

BRIGHTER HORIZON

EDUCATING THE FIRST GENERATION



THANKFUL FOR YOU! 2023 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,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. On behalf of the Brighter Horizon Foundation, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support during our 4th Annual College Reveal. This year has been nothing short of exceptional, and it's all thanks to you.

Our event, hosted on the picturesque campus of Chestnut Hill College in June, marked another milestone in our journey. As our Scholars navigate the challenges of being first-generation college students, your unwavering support has been a beacon of hope. The resilience and determination displayed by our Scholars continue to inspire not only our team but also their families, mentors and fellow Scholars.

I am thrilled to share that, once again, we surpassed our fundraising goals for the year, having our best year yet with over \$600,000 in revenue. This achievement has allowed us to extend our reach and provide additional crucial wrap-around services in vital areas such as food, housing, and mental health therapies. Your contributions have directly impacted the lives of these young Scholars, offering them essential support as they embark on their educational journeys.

It's important to recognize that research indicates borrowers of color often face significant challenges in education finance, struggling with repayment and having fewer resources, which can have far-reaching consequences on their mental health. Your generosity is instrumental in breaking this cycle of poverty, enabling our Scholars to focus on building a bright and prosperous future.

Since our inception, we have served 66 young scholars, soon to be 72 with our 2024 cohort! By year end 2024, we will have graduated 16 Scholars, helping them to achieve the economic mobility that will lift them, their families and their communities. In 2024, we will be celebrating 7 college graduates from Pennsylvania State University, Williamson College of the Trades, Cornell University, Georgetown University, Temple University and Chestnut Hill College.

Thank you for being an integral part of our mission. Your commitment to the Brighter Horizon Foundation is transforming lives and creating a positive ripple effect within our community. We look forward to keeping you updated on the progress and successes of our Scholars as they continue to thrive. Wishing you joy, good health, and prosperity in the coming year.

Thankful For You,

Yvette Dapremont Bright

President



***"Education is one thing
no one can take away
from you."***



Scholar Myles, Mentor Kenton, Scholars Barry and Emily



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2023 Penn State graduate Giselle

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Scholar Charity (UPENN), BH President Yvette



Mentor Kalice with her Scholar Ruqayyah



2023 High School Scholar James and his mother Kawana

College Graduate Spotlight!



Meet Michaeya

Michaeya is a resident of West Philadelphia, and a 2024 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University. Coming from a family where higher education was once a distant dream, Michaeya defied these odds and paved her own path to success. Raised by her Aunt Colleen, who continued to push her to excel, and acted as her number one supporter,

Michaeya has proved that with the right tools and dedication, barriers can be shattered for future generations. Michaeya's relentless pursuit, coupled with her passion for learning, turned challenges into steppingstones. During her time at Penn State, Michaeya has served as a mentor to incoming freshmen, volunteered at numerous events across campus to promote a healthy transition into a college career, and has recently traveled to Croatia to study public policy and work with students from the University of Zagreb to create new policies that may help the residents of the country. Her achievement is a testament to the power of resilience, hard work, and the pursuit of knowledge. As she steps into the next chapter of her life, Michaeya stands as a beacon of hope, proving that with courage and discipline, anyone can overcome obstacles and reach new heights.



Meet Safiyyah

Safiyyah, a Philadelphia native, is a graduating senior at Cornell University studying Civil Engineering. Since middle school, she has been interested in engineering and at Cornell, she has been able to explore what engineering could look like for her as a career. Throughout Her time in college, Safiyyah has been

heavily involved in her two passions of mentorship and leadership. She has been a mentor for several organizations on campus that focus on the leadership and development of underrepresented engineering students and women on Cornell's campus. These organizations include Building Ourselves Through Sisterhood and Service (B.O.S.S), and The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). Safiyyah has also served on the chapter and regional level of NSBE in roles such as Conference Planning Chair and Membership Chair.

On the professional side, Safiyyah has had the opportunity to intern as a Highway Road Design Engineer with the Detroit Department of Transportation and as a Project Engineer with Gilbane Building Company. Safiyyah will be continuing at Cornell University where she will be completing her master's in Systems Engineering in December 2024. She is looking forward to an exciting career where she can fully utilize her technical as well as business and professional skills in consulting and/or engineering management.



Meet Nasir

Nasir is a lifelong resident of West Philadelphia and currently a senior at Williamson College of the Trades. He had been set on a career in the trades since high school, as he believed there was upside to learning a valuable skill. He credits his little sister, who he says is the rock of his motivation, hoping to inspire her to be dedicated to building a future and pursuing her career aspirations. Williamson College of the Trades has

molded him into an honest man, embodying core values of faith, integrity, diligence, excellence and service.

Over the course of three years Nasir has gained much knowledge in the power plant field such as boiler service, electrical wiring and maintenance/repair, to be fully prepared for whatever field of service he chooses to pursue. He is being highly sought after by many companies and looks forward to making a career choice that aligns with his interests and passions. Aside from his career, he plans to mentor other young African American men who want to enroll at Williamson. He acknowledges the discomfort he experienced of being in a different setting at Williamson and has seen numerous students who let that discomfort get in the way of the great blessing that the school is for him and others. He wants to do his part to help with assimilation to the trade school so they can reap the benefits of a free education and building of character that like Nasir, will allow graduates to have a bright future, but also to give back to their communities.



Meet Carlos

Carlos is a resident of North Philadelphia and a graduate of Philadelphia Virtual Academy in 2020,. He is currently attending Williamson College of the Trades as a senior in Carpentry Technology. He was a volunteer at the Providence Center when he was introduced to Brighter Horizon.

Since moving from Puerto Rico to the United States, he has always dreamed of pursuing higher education, and worked hard in order to support his family as the eldest son. His school days were always packed with finding knowledge on a variety of topics, while also spending time with family and on his hobbies. His love of creating things and working with his hands lead him to the carpentry program.

At Williamson College of the Trades, with the support of Brighter Horizon, he has thrived and continues to pursue his dream of being able to contribute to his community, his family, and Brighter Horizon with his newfound skills and knowledge. He spent time interning with Sparks Exhibits, and he looks forward to completing his career search.

2023 BY THE NUMBERS



\$600,000+
REVENUE



\$15,000+
MEALS, BOOKS,
HEALTHCARE



66
SCHOLARS SERVED
THROUGH 2023



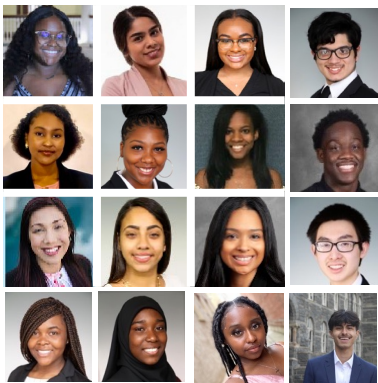
\$300,000+
BH COLLEGE
TUITION



\$20,000+
TUTORING

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SUCCESS METRICS



16
SCHOLARS
WILL HAVE
GRADUATED
BY **FALL 2024**

3
POST-GRADUATE
PROGRAMS

100%
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION RATE



94%
OF BH COLLEGE STUDENTS
MATRICULATE TO THE
SECOND YEAR OF COLLEGE



150+
COLLEGE
ACCEPTANCES
TO DATE

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



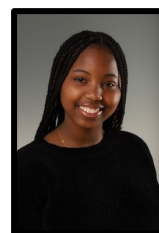
Meet Yohelia

Yohelia is a resident of Northeast Philadelphia and a senior at George Washington Carver High School of Engineering and Science. She immigrated to the United States from the Dominican Republic when she was nine years old. She lives with her mother who never had the opportunity to go to college in her home country and immigrated in hopes that her daughter would have the resources that she never had.

She grew up in a Hispanic household with Spanish as her first language and is the oldest of three children

Yohelia has always had a passion for education and a vision to be a college graduate. Since starting school in America, Yohelia has maintained a 4.0 GPA and taken on multiple rigorous courses such as AP classes, Honors, and dual enrollment. She participates in a multitude of groups in her school community including the National Honors Society, Ethics Bowl, Drama Club, Hispanic Student Alliance, Advisory Council, and Heights. She enjoys being involved with her community and the people that surround her. In addition to her academic endeavors, she enjoys hobbies such as reading, baking, playing the piano, and making tea.

From her formative years, her greatest dream has always been to make her mother's sacrifices mean something, to utilize her given talents and seize every opportunity. With the help of Brighter Horizon, not only will her dreams be attainable, but she will graduate with a college degree, debt free!



Meet Astan

Astan is a resident of Southwest Philadelphia and a senior at George Washington Carver Science and Engineering. With a deep passion for science and a commitment to giving back, Astan has been actively involved in various activities throughout high school.

As the youngest in a family of immigrants from Mali, West Africa, where her father arrived at the age of 19, Astan is driven by the pursuit of a better life for her community, family and herself.

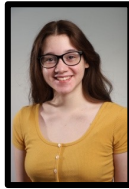
During high school, Astan has excelled as captain of the school's Ethics Bowl team, interned at the Mutter Museum, and participated in projects like Eclose Biotechnology Diabetes Research and addressing issues such as redlining and food deserts through website creation. Engaging in organizations like Coded by Kids and representing students in the UPENN's Philosophy for the Young Foundation, Astan has shown dedication to making a positive impact.

Looking ahead, Astan envisions furthering her education, merging arts and sciences, with a focus on ethical biotechnology, policy, and management. Her journey is shaped by the resilience and aspirations instilled by her immigrant parents, marking a path towards a future where he can contribute meaningfully to the field.

CLASS OF 2028



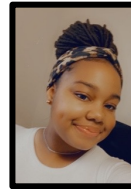
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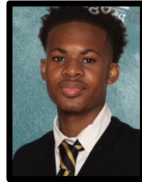
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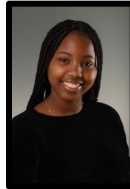
Jonax



Ja'Maiya



Sean



Astan



Malea

PARTNERSHIPS

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 5th Annual COLLEGE REVEAL

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SAVE THE DATE!

Brighter Horizon's 5th Annual
COLLEGE REVEAL EVENT

Saturday | June 1, 2024
6:00 – 10:00 PM

Commonwealth Chateau
Chestnut Hill College
9220 Germantown Ave. Philadelphia PA



Safiyah Myles Darien Carlos Nasir Barry Michaela

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL CELEBRATION
to honor our college scholars, who have worked so hard to
achieve their goals, and reveal where our high school
scholars will attend school in the fall of 2024 as
first-generation college students!



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