



March 2024

## CEO Update | Springtime at BLCI

Each year, BLCI Elementary School students take their first step towards college preparedness when they are asked the simple question, "Who wants to go to college?" The student's response of "We do!" is yelled in unison and the first lesson in college preparedness begins. By instilling a sense of pride and showing that attending college starts with the will to go, BLCI students learn early that higher education is possible. This June, 79 of our students will be graduating high school and preparing to be the very first member of their family to go to college. Thank you for supporting BLCI and helping make these students' dream of education possible.



Springtime is one of the busiest times of year at BLCI as our seniors eagerly await college acceptance letters and start the arduous process of securing financial aid and scholarships. Our juniors are about to embark on their hard earned Nor Cal college tour. Funded entirely with philanthropic support, this trip consists of five packed days of campus visits that help our students determine which college aligns the best with their future and just as important, which ones do not. Whenever possible, BLCI alumni lead the tours or provide a behind the scenes look at campus life from the perspective of a past BLCI student.

BLCI students make many personal sacrifices to attend college and students like Lineth (who is featured below) are getting closer and closer to their dreams of higher education. Lineth beat the odds through hard work and years of dedication to be one of the over 52,250 applicants in 2023 who were granted a coveted spot at Yale University. Lineth, like all the students at BLCI, set goals and knows how to achieve them.

We also have two incredible ways you can support our students this spring, by attending [Opportunity for Impact](#) on May 8th or donating to the newly created [2024 BLCI Scholarship Match](#), thanks to our dedicated supporters Robert & Molly Schulze and San Diego Foundation. Please consider supporting these endeavors and for investing in our students.

*Sara Boquin*

Sara Boquin, BLCI CEO



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## Opportunity for Impact

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Wednesday, May 8th, 2024  
Farmer & The Seahorse, 6-9 PM

### 6:00 - 7:30 PM - Cocktail Hour and Student Reception

Meet BLCI Students and Alumni  
Explore Student Projects  
Enjoy Food Stations and Hors d'oeuvres  
Silent Auction

### 7:30 to 9:00 PM - Event Program

Program Welcome  
Keynote Presentation - BLCI Alumni Representative  
Live Auction  
Senior Class Speaker  
Paddle Raise  
CEO Closing and Acknowledgements

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## \$150,000 Challenge Match in Support of Students Like Lineth



### Student Spotlight | Lineth, BLCI Class of 2024

Shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you land among the stars. When Lineth was a young 3rd grader, this phrase was displayed on the wall at BLCI. The statement resonated with her, and she used it for inspiration, "I took it to heart, I wanted to try the best that I could with everything I pursued to get into my dream school, but even if I didn't I would most likely still attend a great institution." That dedication paid off and Lineth, a current Hilltop High School Senior and participant BLCI's Chula Vista program has achieved a lifelong

goal of being accepted to her number one choice, Yale University. Along with being recognized as the Class of 2024 Valedictorian, Lineth is currently a Gates Scholarship Semifinalist, and she plans to study re-law this fall.

Learn more about Lineth's inspiring story and how BLCI's College and Career Readiness Program helped prepare her to shoot for the stars in this month's Student Spotlight. You can celebrate Lineth's success and support the next generation of leaders by donating to the [2024 BLCI Scholarship Match](#). Made possible thanks to the generosity of a \$150,000 challenge match from Robert and Molly Schulze and San Diego Foundation.

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