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BRONX LACROSSE is a year-round academic and sports-based youth development program with a mission to improve educational opportunities and life outcomes for underserved middle school and high school students in the Bronx.

WE USE LACROSSE TO build community and invest students in school. Our winning mix of programs sets students on the path toward college admission and post-secondary success.

“Bronx Lacrosse made me grow and mature a lot. It made me want to do things even better—schoolwork *and* lacrosse. Being part of Bronx Lacrosse changed how I saw things—it made me believe that anything I set my mind to, I could achieve.”

—DARLENE RODRIGUEZ

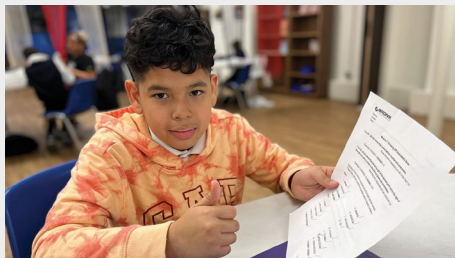
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Gretchen McMahon

ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

through coaching from USA Lacrosse-certified program directors.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

through intensive individualized algebra-readiness tutoring.



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SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

GROWTH through mentorship, team-building, and enrichment experiences.

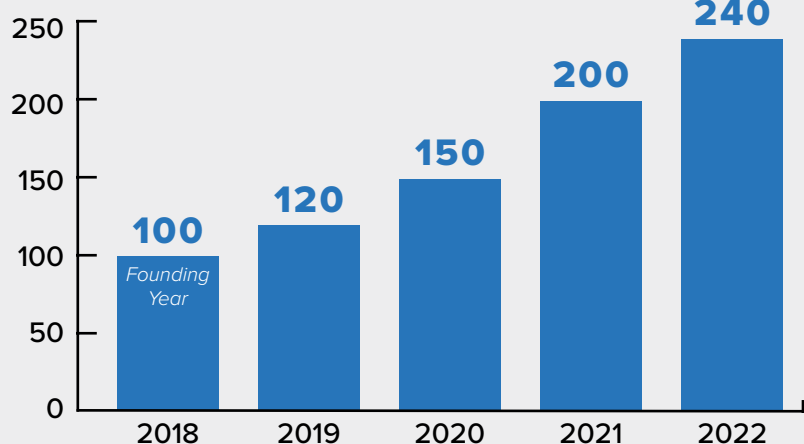


EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

through our High School Application Support and College Inquiry programs, which ensure that our middle school students get into the best possible high schools and, once in high school, have the support to pursue college.

EXPONENTIAL GROWTH IN OUR FIFTH YEAR

INCREASE IN STUDENTS



Despite the pandemic, participation in Bronx Lacrosse has steadily increased since 2020.



LAUNCHED three new academic support programs that position our students to excel in school and strongly compete in the college application process.



INCREASED the number of middle schools and high schools where we deliver intensive academic programming for our student-athletes.



EXPANDED our service-delivery model to engage local students throughout the community, in addition to those we serve onsite at our many partner schools.

ALGEBRA-READINESS TUTORING

In our community, most students fail the Algebra Regents and are placed in remedial math classes that are ineligible for credit—reducing their likelihood of on-time high school graduation and acceptance by a four-year college.

NEW PROGRAM

To address this systemic failure, we created an Algebra-Readiness Tutoring Program that builds fluency in essential topics students must master for the Algebra Regents.

80 HOURS OF INTENSIVE TUTOR SUPPORT FOR 150 STUDENTS THIS YEAR



Chris Medina

“The Algebra-Readiness Tutoring Program helped me feel more assured in my mathematical abilities. My academic performance improved significantly, and I was able to pass my Algebra 1 Regents exam in 8th grade, thanks to the confidence my tutors instilled in me.”

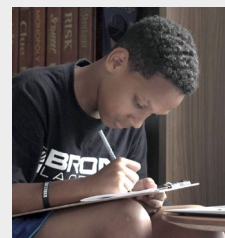
—JAYLIN RODRIGUEZ

COLLEGE ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES

NEW

In September 2022, we launched our College Inquiry Program to guide our students, and their families, through the complexities of exploring and applying to college.

The program provides every Bronx Lacrosse high school student with personal support during all four years of high school—including one-to-one meetings and group workshops on post-secondary options, components of a college application, financial aid, college interview skills, essay prep, and career exploration.



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40 HOURS OF PERSONALIZED COLLEGE-INQUIRY LESSONS

Our College Inquiry Program uses a special curriculum designed in partnership with College Access: Research and Action (CARA), a leader in facilitating college access and persistence among first-generation college students, low-income students, and students of color.

2022 KEY IMPACTS

Like students nationwide, the young people of color we serve have struggled with disrupted learning since the pandemic began, adding to inequities that long preceded the pandemic. Through it all, Bronx Lacrosse has served as an anchor of support, community, and resilience. **That's why our students outperform their peers academically, and why we generated such powerful outcomes in School Year 2021–2022.**

100% OF OUR 8TH GRADERS GRADUATED MIDDLE SCHOOL ON TIME

93% OF RISING 9TH GRADERS WERE ACCEPTED INTO HIGH SCHOOLS WITH GRADUATION RATES OF 85% OR HIGHER

83% AVERAGE GPA

84% MATH GPA



ALGEBRA-READINESS TUTORING PROGRAM participants' endline math assessment scores increased over their baseline scores by **29** percentage-points on average.

WHAT PARENTS SAY

We're proud to share the findings of our 2022 parent survey (one of the many ways we stay in touch with our students' families):

- **98%** of parents said their child's self-confidence improved thanks to Bronx Lacrosse
- **98%** said the Bronx Lacrosse staff knows their child and recognizes their child's academic needs
- **100%** said their child felt connected to peers and mentors through Bronx Lacrosse
- **85%** said their child performed better in math thanks to our Algebra-Readiness Tutoring Program
- **96%** said Bronx Lacrosse's staff supported their child's social and emotional needs



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“ My two boys have fallen in love with the sport of lacrosse, and I have fallen in love with the program. At Bronx Lacrosse, my children are learning a sport with the potential to carry them to college, while gaining skills that will make them solid citizens in the world.”

—MARK JENNINGS, PARENT OF MASON AND MYLES

COMMITTED



A VERY SPECIAL WIN

Winning takes many forms at Bronx Lacrosse. We celebrated a joyous win in December 2022 when Bryce Hall-Knight, a proud Bronx Lacrosse player, was accepted to Tufts University—one of the nation's strongest academic institutions and lacrosse programs.



Bryce plans to major in architectural studies. “I intend on...continuing to pave the way for all future Bronx Lacrosse participants,” Bryce said. “While I'm proud of this accomplishment, I should not be the exception to the norm. There are thousands of students like me in the South Bronx and all of them deserve access to the support and experiences Bronx Lacrosse provides.”

We are thrilled for Bryce, and look forward to seeing many more students experience similar successes with Bronx Lacrosse by their side.

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MarketAxess
New York Life Foundation
Pinkerton Foundation
Spark Youth NYC
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Women's Sports Foundation
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Up2Us Sports
USA Lacrosse
Nike Lacrosse
My Lacrosse Tournaments
Swax Lax
Team 91 Tristate
Trilogy Lacrosse
True Lacrosse



OUR TEAM





Back row (L to R): Dwayne Stewart (Director of Lacrosse), Ethan Frieder (Program Director), Dan Leventhal (Founder and President), Nick Leffler (Senior Program Director)

Front row (L to R): Cole Drozjock (Program Director), Julie Krupnick (Program Director), Chrissy Young (Chief Program Officer), Brianna McCaffrey (Program Director)



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