Thank you to everyone who joined us for the annual Opportunity for Impact! Over 200 guests came together and raised $437,000 to help ensure underserved students have the tools they need to successfully attend and graduate college.

It costs on average $5,000 per student per year to run our programs. The financial success of the evening will significantly impact our ability to help support our existing college completion programs, as well as our ongoing expansion efforts to meet the demand for increased capacity at our El Cajon and Chula Vista locations.

BLCI Board Member and Exclusive Title Sponsor, K. Andrew Achterkirchen (Mr. Andy as he is known to our students) had this to say about the event, “I was inspired by the achievements of the BLCI graduate who will be attending UCLA in the fall and the BLCI graduate who is on a path to get a Ph.D. and the significant impact that BLCI has played in their success. It has reinforced my feelings about the positive impact my tutoring can make in the lives of BLCI students.”

Each year, 100% of students who graduate from BLCI’s College Completion Program enroll in college – but our work doesn’t end there. BLCI prepares underserved students to be the first in their families not just to attend, but to graduate college.

- The national average for college completion is 62%.
- For college students in California, the average is even less at 55%.
- For 1st generation college students, the rate drops down to 34%.
- If you are a 1st generation and qualify as low-income student like that of BLCI’s population, the graduation rate is even lower - down to 21%.

Statistically, BLCI students fall into the category with the lowest expected college completion rate, yet BLCI students have the highest graduation rate at 71% - exceeding the national average for all segments and more than triple the rate of their student counterparts who did not benefit from a program like BLCI.

This is the impact you helped make possible – thank you and we can’t wait for next year!
Thank you to our event sponsors for making an impact and ensuring our students are the first in their families to attend and graduate college.

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