



**COLLEGE
POSSIBLE™
CHICAGO**

We believe a young person's ability to earn a college degree should be driven by their **talent, motivation and effort** not their income.

THE NATIONAL DEGREE DIVIDE

58% of **upper-income** students graduate from college

12% of **lower-income** students graduate from college

THE ILLINOIS OPPORTUNITY GAP



86% of students live in low-income households

1:665

is the college counselor to student ratio in Illinois



Only 18% of ALL Chicago Public School students graduate from a four-year institution

560

High School Students



325

College Students

48

Local and National Partner Colleges

6

Chicago Partner High Schools

OUR HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERS

Amundsen High School

Lincoln Square Neighborhood

Bowen High School

South Chicago Neighborhood

Lake View High School

Lakeview Neighborhood

Mather High School

West Ridge Neighborhood

Morgan Park High School

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Thomas Kelly High School

Brighton Park Neighborhood

COLLEGE POSSIBLE CHICAGO IMPACT & RESULTS

Average SAT score increase of

↑ 90 POINTS

98%

of last year's seniors were accepted into a four-year college

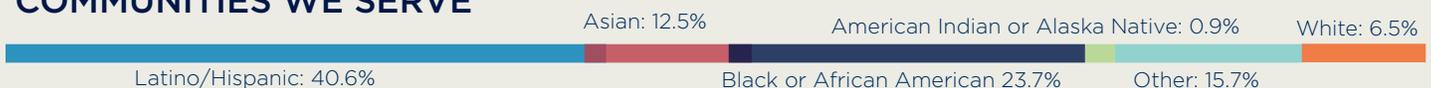
90%

of our 2018 high school graduates enrolled in college

83%

of our first year college students returned for their second year

COMMUNITIES WE SERVE



COLLEGE POSSIBLE NATIONALLY

OUR MISSION

We make **college admission and success** possible for **students from low-income backgrounds** through an intensive curriculum of coaching and support.

18
YEARS
of experience



6 SITES
Chicago, Milwaukee, Minnesota,
Omaha, Philadelphia, Portland

25,000
STUDENTS REACHED
annually nationwide

OUR PROVEN MODEL

We begin working with students from low-income backgrounds during their junior year of high school, meeting with them twice a week after school through their senior year. We continue to support them until they earn a college degree — regardless of where they go or what obstacles they face.



HIGH SCHOOLS

Juniors

- Finding best 'fit' colleges
- Campus visits
- SAT registration and essay strategies
- Application coaching
- College costs and financial aid coaching
- Goal setting

Seniors

- Intensive college application assistance
- Scholarship application coaching
- Financial literacy and aid coaching
- Professional communication and essay skills
- Preparation for transition to college life

High School Grads

- Professional communications
- Continued financial aid coaching
- Academic interests and majors
- Social support systems
- Academic expectations and responsibilities

College Students

- Support through graduation in collaboration with partner colleges
- Connection to campus resources and opportunities
- Ongoing financial aid coaching
- Developing study skills and self-advocacy



6+ YEARS OF SUPPORT

OUR UNIQUE ADVANTAGE



NEAR-PEER MODEL

Our coaches are all **recent college graduates** — with insight into student experiences and the challenges of contemporary higher education.

1/5

OF THE COST

The **AmeriCorps model** allows us to have a dedicated team and operate at a fraction of the cost of comparable government programs.



HIGHLY TRAINED

Coaches participate in an **intensive month-long training course** before entering schools and attend weekly trainings throughout the year.