



At Waukegan to College, our mission is to create brighter futures for first-generation students, their families, and their community by preparing students to enroll in and graduate from a four-year college or university.

Program Model



We serve first-generation students from 5th grade through college graduation. We have a holistic approach that integrates the family, health and well-being, as well as academic support and advising. We believe in the potential and resilience of every student to achieve their dream of a brighter future.

What we offer:



College Readiness

- Individual advising & success planning
- Tutoring and math & reading enrichment
- Workshops for the whole family (academic, mental health & well-being, life skills)
- College visits & field trips (cultural, career & educational)



College Access

- Mentoring (begins in 9th grade)
- Standardized test prep (SAT)
- College research & 1:1 advising
- College and scholarship essay support
- College and scholarship interview prep
- Financial aid support & financial literacy



College Persistence

- Campus in-person visit to every freshman
- Monthly wellness and academic check-ins
- Graduation Network Coaching (mentoring)
- Internship leads and corporate pipelines
- Career exploration opportunities

Our impact



Since our inception
in 2009...

78

College
Graduates

600+

student &
families in
our program

2021-2022 School Year...



total student in
our programs



College applications
submitted



College
acceptances



high school graduates



college graduates

\$13,812,590

in scholarships offered

Our core values

Equity

access, opportunity, and inclusivity

Relationships

local focus, family, and community

Collaboration

work together; everyone does
their part

Ambition

strive for excellence, dare to
dream

Leadership

accountability, self-advocacy, and
influence

Get involved...Be the Change!

- **Volunteer** as a tutor, including homework help, math and literacy support, or essay coach
- **Invest** in a young person's future and become a mentor from high schoolers all the way through college graduation!
- **Refer** Waukegan students and families to us
- **Share.** Help us spread the word! Follow and engage with us on social media.
- **Donate.** All of our wraparound support to students is free to our families, so we need your support to keep going!



Maurice Davison

Class of 2026
Butler University
Pre-med

the future...

Our vision is to help more students like Maurice, with a goal to support 1,000 scholars by 2029...advocating for those 1,000 dreams to come true for our young people and their loved ones.

1000 students | 1000 dreams