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Jemal Davis | Facilities & IT Coordinator

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Clarece Hicks | Intake Specialist

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Mercy Howard | Student Support Coordinator

Raheem Howard | Instructor

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Shaina Kapeluck | Instructor

Amanda Labrador | Director of Communications

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Lorna Laster Jackson | Community Outreach Coordinator

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Valerie Curtiss West | Salesforce Admin Support

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Dan Waters | Instructor

Jelani Wilson | Student Support Coordinator - ESL

Samira Woods | Instructor

Christine Zopf | Instructor

DEAR GRADUATES,

On behalf of the entire Beyond Literacy community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on successfully completing our challenging education and career training programs!

Your Journey

Your path to graduation has not been easy. While balancing multiple jobs, raising children, and supporting your families and communities, you chose to invest in your future. Your hard work, determination, and resilience have brought you here today. Whether you've earned U.S. citizenship, mastered the English language, obtained valuable workforce credentials, or achieved your high school equivalency diploma, your remarkable achievements have paved the way for a future filled with endless possibility.

Your Next Steps

As our esteemed graduates, you will always be cherished members of the BeLit family. We encourage you to give back by becoming a peer mentor to new learners or consider advancing your education through our graduate program pathways and workforce training programs leading to in-demand, high-wage industry careers. Whatever path you choose next, remember that we are here to support and celebrate your continued success.

Our Gratitude

We deeply appreciate your trust in us to guide your educational journey. Your success story will inspire and motivate hundreds of other adult learners to pursue and achieve their goals. We are incredibly proud of you, our exceptional Class of 2024!

With best wishes for your future,



Kimmell Proctor, BeLit CEO



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Class of 2024 Grads

High School Equivalency



Jasir Alexander	Rosemary Ezinwa	Mia Maleno	
Camilia Al-Rokh	Tameika Floyd	Valencia Mitchell	
Prince Allah	Mikel Gibbs	Jonathan Norman	
Kim Black	Maureen Goldson	Carlos Oquendo	Fatima Simbala
David Bradley	Nancy Gordon Turner	Kimyatta Pepples	Jalen Simmons
Iyana Brown	Nancy Houser	Steven Puntiel	Fassyiyah Taylor-Gardner
Christella Burrows	Joseph Montanez	Abdur Rahman Hucks	Anthony Vale
Tamara Dear	Christian LeBron	Jontaye Reavis	Aleisha Wilson
Mamadou Alpha Diallo	Aaron Lchetto	Jordan Robbins	Corwin (Sean) Willis
Bianca Diaz	Samantha Lopez	Diane Rouse-Marion	Xa'Vier Wynder

English Language & U.S. Citizenship

Wadeline Bein Aime	Sophia Eliezer	Olesia Nakonechna	Frantz Toussaint
Nedda AlHoranny*	Aziaa Eljinyani*	Salome Neskorodova	Aziza Ulibakova
Waldo Jon Baptiste	Fabiola Fils	Urmi Nurjahan*	Maria Enriqueta Vazquez
Amadou Boiro	Vicente Gonzalez*	Beatriz Pelaez	Jingfang Wang
Hayat Boukhlik*	Olena Horoshko	Esraa Rabya	Mohamed Yagoub
Kristina Butsko	Fatumata Jabateh*	Elena Riazanova	Hamida Yahmi
Katiria Castro	Mona Jeanty	Liubov Rodionova	Yi Zhang
Somia Chakkam*	Timurlan Karaketov	Johanna Roman-Guigni	
Zhao Chen	Aleksandr Khorolskii	Alexey Sedik	*Designates U.S.
Maimouna Coulibaly*	Madane Konate*	Natalia Senchovskaia	Citizenship
Samba Diaby	Ritha Lazard	Bilgin Solak	
Amayel Diagne*	Irma Magana	Ezzaki Souad*	
Hipolito Dormy*	Anna Morro	Judithe Sylvain	

Workforce Programs

Pre-Apprenticeship

Brighton Golphin
Jaleel Harley
William Johnson
Juan Kelley
Akeem Monroe
Joseph Montanez
Kimyatta Pepples
Siani Rodriguez
Lionel Smith
Hasson Sutton
Jaider Urrea
Martel Williams
Trey Williams
Fatir Womack

Sayfadeen Day
Shawn Dejesus
Qiyaam Edgefield
Beikim Gaines
Christopher Gains
Donavon Harrison
Ian-Wendell Lipford
Justin Perry
Francis Rodriguez
Recep Sonmezsoy
Melvin Soto
Tamir Thompson
Tariq Thompson
Tino Uch
Kevin Williams

Xa'Vier Wynder

CAST-Test Prep

Alexander Berrios
Jordan Brendan
Lakia Butler
Christopher Crawford
Erik Davis
Tonya Diggs
Michael Emfinger
Brighton Golphin
Juan Kelley
Matthew Lotkowski
Khalid McDaniel
Joe Montanez

Jeffrey Parker
Sofiane Smaili
Daniel Snyder
Muhammad Sylla
Jaider Urrea
Rayza Villa

TECH- Test Prep

Jack Banks
Taj Bland
Brendan Jordan
Enrique Sanchez

Kim Black



"I can do anything

I put my mind to."

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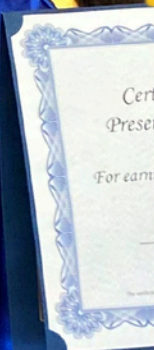
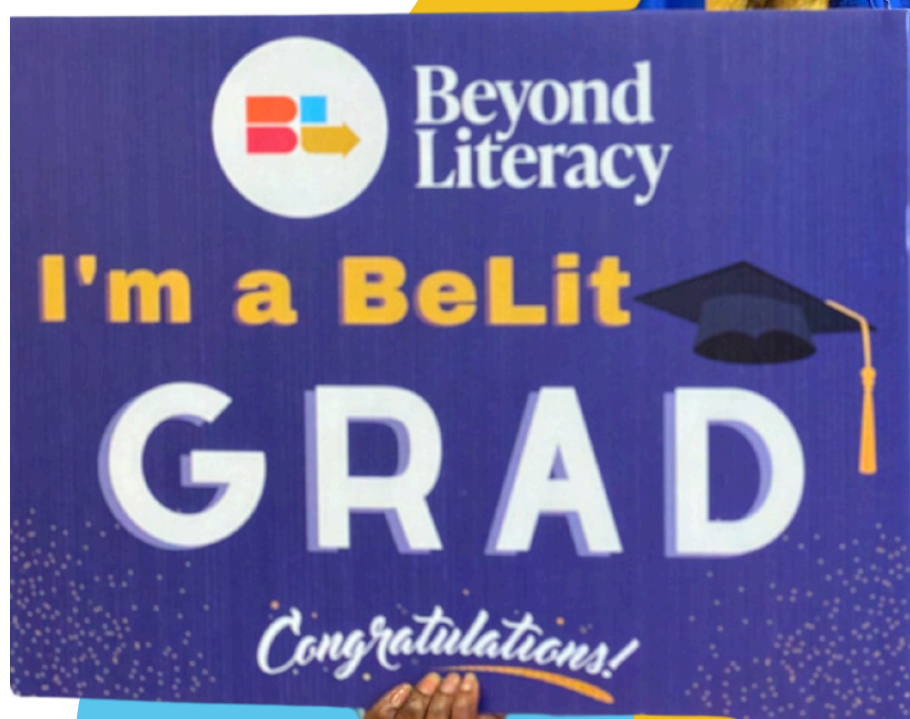
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Christella Burrows

"Earning my High School Diploma is so important to me because I needed to prove to myself I can do anything that I put my mind to."



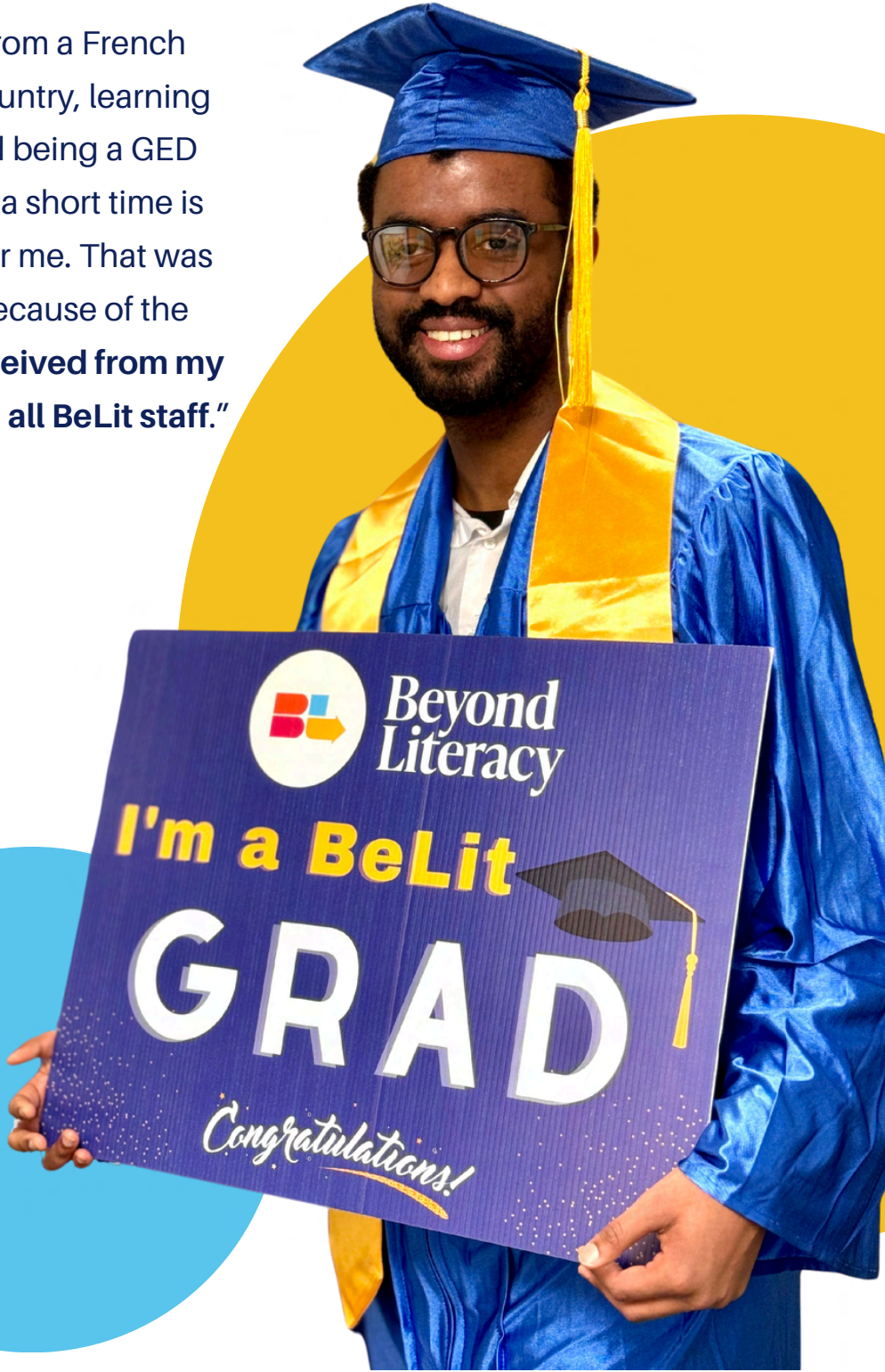
*“My advice to current learners is to **lay your fears and ego aside.** Take advantage of the resources that are made available to you by BeLit.”*

Tamara Deair



Mamadou Alpha Diallo

“Coming from a French speaking country, learning English and being a GED graduate in a short time is incredible for me. That was possible because of the support I received from my teachers and all BeLit staff.”



Bianca Diaz



**Mikel
Gibbs**



Maureen Goldson



"I had a lot of obstacles and hurdles to jump, but no matter how hard, I knew I had to push through."

Nancy Gordon Turner



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Valencia Mitchell



*I promised my mom I would one day complete my high school education, **so I did it!!!!***

Joseph Montanez



Jonathan Norman

*"I want to show my boys
that **education is the key**
to a good life."*



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**Jordan
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Diane Rouse-Marion

"Never give up! Stay focused and always think positive thoughts."



Jalen Simmons



Fassiyah Taylor-Gardner



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Aleisha Williams

“Earning my high school diploma is important to me so I can lead by example for my son. It’s been my first life accomplishment. I’ve had quite the struggles trying to get there and now I’m here.”



Xavier Wydner

"This is something I always wanted to accomplish. It's never too late to get your GED."



Waldo Baptiste



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**"Completing this program is so important
because now I can express myself
better in another language."**

Katrina Castro



Zhao Chen

*"I had many
chances to **learn
more knowledge**
about the English
language through
this program."*



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Samba Diaby



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“Completing this program is important to me because good English language skills can open up exciting new opportunities and help me reach my full potential, whether for work, travel, or simply personal understanding.”

Sophia Eliezer



Fabiola Fils

"This program was so important for me, because as an immigrant, learning English can help me to adapt easily in this new universe of possibilities and it can help me to connect with more people from all the world who speak English."



Mona Jeanty

"I really appreciate the time I spent in this class. It helped me achieve my goal to study in college."



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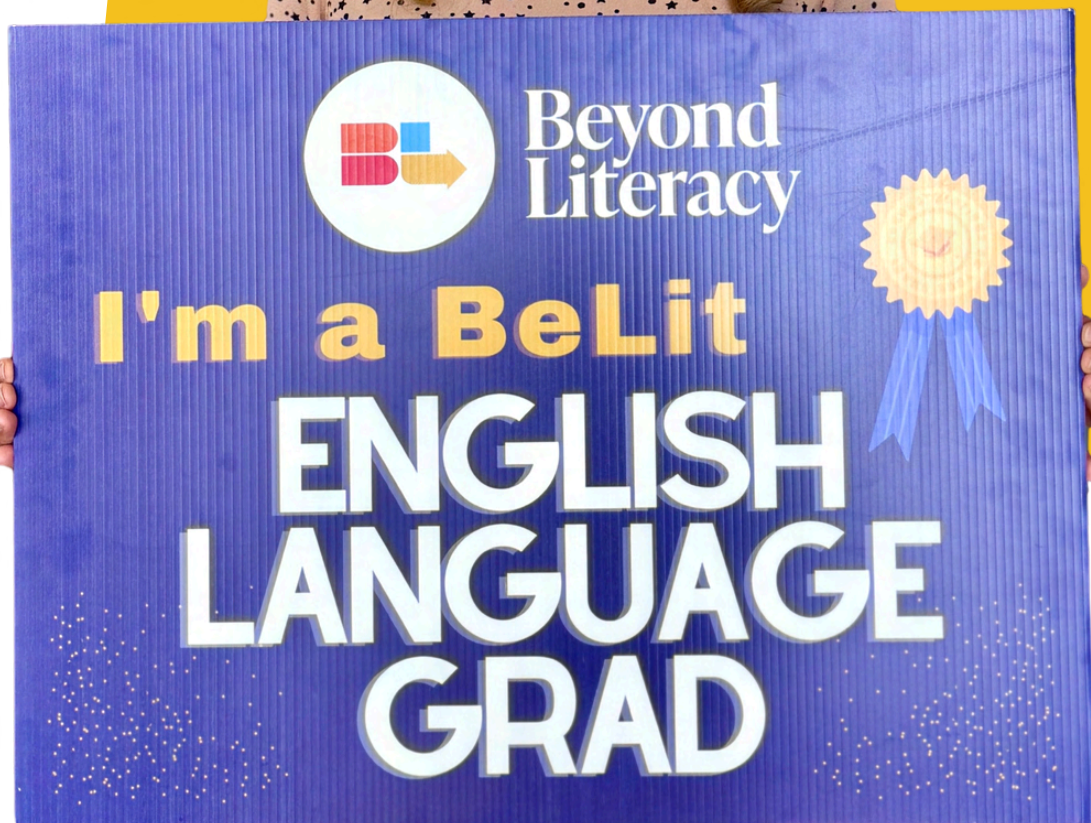


*"It was **very important to start speaking English** in my everyday life."*

Anna Moro



Olesia Nakonechna



Johanna Roman-Guigni

"I learned a lot of new things. I was able to get a good job, get my certificate, all thanks to BeLit. I also made a lot of new friends."



Natalia Senchovskaia

"I discovered that I'm more capable and resilient than I initially thought."



"This program was so helpful for me to understand English. I learned that if I believe in myself, I can do whatever I want."

Bilgin Solak



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Judithe Sylvain

"Be positive and don't give up."



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Mohamad Yagorb



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"Wherever you come from and whatever your age, don't stop learning and don't give up."

Hamida Yahmi



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Thanks to our Special Guests from the Graduation Celebration!

Featuring Master of Ceremonies,

Miguel Martinez-Valle

Miguel joined NBC10 and Telemundo62 in December 2017. Since then, he has become an active part of the community and has fallen in love with the Greater Philadelphia area and its people.



Honored Guest & Community Partnership Award Recipient

Broderick D. Johnson

With over three decades of experience as an attorney, policy advisor and strategist, Mr. Johnson joined Comcast as Executive Vice President, Public Policy and Digital Equity. He has served under two U.S. Presidents as Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs in the Clinton Administration and as Assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary for the Obama Administration.



Visit BeLit's website to view event photos and the Class of 2024 Tribute Video featuring a special message from

Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl Champ & Social Justice Advocate

Malcolm Jenkins



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Congratulations, graduates!
Your dedication and
perseverance shine brightly.
As a board member, I'm
immensely proud. Best wishes
for your future endeavors!
-Dinesh Indala

Your determination has
turned the page to a
new chapter. May your
stories be bold and your
achievements grand.
Congratulations!
-Pratik & Neha Butala

*Congrats
you did
it*

Congratulations to the class of 2024!
What a major accomplishment this
is. Best of luck as you continue your
journey of lifelong learning!
-Ivy McDaniels

Congratulations! -Mike McCourt

Wishing you the success you deserve
after putting in the necessary work to
improve your life, and the lives of
those around you! -Julia Geha

Congratulations Graduates! Your hard
work and determination have paid off.
-Denise Cifelli & Sam Vrooman

Graduations are commencements....
beginnings. My heartfelt congratulations
on completing your course; I know you
will live up to your dreams and fulfill our
hopes for you. - Barbara Halpern

Congratulations to the Class of 2024!
-Stephen J. Fitzmartin



Congratulations to the Class of 2024, You did it! This is the beginning and not the end. This is the time where your dreams take flight, your hard work starts to pay off, and the future becomes a canvas for your aspirations and endeavors. -**Dr. Erica Patterson**

All our best wishes to the graduates for a wonderful future!

-**Barbara and Jerry Kaplan**

GREAT JOB!

Congratulations graduates! Your dedication and persistence paid off! Keep working hard to achieve your goals!
-**Michelle Grimley**

You worked hard and you did it!!! Congratulations and Good Luck as you move to next step of your life.

-**Carol Saline**

Congratulations. The good news is that this is just the beginning of a fuller, richer life. -**Paul Rathblott**

Woohee!

Congratulations, BeLit graduates, families, and friends! We celebrate your achievement and all those who support you on your learning journey.

-**Ray & Ashley Del Bianco**

Congratulations graduates, on your extraordinary accomplishment! You are the very reason that I am so proud to be a part of this amazing organization! Go and be great!
-**Julie Jones**



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Congrats, BeLit Graduates!



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2023-2024

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For information, visit www.beyondliteracy.com/yfab

Special Board Member Appreciation



Enrico Crispo

Beyond Literacy Founding Board President

Enrico, on behalf the entire BeLit team, thank you for your outstanding leadership and dedication as our Founding Board President. Your vision, commitment, and tireless efforts have made a lasting impact on our community.

As you transition to Board Vice-President, we are grateful for your continued involvement and support. Your wisdom and experience will remain invaluable.

Beyond Literacy Founding Board Governance Chair

Bob, sincerest thanks for your exceptional service and sage guidance which have helped establish and uphold the high standards that define our organization.

As you step off the board, we are immensely grateful for your outstanding contributions and for remaining a vital part of our community as a devoted volunteer tutor. Your passion and ongoing support will continue to inspire and make a meaningful difference in the lives of our learners.



Bob Young



Our Gratitude to BeLit's outgoing Board Members for your dedicated service:

Dinesh Indala
Michael McCourt

Keisha Moore
Kyle Straub

Malcolm Yates
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You're ready to
make a difference
and so are we.

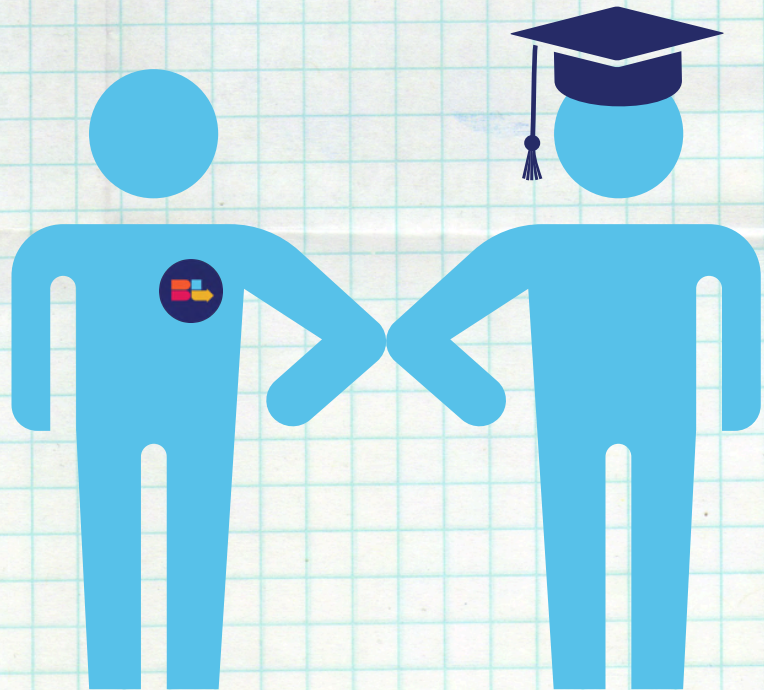
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