



**MINDS MATTER**  
BOSTON

# CLASS OF 2021 IMPACT REPORT

Minds Matter connects driven and determined students from low-income families with the people, preparation, and possibilities to succeed in college, create their future, and change the world.

A four-year program beginning with students in the tenth grade, Minds Matter Boston provides wrap-around services including 2:1 mentoring, professional ACT & writing instruction, access to college-immersion summer programs and personalized college advising, to ensure that these promising students gain college admission and experience college success. This year, we served 149 students in Greater Boston.

## CLASS OF 2021 | OUR STUDENTS

**\$27K**

average family income with 4.3 members in the home

**64%**

will be first generation college students

**1,200**

hours of out-of-school learning each senior received through Minds Matter

## CLASS OF 2021 | COLLEGE BOUND

### Colleges

**100%**

accepted into a 4-year college

College Commitments Include:

American University  
Bates College  
Brandeis University (x2)  
Columbia University  
Northeastern University (x6)  
New York University  
Tufts University (x3)  
UMass Amherst (x4)  
UMass Boston (x4)

**83%**

accepted to a college in Barron's top three selectivity tiers

### Scholarships

**\$1.4M**

awarded in financial aid for the first year of college alone

**92%**

of need met through financial aid and grants

### Alumni

#### Internship & Fellowships

Casma Therapeutics, Inc.  
Frequency Therapeutics  
Generation Bio  
NBCUniversal  
Spectrum Equity  
Takeda Pharmaceuticals  
TCR<sup>2</sup> Therapeutics

**97%**

enrolled in or have graduated from college

**92%**

are working full time or are in graduate school

This year we established the Hardship Fund to ensure menial costs did not stand in the way of students persisting through college.

#### Support Contributed To:

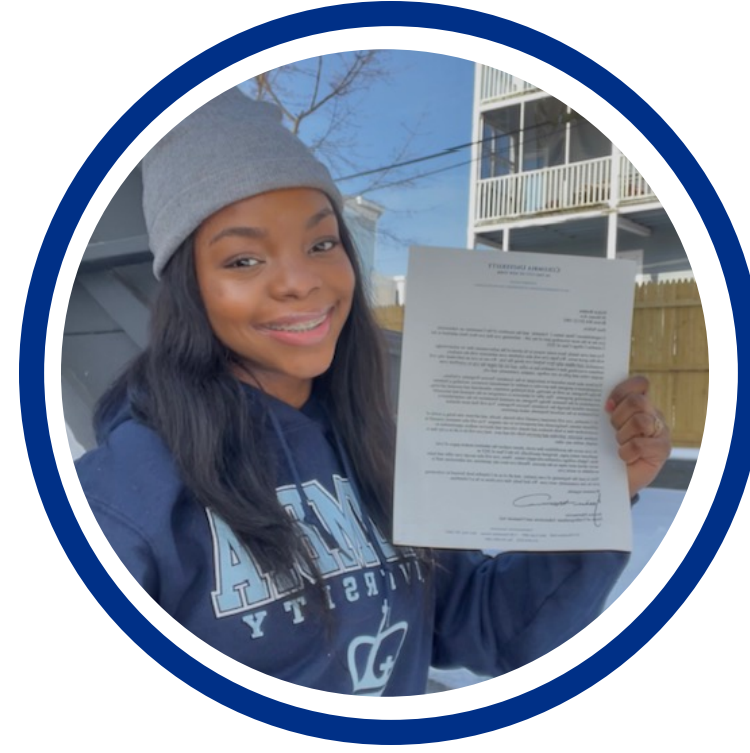
- Rent support during Covid-19
- Emergency laptop replacement
- Study abroad
- Summer college credit

# CLASS OF 2021 | THE MINDS MATTER DIFFERENCE

## College Success

100%

of seniors believe that Minds Matter played a major role in preparing them for college success



"Thanks to my mentors and MMB, I was able to make my dream of attending Columbia University a reality. I have so much I want to achieve and this acceptance is only the beginning."

Nellcie, Class of 2021  
Columbia University

## Enduring Relationships



"My mentors constantly encourage and believe in me when I need it most. I am confident that we have created a lifelong bond that will last far beyond high school."

Ida, Class of 2021  
New York University

97%

of seniors plan to stay in touch with their mentors in college

## Special Opportunities

93%

of seniors felt that their summer program experiences prepared them for college



"Exploring my interest in economics at Harvard University pushed me out of my comfort zone and catalyzed my passion for economics; it is the reason why I will study business in college!"

Karen, Class of 2021  
Brandeis University

## Support During COVID-19



"During the pandemic, MMB supported me with continuous academic and college readiness support. Now I am prepared for college and feel confident in my new environment."

Farah, Class of 2021  
Skidmore College

100%

of seniors said MMB provided an important service during the pandemic and created a safe and stable community for them

## The Minds Matter Ripple Effect

97%

of students reported that their participation in the program had a ripple effect, making them more likely to encourage their friends to go to college

"As a proud MMB alum, it was a no brainer for me to return as a mentor because without this program, I wouldn't be who I am today. I want to ensure that I pay that forward to a student that can also use the academic advice and mentorship that Minds Matter provides."

Enrique, Class of 2015  
Suffolk University '19

77%

of students plan to volunteer with Minds Matter once they graduate from college

