



**MINDS MATTER**  
BOSTON



CLASS OF 2020

# IMPACT REPORT

Minds Matter Boston transforms the lives of accomplished high school students from low-income families by broadening their dreams and preparing them for college success.

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 126 students in Greater Boston.

## CLASS OF 2020 | OUR STUDENTS

**\$26K**

average family income with 4.6 members in the home

**57%**

will be first generation college students

**1,200**

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

## CLASS OF 2020 | COLLEGE BOUND

### Colleges

**100%**

accepted into a 4-year college

**76%**

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

American University  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Dartmouth College  
Emerson College (x2)  
Hampshire College  
Lasell University  
Lesley University  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
Northeastern University (x2)  
Providence College

Saint Anslem College  
Salem State University  
Simmons University  
Skidmore College  
Suffolk University  
UMass Amherst (x4)  
UMass Boston (x4)  
UMass Dartmouth  
UMass Lowell (x2)  
Union College (x2)  
Yale University

### Scholarships

**\$1.4M**

awarded in financial aid for the first year of college alone

Dell Scholars  
Phipps Scholarship  
Posse Scholarship (x3)  
Red Pine Scholarship (x2)

**92%**

of need met through financial aid and grants

# CLASS OF 2020 | THE MINDS MATTER DIFFERENCE

## College Success

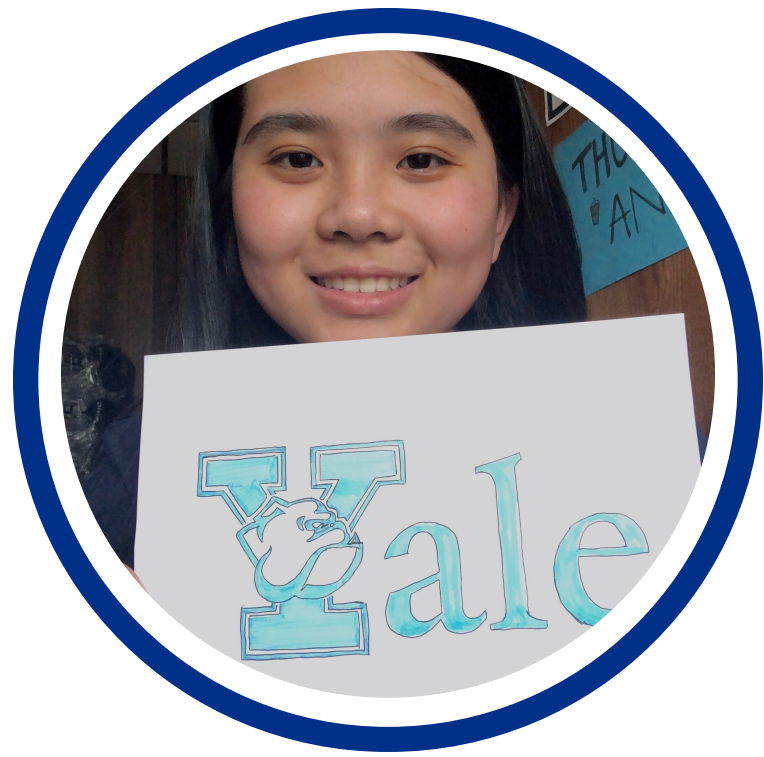
100% of seniors believe that Minds Matter played a major role in preparing them for college success



"MMB gives hope to young people who had the odds stacked against them. This opportunity was truly life changing. I had a whole community of people helping me get to college."

Angie, Class of 2020  
Union College

## Enduring Relationships



"My mentors discovered a light in me that I did not see -- a light that allows me to push beyond my perceived limits. I know they will continue to give me warmth and hope throughout my college journey."

Thuy An, Class of 2020  
Yale University

100% of seniors plan to stay in touch with their mentors in college

## Special Opportunities

100% of seniors felt that their summer program experiences prepared them for college



"I had the opportunity to attend Brown University's summer program, where I explored my academic interests in biology and medicine. That summer experience catalyzed my passion for medicine; it is the reason why I will study pre-med in college!"

Destin, Class of 2020  
University of Chicago

## Support During COVID-19



"MMB helped students navigate a time of uncertainty with ease: we continued our weekly mentoring & advising sessions virtually, and we were provided safe spaces to process the pandemic and express our concerns."

Mia, Class of 2020  
Syracuse University

93% 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

96%

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

"MMB has been a home for me for the past 3 years, and I would love to return to my MMB family as a mentor. The memories, experiences, and, of course, my mentors have had such a positive impact on me. I want to be able to empower a high school student in the same way."

Wilsi, Class of 2020  
Boston University

88%

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

