



ITAKESA VICACIE 17 YEARS OF IMPACT





2007 Khali Sweeney opens the Downtown Boxing

Gym (DBG) on Detroit's east side, creating the type of safe, nurturing environment he wished he had as a kid. Our first location was in a former car wash on St. Aubin. Khali built the program from the ground up, then word of our mission began to spread and our team and supporters grew.





supporters, DBG purchases its 27,500 square foot building at 6445 E. Vernor Highway on Detroit's east side and officially moves in. The building is a former bookbinding factory. Fitting, since literacy was the cornerstone of DBG's foundation and remains an essential part of the program today.

2024 + BEYOND 3 DBG has a dynamic team of 60 employees, complemented by dedicated

STORYTELLING

& MEDIA

20K+

REPLICATION SITES

STUDENTS IN

PROGRAM

250

volunteers and transformative partnerships to drive our measured impact. Our growing staff allows lasting bonds with students and families extending far beyond the program. As we continue our exciting trajectory of growth, we remain laser-focused on effectiveness, ensuring every expansion amplifies our mission while maintaining the proven track record of systemic change in our communities.

> **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS** 200+

SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT 70 +

WELLNESS

Daily Meals

Transportation

Mental Health

Family Support

FAMILY SUPPORT

SERVICES & ENGAGEMENT

400+

NETWORK

350+

NEIGHBORHOODS

50+

ENRICHMENT

STEAM Programs

Summer Camps

Workforce Development

Internships & Externships

DBG IMPAGT DBG's core youth program anchors a vibrant ecosystem that strengthens families, schools, and neighborhoods. We are weaving a network of support

that touches tens of thousands across Detroit and beyond. Through direct service, partnerships, and shared stories, these ripples of change transform neighborhoods and build stronger communities. EACH DBG STUDENT RECEIVES

A HYPER-PERSONALIZED SUPPORT PLAN: **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** LIFE SKILLS **Leadership Training**

1:1 Tutoring

1:1 Intervention - Math & Literacy

College & Career Readiness Test Prep, Admissions Support, Financial Aid,

Fit & Match For Post-Secondary Education

Mentorship Program

Athletic Discipline Community Service

Social-Emotional Control

For almost two decades, DBG has built deep connections with students YEAR-OUER-YEAR

student's unique journey - their challenges, opportunities, and dreams. By staying responsive to our community's needs and adapting our support

and their families, measuring our impact through annual evaluations and

ongoing dialogue. This longitudinal approach allows us to understand each

Students' belief they can accomplish something that is both important to them and can have a positive impact on the world around them. DBG students show a significant YOY increase.

accordingly, we continue to evolve and scale our impact effectively. Every piece of data represents a real story, helping us strengthen the foundation of support we provide to each student in our community. SENSE OF PURPOSE

IUU/U **GRADUATION RATE** For 17 years since program inception

ADAPTABILITY Increase year-over-year in ability to apply and adjust skills in difficult settings

POST-SECONDARY **EDUCATION** SELF-EFFICACY Advantage over peers nationwide in belief they can succeed

READING LEVELS Average annual literacy gains

MATH GAINS Share of DBG students improving their math grades

make policy changes in their community

SENSE OF AGENCY

Advantage over peers

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& Campus Visits

SELF-REGULATION

Their ability to monitor and manage their emotions, thoughts, and behaviors. DBG students show 11% YOY increase in this area.

25% HIGHER

DBG STUDENTS SCORE

THAN THEIR PEERS NATIONALLY

IN SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL CONTROL





to explore and innovate in our STEAM Lab. This isn't just about access - it's about creating spaces where our young people see themselves as future scientists, engineers, and innovators. The proof is in our impact: 90% of our

step in every day.

STEAM LAB

graduates pursue STEM education and careers. Over and over, our students exemplify how access to these opportunities, combined with community support, opens doors to transformative career paths.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS & MATHEMATICS

In a world where only 20% of Black youth have access to STEM programs,

DBG is changing the narrative. Our students are five times more likely than

their peers to engage with STEM opportunities, with 98% actively choosing

ONLY DBG STUDENTS ARE 20% 90% OF BLACK YOUTH HAVE OF DBG GRADUATES PURSUE OF DBG STUDENTS OPT MORE LIKELY THAN PEERS **ACCESS TO STEM** NATIONALLY TO ENGAGE AN EDUCATION/CAREER PATH IN TO PARTICIPATE IN **PROGRAMS** WITH STEM OPPORTUNITIES IN A STEM FIELD THE STEAM LAB Our STEAM Lab got a facelift and some national exposure thanks to

Good Morning America. Thank you to ROSSETTI, Gold Star Commercial,

Foundation for making our STEAM Lab a place our students can't wait to

Gardiner C. Vose, Sherwin Williams, KLA Foundation & The A.A. Van Elslander

Notable Business Leader

Traditionally, the salutatorian is the student with the second highest rank in their graduating class. They give opening remarks at graduation, offering a formal greeting and setting the tone for the entire event. LIONEL BANKS TO BECOME A U.S. CUSTOMS

Lionel Banks, Jr. continues to move up the ranks, pursuing the law enforcement career he says DBG helped prepare him for. After graduating from Ferris State University and joining the Highland Park

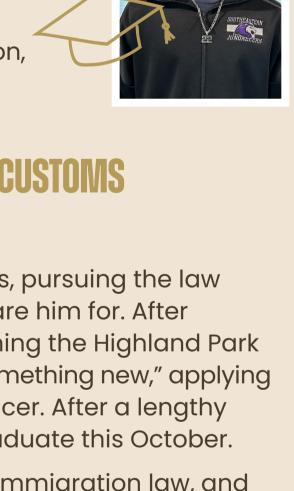
Police Department in 2022, he decided to "try something new," applying to be a U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer. After a lengthy application process and training, Lionel will graduate this October.

"We were tested on our physical conditioning, immigration law, and many other things," he says. Back in 2017, after Lionel graduated from Ferris State, Khali expressed his excitement and pride. "With the right support network, with the right tools at hand, this is what he was able to achieve," Khali said. "He's a shining example of what our young men

should look like."

GOING THE DISTANCE **URIEL'S POWERFUL SPEECH TO MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS** Our students are our greatest advocates. DBG ninth grader Uriel stepped up to the mic at a March meeting of the Michigan House of Representatives and spoke passionately about out-of-school-time programming.

"I feel confident in my ability to create change."



"I see my education as a powerful tool to contribute to my community," she told lawmakers.



ALL 14 2024 GRADUATES

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

INTO THEIR CAREER

ASPIRATIONS:

HEALTH CARE

SKILLED TRADES

STEM-RELATED

COMMUNICATION

FELLOWSHIP DEGREE

POLITICAL SCIENCE

CAREERS

ADVANCED/

ARTS

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Scan this QR code to see Uriel's speech in its entirety! DBG'S PAID STUDENT RESEARCHERS PRESENT AT

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION IN SEATTLE, WA

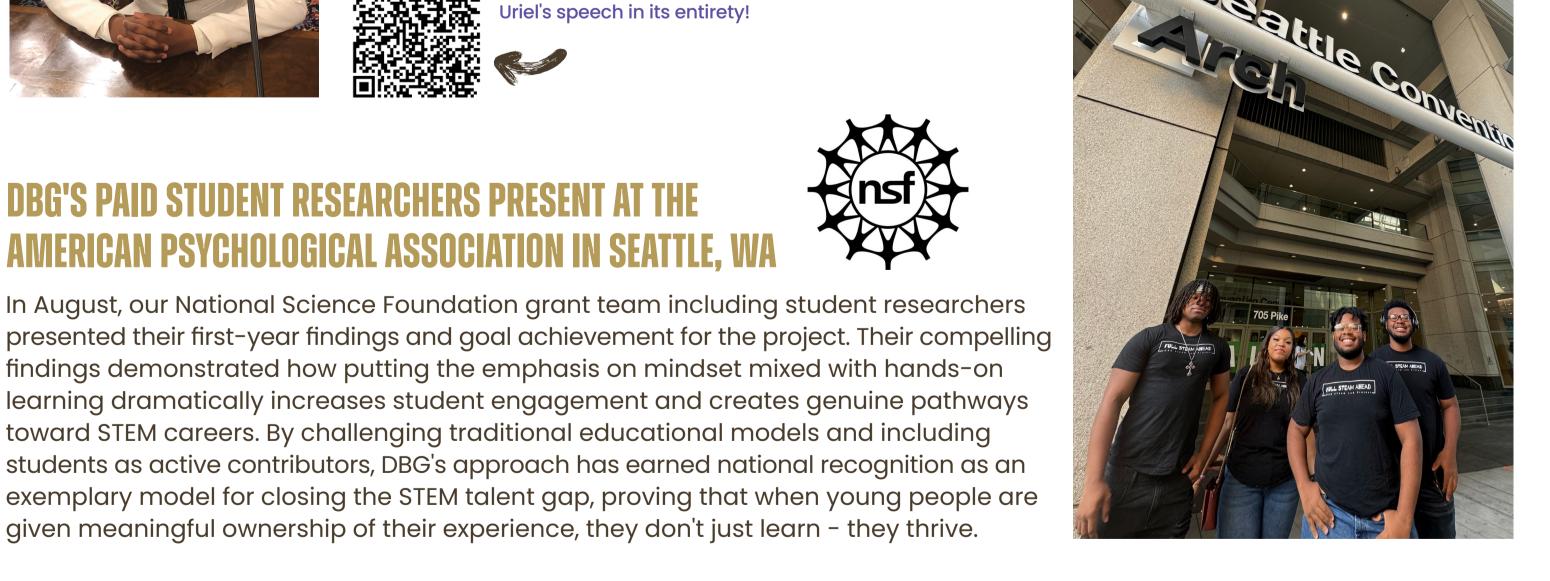
students as active contributors, DBG's approach has earned national recognition as an exemplary model for closing the STEM talent gap, proving that when young people are given meaningful ownership of their experience, they don't just learn - they thrive.

toward STEM careers. By challenging traditional educational models and including

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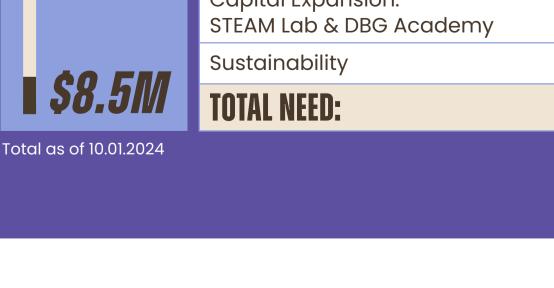
5 YEAR PLAN

\$50 MILLION



community where their children thrive and reach for the stars - that's why over 2,000 students are eager to be part of our village. These families recognize the power of coming together, of building something

state-of-the-art STEAM Lab, collaborative community spaces, and the DBG Academy. The Academy will become a center for sharing our proven approach, helping other communities create their own constellations of support. When you invest in DBG, you're investing in the future - igniting **OBJECTIVE**





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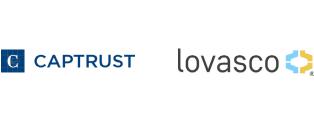




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Shared Mission

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TARGET



Every week, more Detroit families connect with us, ready to join a

