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CEO Update | Back to School with BLCI

I am often asked about BLCI's success rate and how we manage to send 100% of our seniors to college year after year. The simple truth is that there isn't one easy answer. What does stand out is every time I visit our programs, I am amazed at the level of commitment from each of our staff, students, and families to get us to that 100%.

BLCI invests 10 years in students, but in reality, the relationship lasts for life. Our programs start early, in the 3rd grade, because studies show that students who do not read proficiently by third grade are four times more likely to leave school without a diploma than proficient readers. For the worst readers, those who could not master even the basic skills by third grade, the rate is nearly six times greater. Students like ours who are low income and first generation, and have the added challenge of language and literacy, are statistically more likely to drop out of school by 8th grade. BLCI students and their families are driven to succeed despite these obstacles.



So why BLCI? BLCI outlines a path to college and provides the resources and support needed to face the obstacles that come up along the way. BLCI doesn't just help our students get to college, we prepare them to be successful and graduate once they are there. From 3rd grade through college completion, BLCI is here for our students. This is the commitment BLCI makes each year to every student.

This month, BLCI welcomed another new cohort of 3rd graders and like the hundreds of students before them, they will successfully graduate high school and enroll in college. It takes a team, it takes consistency, and it takes dedication. This is how we get to 100%.

Thank you for supporting our students and please consider joining my team for a tour to see what it takes to get to 100%.

Sara Boquin
Chief Executive Officer, BLCI

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
BACK-2-SCHOOL SUPPORT!**

"Thank you for so many wonderful gifts for our students!"
Tom, Chula Vista Manager

"Gracias por el apoyo."
Valentina, El Cajon Student

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Your donations helped BLCI students start the school year with the supplies they needed to get them on the pathway to success. Our partners donated over 100 backpacks, school supplies, swag items, and put on a back-to-school book fair for our families. There's still time to donate school or dorm room supplies - check out the [BLCI Wish List](#) to learn more.

[Dorm Supplies Wish List](#)

[School Supplies Wish List](#)

Why BLCI starts College and Career Readiness in 3rd grade:

1

Around 16% of children who are not reading proficient by the end of the 3rd grade do not graduate from high school on time.

2

For children who were considered poor for at least a year and were not reading proficient, the rate of failing to graduate rose to 26%.

3

For children who were considered poor, lived in neighborhoods of poverty, and not reading proficient, the rate of non-graduating students was 36%.



“Starting BLCI’s College and Career Readiness Program in the third grade is crucial to the students’ success. Many of our students are English language learners so one of our main goals is to help them with their English language development and literacy skills to ensure they are reclassified from English Learners to Fluent English Proficient,” said Evelyn Ugarte, Barrio Logan Elementary School Specialist.

In the College and Career Readiness Program we begin with a cohort of 20 students in the 3rd grade. This program is built upon Academic Support, Behavioral Development, and College Knowledge with Academic Support being the main focus for our Elementary School Program as the 50% of all workshop topics.

Found in a study conducted by Donald J. Hernandez, the above graduation rates directly correlate with reading proficiency levels in the third grade. These stats are eye opening and the reason why we begin our College and Career Readiness Programs at the age of third grade.

Many factors come into play with a student’s ability to graduate high school and obtain a degree as a first-generation student. At BLCI, we want to interject as early as possible and get our students to the level of reading proficiency in the third grade to avoid these statistics. [Support](#) or [visit our programs](#) today and help our efforts to ensure our third graders are reading proficient.

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