

BRIGHTER HORIZON

EDUCATING THE FIRST GENERATION



THANKFUL FOR YOU! 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



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Brighter Horizon Foundation was founded on a simple principle: empowering students to be the first in their family to pursue a college degree or an associate degree in the trades.

A Message From Our President

Dear Family and Friends,

As we begin our fifth year of operation at Brighter Horizon Foundation, we are thankful for our generous donors who supported us through yet another record breaking year! We held our 2022 College Reveal on the beautiful campus of Chestnut Hill College in May. Our Scholars continue to be presented with challenges as they assimilate as first generation students, but as we are all emerging from the pandemic, the commitment and perseverance of our Scholars inspires the Brighter Horizon team, their families and their fellow Scholars. Once again, we exceeded our fundraising goals, which allowed us to provide additional wrap around services in the categories of food, housing and mental health therapies.

Research shows that borrowers of color borrow more, struggle with repayment, have fewer resources and end up with far-reaching financial consequences, which further impacts their mental health. Your generosity is making it possible for these young Scholars to break the cycle of poverty and focus on a bright, prosperous future for themselves and their families.

Since our inception, we have served 53 young scholars, soon to be 60 with our 2023 cohort! As of June 2023, we will have graduated 9 women scholars, and are beginning to see the results of the power of investing in young people to help them further their education, and achieve the economic mobility that will lift them, their families and their communities. In 2023, we will be celebrating 5 college graduates from the University of Miami, Pennsylvania State University, Howard University, Clark Atlanta University and Chestnut Hill College! All debt free due to your generosity.

On a personal note, I am so thankful to each and every one of you for joining us on this journey. Brighter Horizon enters 2023 with the resources to assist 60 young scholars – once again exceeding our plan. We also hope to add another critical partnership this year to focus on providing more opportunities for students who have been in the foster care system. We are committed, with your continued support, to reaching our goal of graduating 100 Scholars debt free. Special thanks to our Board, our mentors for volunteering their time, to the Scholars for their continued hard work, and to the families and community partners who continue to engage every step of the way. Join us again in 2023 on Saturday, June 3, 2023 for our 4th Annual College Reveal when we will announce where our graduating high school seniors will be attending college!



***“Live as if you were
to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were
to live forever.”
- Mahatma Gandhi***

Thankful For You,
Yvette Dapremont Bright
President



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MENTORS ARE OUR SECRET SAUCE!

2022 began with 47 mentors engaged with BH Scholars and ended with 54 mentors. The year also saw new growth and further maturity of the mentorship program with open feedback between the scholars and mentors and continued strong relationships throughout the BH community!

- Solicited feedback from our mentors and incorporated their feedback and insights into improving the program. This included adjustments to the new mentor Onboarding and Orientation Session, new methods of communication between mentors and scholars (and vice versa) and widening the types of speakers we invite to connect with the mentors.
- Focused on conversations regarding the mental health of our BH scholars. This came about through hosting a speaker series with mental health professionals who offered guidance and education for the mentors. Access to mental health apps such as Alkeme and other resources were introduced to support the scholars.

- Welcomed new mentors who are recent college graduate scholars of the Brighter Horizon Program! As our scholars graduate from college, they will transition into becoming mentors so that they may engage with and mentor the new generation of Brighter Horizon Scholars.

We plan to continue to build upon these discoveries and relationships. Our mentors are a pillar in the support systems for our scholars, and we are committed to providing an open and trusting environment for their work with our scholars.



Scholar, Kyla, with her two Mentors, Drew and Jillian.



Scholar, Myles, with one of his Mentors, Jason.

SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



Meet Michele

Michelle Vo is a resident of Southwest Philadelphia and current freshmen at the University of Pennsylvania, of which she received an early decision admission.

As the eldest of 3 immigrant children, Michelle has been a pillar to her family by translating and interpreting for her family starting from a very young age. With this, Michelle understood the power of knowledge and information, especially within the healthcare field. Her goal is to one day attend pharmacy school so that she can translate complex scientific medicines to helpful medicines, which can be easily understood and used. Ideally, this would make the industry more accessible and equitable.

Attending the University of Pennsylvania with the support of Brighter Horizon has allowed Michelle to begin to obtain the education and network necessary to make her goals a reality. College will allow her to grow as a person and experience new things so that one day she is able to help others who are in her shoes.

2022 BY THE NUMBERS



\$500,000+
DONATIONS



\$250,000+
BH COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS &
OTHER SUPPORT



\$440,000
BUILDING OUR
ENDOWMENT
FOR THE FUTURE



\$45,000
DEVELOPMENT



53
SCHOLARS SERVED
THROUGH 2022



\$15,000
TUTORING

**990 filings and other information available at www.brighterhorizonfoundation.org or upon request. 2022 financials are unaudited.*

SUCCESS METRICS



9
SCHOLARS WILL
HAVE GRADUATED
DEBT FREE BY JUNE 2023

100%
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION RATE



100%
ENTERED COLLEGE
OR TRADE SCHOOL

BH'S COLLEGE
DROPOUT RATE IS

7%

COMPARED TO NATIONAL
AVERAGE OF **30%**

100%
OF BH COLLEGE GRADUATES
GRADUATED WITH **\$0 DEBT** VS
42% OF COLLEGES STUDENTS
GRADUATE WITH
DEBT NATIONALLY



130+
COLLEGE
ACCEPTANCES
TO DATE

SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



Meet Keith

Keith is a resident of Northeast Philadelphia and had recently graduated from G.W. Carver High School of Engineering and Science. He is now a first year student at Williamson College of the Trades, for Power Plant Technology.

He has always been interested in engineering and working with his hands. It started with reading car books and going to car shows with his dad. He then enjoyed going to mechanic shops and helping work on cars. This helped him realize that he loved building things and working with his hands.

He is currently attending Williamson College of the Trades and loves it. He's learning many skills such as wiring, pipe cutting, how to work on boilers, and how power plants generate heat and power. He hopes to have a career as a power plant operator or in boiler maintenance. Additionally, he wants to be able to teach a newer generation about power plant technology when he eventually retires because there are not many people able to fill that role now. None of that would be or will be possible without the support of Brighter Horizon.



Meet Jonax

Jonax is a resident of Northeast Philadelphia and a Junior at Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School.

He lives with his mom and dad who never completed higher education beyond high school. Both are not from the mainland of the United States. Whether it's his mom from

Puerto Rico or his dad from Ecuador, he has grown up in a Hispanic household with Spanish all around him. He is also the youngest sibling.

Jonax has managed to keep a 4.0 GPA within every graded marking period. He enjoys school and enjoys socializing with others. While in school he spends his time focusing and working, and his after school involve expanding upon his passions and hobbies like gardening with the garden club, or 3d printing and doing stem-related projects with the STEAM club. He works so hard to make sure that he can get where he wants so that he can achieve as much as possible.

His ultimate goal is to make sure he gets into a good college next year, and to take advantage of this opportunity that Brighter Horizon is providing through all of their support. He strives to be a straight A student and puts in continuous effort and time to achieve this beyond the classroom. At the moment, he is currently studying hard and getting ready for SATs but afterward, he is hitting the ground running in the college search to pursue his dreams!

CLASS OF 2027



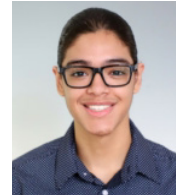
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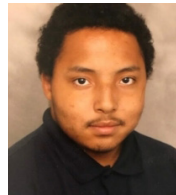
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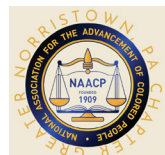
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Emily

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Our partners are critical in helping us to identify motivated, deserving first-generation students who can use the support of Brighter Horizon to achieve their goals of attaining a four-year college degree. We could not do this without their support, and we are proud of our work together.



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BRIGHTER HORIZON FOUNDATION'S 4TH ANNUAL
COLLEGE REVEAL EVENT

SATURDAY | JUNE 3, 2023
6:00PM - 10:00PM

Commonwealth Chateau at Chestnut Hill College
9220 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia



DANIELLE



GISELLE



JAMIE



SABARIN



ZYBREANA

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL CELEBRATION

where we will honor our college Scholars who have worked so hard to achieve their goals, and reveal where our seniors will be attending college in the fall of 2023 as first-generation students!

COME JOIN US!

A fun, casual event in person!
Wear your college alumni or favorite
college team gear!



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