

# THE BOSS REPORT

BUSINESS OF STUDENT SUCCESS

## SUMMER ACADEMY

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Thank You  
to our LB Gives Donors!

Seventy-five BOSS scholars joined us this year for another fantastic Summer Academy!

In addition to daily fortification in math and language arts ahead of the new school year and activities around our foundational pillars, our middle schoolers were exposed to AI and machine learning, the beginning of a process to empower them with valuable skills for future careers, fostering innovation, critical thinking, and opportunities for them to ultimately shape technology in ways that reflect their unique perspectives and experiences.

Our high schoolers were exposed to Python to provide them with a foundational skill in programming, enabling them to develop applications, automate tasks, analyze data, and ultimately launch careers in software development, data science and artificial intelligence!



Sprinkled in were amazing field trips (Port of Long Beach, Alienware Training Facility for Team Liquid, Lakers Clinic) and programming delivered by BOSS mom **Kim Faulkner-Camacho, Ed.D** to prevent and/or mitigate the impacts of ACEs, toxic stress and trauma.

[View the Summer Academy 2024 video](#)

Rounding out the experience were guest speakers who joined in person and virtually: **Nadia Brooks** Contracts Administrator Goldenvoice Festivals - **Michael Cooper** Mindset Coach - **Bill Duffy** NBA Agent - **Chavanté "Tae" Flakes** Booking Manager Global Touring Goldenvoice - **Taji Hardwick** Talent Buying Assistant Goldenvoice - **Marcus Johnson** Talent Buyer Goldenvoice.

[View the Summer Academy slide show](#)


# LONG BEACH GIVES

We are thrilled to have raised over \$90,000 through our Long Beach Gives fundraiser in September!

With the gifts made, we will be able to continue providing resources and support to ensure that all of our BOSS scholars move from passenger to driver in their life's journey.


*A special thank you to Greg and Jodi Perlman from The Change Reaction for their matching grant of \$25,000!*

We are proud to have hit the incredible achievements listed below.



**PRIZE WINNERS  
FOR MEDIUM ORGANIZATIONS**  
Most Dollars Raised  
Most Peer Pages  
Most Unique Donors to a Peer Fundraiser Profile

**THREE BOSS BOARD MEMBERS AMONG  
TOP 10 PEER PAGE TOTALS**  
#1 Everett Glenn  
#5 Ryan Delaney  
#7 Robert Gustavis



September 19, 2024

## Congrats to our Top 10 Student Fundraisers!

- Zaid Jenkins \$1,750
- Nathaniel Carpenter \$1,200
- The Camacho Brothers \$1,000
- Jeff Martinez \$1,000
- Angelo Santos \$1,000
- Nigel Cooper \$650
- Oliver Roberts \$600
- Connor Burnett \$575
- Jayden Allen \$550
- Joshua Pearson \$545

**PRIZE WINNERS**  
Most Dollars Raised  
by a Nonprofit



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# LIVING THE BOSS PILLARS

## Economically BOSS

The recipient of this year's Economically BOSS award, **Marcus Ricard**, was among several BOSS scholars who were accepted to attend job shadowing days sponsored by TiE Orange County (a non-profit group with a mission to foster entrepreneurship in our community). He encourages other BOSS scholars to take advantage of this type of career exposure:



I am extremely grateful for being able to have been given an opportunity to attend TYEOC Shadow Days. Attending these shadow days, I was exposed to things of my interest such as trading the financial markets and real estate. Being at these events I was able to network and connect with like-minded individuals while learning and gaining real life experiences in the world of finance & real estate. I would 100% recommend this program to anybody that is serious and passionate about becoming an entrepreneur, you won't regret it!

## Emotionally BOSS

In July, two BOSS scholars and their dads joined seven other young men and their dads for a MenTORS Experience hosted by actress Dawnn Lewis at TopGolf in El Segundo. BOSS scholar **Connor Burnett** shared his experience:

I had an amazing time at TopGolf with my dad. It was a great opportunity for us to step out of the house and enjoy some fun activities together. We got to practice our swings, compete in friendly games, and simply enjoy each other's company. The experience was not only entertaining but also educational. I learned a lot about the game of golf, which I had never known about. Being outside and active was refreshing, and it allowed me to bond with my dad in a way that we don't often get to do at home.

What made the day even more special was meeting actor Dondré Whitfield. He shared valuable tips on how to improve our golf game and offered insightful advice about life. He explained how golf and life have many similarities, like the importance of patience, focus, and perseverance. Hearing these lessons from him was eye-opening and made me think about both golf and life in new ways. My dad and I were both inspired by his words, and it was a moment that brought us even closer. Overall, it was an unforgettable day that left a lasting impression on both of us.



BOSS scholar **Elijah Bond** was the 5th grade winner for the California Association of American Mothers contest with his essay, "What my Mother means to Me." Listen to [this podcast](#) about his award-winning essay.

## Mentally BOSS

From **Khalil Berry-Spencer**, a BOSS Coach and fifth-year mechanical engineering student at Cal State Long Beach:

During the summer of 2024, I participated in a study abroad program at Hanyang University in Seoul, Korea, studying “Heat Transfer Systems” and “Introductory Korean.” I decided to participate in this study abroad for a variety of reasons: to accelerate my Korean learning whilst living in the country, to gain college credits, and to experience what life is like outside of North America. The study abroad experience benefited me in several ways. For example, I learned to love Korean food and, as a consequence, spicy food. Tangentially, as a result of microwaves and ice packs being uncommon in Korea, I learned how to navigate a daily eating routine non-reliant to those facilities that I maintain today. Additionally, I also learned how to navigate a country in which the native language isn’t English, which was my biggest concern before going especially since my previous study abroad experience was in the UK. My Korean studies also accelerated exponentially; I learned more in the six weeks living in Korea than in the other six months I have partaken in personal studies. And of course, I have made quite a few friends both native to Korea and from the program that further enriched my Korean and engineering studies. In summary, this study abroad program has been transformative for my emotional well-being, academic prospects, and personal language learning ambitions, and highly recommend all students to make a strong effort to study abroad at some point.



## Physically BOSS

At the Long Beach Jazz Festival held in August, BOSS hosted a table in the Health & Wellness Pavilion where **Everett Glenn** spoke on a panel. The theme this year was “A Healthy Taste of Jazz” and provided opportunities for festivalgoers to nourish the mind, body and soul.

**Thank you to these amazing organizations  
for the grants that help us grow!**

The Change Reaction  
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Bella Canvas/Alo Yoga  
Los Angeles Rams

## Socially BOSS

Junior **Evan Williams**, recipient of this year's Socially BOSS award, had the honor of serving as co-host for the Rams' annual Kickoff for Charity event in August with the entire 2024 Rams roster and Coach Sean McVay in attendance. Proceeds from the event benefited the L.A. community through the Rams Foundation. Evan recently interned at the Rams 2024 Training Camp presented by UNIFY Financial Credit Union through the team's partnership with the LA Promise Fund.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Freshman **Nathaniel Carpenter** was handpicked by the Director of Admissions at Serra High School to be an Ambassador for the school.

Junior **Angelo Santos**, the recipient of this year's Emotionally BOSS award, is an accomplished violinist who was accepted into the 2024 Los Angeles Youth Philharmonic Orchestra Summer program. This audition was open to the entire world, and only 30 violin students were accepted. Click [here](#) to watch the LAYP performance at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in July. You can catch glimpses of Angelo in videos 1, 2, 5 & 19.



Recipient of a four-year, full-tuition scholarship from the Posse Foundation, BOSS alum **Marley Barrow** arrived at Kalamazoo College in August.

A transfer student, BOSS alum **RJ Jenkins** shares his first moments at Morehouse College where he'll be studying engineering and playing baseball. Click [here](#) for a video of RJ showing off the campus.



*If you have a student achievement you'd like to share, please email Jennifer Alexander at [jalexander@bossprograms.org](mailto:jalexander@bossprograms.org)*

## BOSS TALKS & BOSS SATURDAYS

We had some inspiring BOSS Talks (virtual) and BOSS Saturdays (in person) before the end of last school year, and we picked up right where we left off this new school year!

**March 16th** Carlos Fleming, Senior Vice President of Talent Management – WME/IMG Representing clients such as Venus & Serena Williams and Cam Newton, Carlos talked about how he rose the ranks from being an intern to negotiating high-profile endorsement deals.

**March 30th** Deloitte gave an overview of potential future careers in professional services and accounting.

**April 13th** BOSS alumni currently in college shared their wisdom, hope and experience with our middle and high schoolers, including how their utilization of our foundational pillars and Good to Great principles are helping them navigate their landscape successfully. [BOSS Saturday: Alumni Panel \(youtube.com\)](#).

**April 27th** BOSS Scholars were joined by a group from the Bridge Builders Foundation to learn more about the BOSS Pillars and Good to Great Storytelling.

**May 10th** Former NFL great turned successful businessman Ronnie Lott discussed how discipline can impact your life in positive ways. [BOSS Talk Featuring Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott 5/10/24 \(youtube.com\)](#).

**June 8th** Our scholars learned from HSBC Bank financial experts about the importance of having a plan with your money, budgeting, investing and saving.

**September 14th** Dr. Jacqueline Sanderlin served over 30 years as an educator, curriculum specialist, assistant principal, and principal among other positions. She discussed strategies for landing the job including developing skills, managing expectations and gaining resources for a successful opportunity.

**September 21st & October 19th** We had a two-part college prep series with College Access Partnership: Exploring College Options and Overview of College Admissions. There were helpful breakout sessions based on the students' grade levels.

**October 5th** Financial experts from US Bank spoke with our scholars about assets, equity, net worth, credit, loans and much more to get them prepped to build a strong financial future.

## CAREER EXPOSURE & NETWORKING

### Visit to The Bolt

In partnership with The Alliance, 15 BOSS scholars were treated to an exclusive experience at The Bolt—the new training facility in El Segundo for the Chargers. They learned about careers at a professional sports organization, toured the facility and enjoyed watching the team practice.



## A WORD FROM OUR LEADER

Looking at the future for our boys through the lens of the political landscape constantly reminds us that our democracy is worth fighting for. Each of us has the ability to take part in creating a world where an active democratic culture fuels positive change. At BOSS, we remain committed to advancing these ideals and empowering the next generation of leaders to create a more just and equitable world.

That's why we're creating safe spaces for young men of color, ensuring they have access to education, training young leaders to bring change home, and developing resources and supports to be a hub to change the dynamic.

Thanks to generous supporters like you, we can inspire, empower and connect people to change their world.

All of us here at BOSS believe in a world where active citizenship fosters a culture of democracy and fuels positive change. This is not only possible but essential. Your gift today can help create a more equitable world—and be a part of the work to fight for our democracy.

Will you join us by making a gift today?

-BOSS, where we're in the Business Of Student Success

Read the latest article about BOSS!

Kindness 2024: BOSS nonprofit inspires Long Beach's next generation of young Black, Brown boys

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