



Thank you!

With your support, Bottom Line has grown from a small organization serving 25 high school seniors to a regional support network for thousands of students from Boston and Worcester.

Last year, we were able to help nearly 1,100 students get in to college and graduate. We could not have done it without you!



Get In >>>

The resources required to get in to college are not readily available to all students.

While some students receive this essential support from school and family, students from low-income homes or the first generation of their family to attend college have few places to look for help. In response, our College Access Program provides the one-on-one guidance that students need to apply to college.

During 2008-2009, we supported 400 Boston and 74 Worcester high school seniors. Each student was guided step-by-step through the cumbersome college application process, including filling out applications, drafting essays, and applying for financial aid and scholarships.

Since Bottom Line's founding, 98% of our high school seniors have been accepted to college.

In the words of our students...

"While I truly believe in your motto, I have to say that my success so far depends on you too. I am now in a university that I love and having the opportunity to realize all my dreams. I could have done none of it without your help. So I say thank you for the cards, the care packages, the financial aid, the support, and all the other things it would take too long to write. It is good to know that you care."

—Myriam Charles-Pierre,
Boston College '11



Graduate >>>

There are many obstacles that can cause a student to drop out.

To help them **DEAL**, our College Success Program assists students with earning a **Degree**, gaining **Employment**, maintaining financial **Aid**, and managing **Life's** unexpected events.

Last year, 610 college students received Bottom Line's support. In our 13-year history, 72% of our college students have graduated in six years or less.



Go Far>>>

Our graduates seek higher degrees, build meaningful careers, and lead fulfilling lives.

Natacha Cesar grew up in a single-parent, low-income home in Boston, where she helped care for her five younger siblings. She first came to Bottom Line as a John D. O'Bryant High School senior.

She was determined to attend a competitive school and applied to Boston College (BC), Holy Cross, and Trinity, among others. She began attending BC through their Options Through Education program during the summer of 2005.

While at BC, Natacha studied Art History and Political Science and interned at Bingham McCutchen through the Boston Lawyers Group, one of Bottom Line's internship partners. With hard work and the necessary guidance, Natacha successfully balanced classes, jobs, and family commitments to graduate on time.

She is now enrolled in a fifth-year program at BC to earn a Masters Degree in Education. She has two teaching assistantships and plans to attend law school in the future.

Preparing for their careers...

Last summer, Ina Duka interned at Draper Laboratory. She worked on two projects for the Navy and was able to gain hands-on experience in Microelectronics.

Ina says walking into the lab each day and knowing how to use different technologies boosted her confidence. Through the internship, she further developed a passion for her major, Electrical & Computer Engineering. Now a sophomore at WPI, she hopes to work at Draper again next summer.

