique Aguero
Anna Aguilar
Julia Aguilar-Pan
Sasvi Alam
Kiley Alexander
Julieta Alonso
Leslie Alonso
Nicole Alonso
Tatiana Alonso*
Yesenia Alonso
Yessenia Alvarado
Brianna Alvarez
Jazlynn Alvarez
Jailin Aragon
Esther Armenta
Daniel Arias
Emily Arizmendi



Elizabeth Astudillo
Roberto Astudillo
Sadie Avelar
Eric Avila
Michael Avila
Tonny Avila
Jaritza Ayala
Samantha Bahena
Lis Bautista
Maria Bautista
Leslie Barranco
Lesly Barrera
Salomon Barrera
Itzury Barriga
Gabrielle Basok
Angelina Becerra
Leslie Bedolla-Rosiles
Danielle Belmont
Nicole Belmont

Tracie Belsanti
Danna Blancas
Jorge Blancas
Isabelle Block
Dauneyll Boyd
Justine Burchall
Natalie Burchall
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Justin Burger
Lesly Carballido
Marilyn Carmona
Dylan Carrigan
Diana Carrillo
Sebastian
Castrejon-Catalan
Catalina Catalan
Yasmin Catalan
Jorge Castellanos*
Luis Castellanos
Francesca Castelli
Alan Castillo
Adriana Castrejon
Erica Castrejon
Jessica Castrejon
Shelly Castellanos
Frankie Charles
Liz Chavez
Sonia Chavez

Amy Chen
Starr Clark
Yailyn Compres
Ericka Contreras
Sandra Comejo
Catalina Cowell
Alice Cruz
Ferni Cruz
Isa Cruz
Martha Cruz
Emily Cushing
Brian De La Cruz
Erick De La Cruz
Enrique Diaz
Yudany Diaz
Isabella Diez
Kristina Diez
Zari Dobrev
Cristina
Dominguez
Maritza
Dominguez
Bibi Donis
Christian Donoe
Sabrina Dordevic
Chase Ellman
Emily Elizalde
Andy Estrada

Jeremy Estrada
Katia Flores
Marlene Flores
Rolando Flores
Roxana Flores
Jessica Fragoso
Teresa Ferrusca
Denisse Gaitan
Ashley Garcia
Catherine Garcia
Lupita Garcia
Adilene Garcia
Montserrat Garcia
Trinity Garcia
Mariana Garfias*
Miguel Garfias
Stephanie Goebel
Lucas Goebel
Stephanie Gomez
Eduardo Gonzalez
Jennifer Gonzalez
Jonathan Gonzalez
Emil Gorgioski
Alexis Gould
Sarah Gracz
Sheila Grant-Shaffer
Alex Guajardo
Maria Guadarrama



Hannah Guerrero
Paola Gutierrez
Yasin Haffary
Berith Han
Shoshan Handy
Monica Harasim
Samantha Harasim
Oché Harris
Cindy Hernandez
Diego Hernandez
Ivan Hernandez
Michelle Hernandez
Jennifer Herrera
Moises Herrera
David Hong
Jennifer Honorato
Cassandra Ibarra
Amy Inestroza
Johanna Izoteco
Ximena Jaramillo Mata
Ta'Mya Jarrett
Ashley Johnson
Davina Kang
Shani Kaplan-Golan
Chaemin Kim
Josh Kim

CBO ALUMNI

100% of alumni are working and/or in obtaining their masters degree. Many alumni return and are working in local communities.

Jada Kinney
Davie Kravitz
Mia Kravitz
Vanessa Lara
Daisy Lazcon
Ashley Lazer
Andrew Lester
Caroline Lester
Cecilia Limon
Itxel Limon
Lauren Lonski
Alexa Lopez
Ariadna Lopez
Jackie Lopez
Jenny Lopez
Brittany Lewis
Carlos Luviano
Marjanae Maggett
Antonio Mancilla
John Mannebach
Kate Mannebach
Adilene Marban*

Juan Marban
Jessica Marban
Jasmin Mateos
Emily McGee
Jennifer McKendry
Karla Medina
Rebecca Medina
Diana Melchor
Martin Melchor
Dominique Mendoza
Lizeth Mendoza
Valeria Mendoza
Andrea Montalvo
Nayeli Montes
Melanie Montesinos
Harry Morales
Jackie Morales
Samy Morales
Carolina Muñoz*
Priscila Murillo
Angelina Najera
Mari Najera*



Tania Najera
Yukare Nakayama
JJ Nawrot
Elsie Ocampo
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Zuguey Olvera
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Jenny Ortega
Alejandrina Pareja*
Yoli Pareja
Yuli Paez-Naranjo*
Ana Perez
Yonoxi Perez
Stephany Pichola
Anajancy Ponce
Julissa Porcayo
Rodrigo Pozo
Gabby Queen
Brian Quijada
Willy Quijano
Lupe Quintana
Vanessa Rolan
Arly Ramirez
Maria Ramos
Eryn Reda
Andy Reyes

Juan Reyes
Jonathan Reyerros
Jose Reyes
Juan Reyes
Keana Richardson
Ada Rios
Gloria Rios
Ivan Rivera
Luz Rivera
Berenice Rodriguez
Daira Rodriguez
Ivan Rodriguez
Jairo Rodriguez
Nadia Rodriguez
Venecia Rodriguez
Xochitl Rodriguez
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Susana Rojas
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Jazmin Roman
Judith Roman*
Martha Roman
Cristal Roman
Pam Rosales
Stefano Rosenberg
Haley Roti
Nic Roti
Lisa Ryou

Courtney Sampson
Akira Sanders
Michelle Schuster
Margaret Sharp
Jenni Silva
Zoe Sinton
Mateusz Skrzyniecki
Paola Solano
Maria Solorio
Uli Solovieva
Ivonne Soto
Tasha Stancin
Tiffany Stancin
Roxy Stendera
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Noemi Taboada
Yareli Taboada
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Kasia Tomaszynska
Vanessa Torres
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Diana Trejo



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Stephanie Vazquez
Tori Velazquez
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Sebastian Vergara
Melissa Villarreal
Ulisses Villegas
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Nikyra Washington
Arnie Weil
Alex Wesolowski
Tucker Wilson
Imani Williams
Britney Wittes
Amy Yi
Gigi Yik
Angye Zamudio
Jackie Zamudio
Nathalie Zelaya Raudales
Erin Zhan

Thank You CBO MENTORS

Mentors are at the heart of CBO and the reason our Scholars graduate at a 98% rate, well above the national college graduation average. These volunteers commit to supporting their mentee through CBO's six year program from the time they are accepted into CBO as high school juniors until they graduate college. Thank you to CBO mentors for mentoring, empowering, inspiring and cheering on CBO Scholars!

Thank you to our Mentoring Committee:

Cathy Abreu, Tina Anagnos, Pat Cannon, Elizabeth George, Karen Lygizos, Lesley Peters, Susan Pinkus, Ellen Robinson, Bonnie Shlensky



Class of 2025

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*Students have graduated from college/mentor has completed six year program ^Have mentored more than one Scholar

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Karen Lygizos
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Alissa Kuehl

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Greg Maletsky
Henry Moss
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Diana Sanabria
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Robyn Steinmetz
Sue Stephenitch
Kathryn West
Brian Weinberg
Elaine Weinberg
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Donna Chen
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Joanie Holleb
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Dean Jukovich
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Jen Silva



MENTORS FOSTER A MEANINGFUL AND CONSISTENT RELATIONSHIP THROUGH REGULAR CHECK-INS



Ellie Sylvan
Lizzy Temkin
Susan Thomas
Susan Wagener

Class of 2030

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Steve Angell
Mary Ann Borys
Vanessa Bueno
Celia Cambray
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Brian De La Cruz
Bruno DiMartino
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COLLEGE ACCESS

The college success staff works with high school Scholars on an individual basis to ensure they are prepared to apply to a variety of colleges.



OUR COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM:

- Manages all steps in college application process
- Coordinates meetings with college representatives and campus visits
- Provides high school to college transition workshops
- Advises students on colleges best suited for all their needs

Partner High Schools

CBO has forged outstanding relationships with its six partner schools:

Buffalo Grove High School

Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep

Deerfield High School

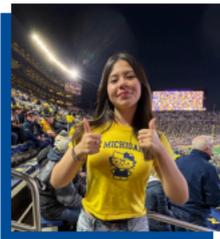
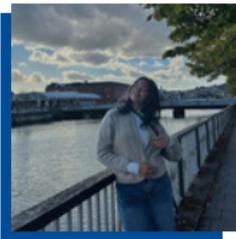
Highland Park High School

Lake Forest High School

Vernon Hills High School

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 PROGRAM:

- Guides Scholars while in college to find resources, advocate for themselves and thrive on campus
- Connects students with campus resources
- Reviews class schedules and credits to ensure timely graduation
- Helps remove barriers impacting student success

Wonder what a day in the life of a CBO Scholar is like?

Watch "Day in the Life" campus video tours made by CBO Scholars like [Ming](#) on Instagram at [@CBO4SUCCESS](#)



Click on [Ming's](#) Photos Above to watch archived takeovers, including hers, on our Youtube Channel!

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Below is a list of 101 colleges and universities
Scholars have graduated from or currently attend.

American University*
Andrews University
Augustana College*
Azusa Pacific University
Baker University
Ball State University
Beloit College*
Benedict College
Bradley University*
Brandeis University
Butler University
Carleton College
Carthage College*
Carroll University*
Case Western Reserve University*
College of the Holy Cross*
College of Lake County*
Columbia College Chicago*
Columbia University
Concordia University Chicago
Cornell College
Denison University*
DePaul University*

DePauw University*
Dickinson College
Dominican University*
Drake University
Duke University
Eastern Illinois University*
Elmhurst University*
Goucher College
Grinnell College*
Hamilton College
Hope College*
Howard University
Illinois State University*
Illinois Wesleyan University*
Indiana Wesleyan University
Indiana University
Knox College*
Kenyon College
Lake Forest College*
Lawrence University*
Lehigh University
Loyola University Chicago*
Loyola University New Orleans*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Marquette University*
Miami University – Ohio*
Milwaukee School of Art & Design
New York University
North Park University
National Louis University*
North Central College*
Northeastern Illinois University*
Northwestern University*
Ohio Wesleyan University
Purdue University
Providence College
Princeton University

Rhodes College
Robert Morris University*
Roosevelt University*
San Diego State University
Saint Mary's College (IN)
Scripps College
St. Louis University
St. Olaf College*
Southern Illinois University*
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Tulane University*
Tufts University
The College of Wooster
The George Washington University*
The Ohio State University*
Trinity International University
University of California – Los Angeles
University of Chicago*
University of Connecticut
University of Denver*
University of Illinois Chicago*
University of Illinois Springfield*

University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign*

University of Iowa*
University of Kansas
University of Miami*
University of Michigan*
University of Missouri
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rochester*
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin – Madison*
University of Wisconsin – Platteville
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College*
Villanova University
Western Illinois University*
Wellesley College*
Wheaton College
Williams College

*multiple students attend(ed)





CBO'S CAREER PREP PROGRAM

CBO's Career Prep Program helps prepare our Scholars to enter the workforce. Last January, CBO hosted our annual Internship and Jobs Fair, connecting local businesses who offer paid summer work, with our very diverse and talented college Scholars. In addition, throughout the month of June, CBO hosted a variety of summer workshops focused on developing professional and job search skills. Some of these workshops included: resume review, interviewing practice and creating LinkedIn profiles. Our summer workshop series culminated with the Annual Networking Dinner, where our Scholars practiced skills learned earlier in the month and connected with local business and community members.

2025 INTERNSHIP & SUMMER JOBS FAIR

Thank you to the participating employers:

BCU
BRIARWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
CAMP DISCOVERY

DECOMA DAY CAMP
DOVER CORP
FIRST BANK CHICAGO

FSA SPORTS CAMP
GLOBAL REPAIR GROUP
HOLLISTER

JOSSELYN
MARIMETA CAMP

MORAINE TOWNSHIP
NEIL ENTERPRISES

NSSRA
QUAD A

TAMARAK DAY CAMP
TEACH FOR AMERICA

Thank You to our **Career Prep Committee:**

Ziva Benarieh Paulette Bizar Khris Condon Nicole DiVito
Elizabeth George Ian Shapiro Tom Terranova

Thank You to our **volunteers!**

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David Finn
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Kathy McFarland
Linda Muskin

Lisa Nicholas
Alesia Papastathis
Lesley Peters
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Joel Shapiro
Ed Sherman
Sue Sherman
Jodi Sugar
Ellie Sylvan

CAREER PREP WORKSHOPS

This summer, students participated in a series of Career Prep workshops hosted by community professionals, board members and alumni.



Thank You
to our session volunteers!

(those bolded are CBO Alumni)

- Judy Buckman
- Paula Canchester
- Karen Coplan
- Maria Fossier
- Lucas Goebel**
- Katie Halwachs
- Jasmin Mateos**
- Martin Melchor**
- Harry Morales**
- Henry Moss
- Priya Patel
- Carlos Perez DeJesus
- Lesley Peters
- Susan Pinkus
- Lana Razumov
- Ellen Robinson
- Marco Toledo**
- Igor Vazquez

Thank You **to our Networking Dinner Volunteers!**
(those bolded also volunteered for sessions)

- | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Nicole Alonso | Stefanie Gehrig | Amy Kahat | Adriana Rosales |
| Andy Cheung | Elizabeth George | Mike Kawi | Ian Shapiro |
| Nelson Claudillo | Maria Guadarrama | Cara Ladd | Bonnie Shlensky |
| Nicole DiVito | Tammy Jader | Itxel Limon | Jen Silfa |
| William Fitzsimmons | Ken Johnson | Kathy McKenna | Elizabeth Turner |
| Paula Gamboa | Mary Kay Johnson | Courtney Olson | Brian Weinberg |

Thank you to our facilitators – this year's workshops included:

- Jenny Halpern, Maddy Levine-Wolf
- Paulette Bizar
- Margie Falter
- Ziva Benarieh
- Alex Karahalios
- Heather Redisch – Adulting 101
- Job Search Process**
- Communication**
- Beginning Career Exploration – Career Spring**
- Communications**
- Networking**
- Interviewing 2.0 | Career Exploration | Finances 101**



Thank You **TO**
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ANNUAL GOLF OUTING Honoring Eddie Leshin

On Monday, August 5, 2024, CBO hosted our annual Teens for Degrees Golf Outing at the beautiful Merit Club. Golfers enjoyed a gorgeous day on the course, complete with exciting Par 3 challenges and fantastic prizes for the winners. The highlight of the day was the 18th Hole Putting Green Competition, where the Grand Prize winner took home the **Ultimate Pro Sports Fan Getaway: 2 tickets to a regular-season MLB, NBA, NFL, or NHL game or 2 ground passes to a non-major PGA golf tournament and a 2-night weekend stay at a Hyatt, Marriott, Sheraton, Wyndham, or comparable hotel, airfare included.**

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our players, sponsors, and donors, this year's outing raised over **\$75,000** – all of which goes directly toward supporting CBO Scholars and their families.



Eddie Leshin

Golf Committee member, former Chair and 18 year supporter of CBO.



Thank You to our 2024
Golf Committee

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Chair - Todd Heyden | Eddie Leshin |
| Mark Flavin | Andrew Plocker |
| Denise Hoeflich | Mark Schulman |
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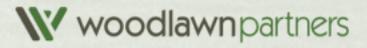
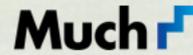
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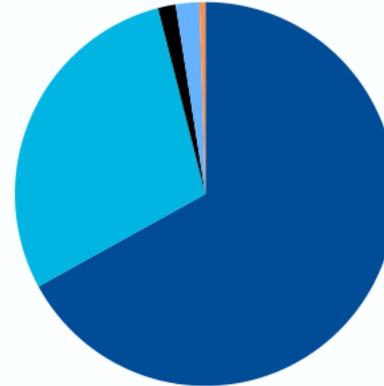
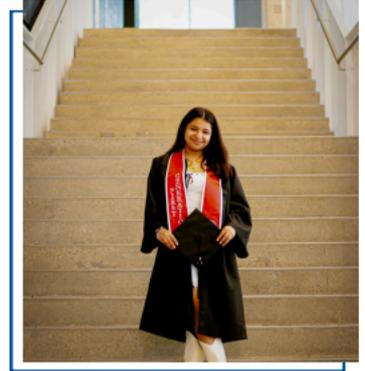
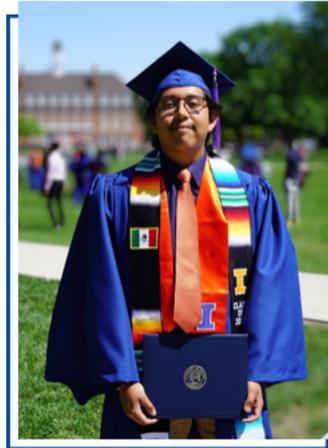
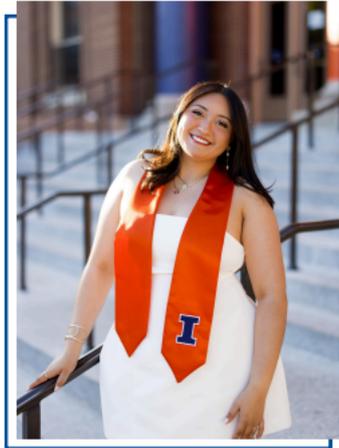
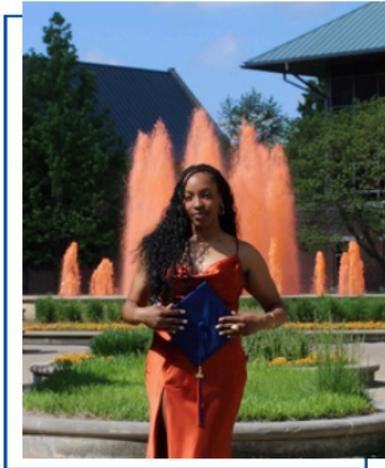
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The screenshot shows a donation form for CBO. At the top left is a testimonial from Oché Harris, an Illinois JusticeCorps Fellow, with a photo of her. The testimonial reads: "Community programs like CBO, and the volunteers and donors who make it happen, matter. Being active in something you believe in makes a real difference and creates a ripple effect that empowers Scholars and their families for generations." Below the testimonial are statistics: "40 HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS ADMITTED TO CBO" and "211 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS COLLEGE GRADUATION RATE". At the bottom left is a quote: "we provide become even more essential in empowering the next generation of leaders. Your support is pivotal in ensuring bright minds like Brian to have the resources and guidance to succeed, despite the growing obstacles they may face." Below the quote is the text: "Please help ensure our Scholars have the resources they need to graduate college." In the center is the phrase "Make an Impact" in a cursive font. On the right is the donation form interface. It has two tabs: "One-Time Donation" and "Monthly Donation". The "Monthly Donation" tab is selected and highlighted with a blue arrow. Below the tabs are four buttons for donation amounts: "\$25", "\$50", "\$100", and "\$250". The "\$100" button is selected and highlighted with a blue arrow. Below the buttons is a field for "Other amount" and a checkbox for "I would like to make a tribute gift."

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FY2025 REVENUES

\$1,175,089



INDIVIDUAL	67%
FOUNDATIONS	29%
OTHER	1.5%
CORPORATE	2%
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