



STUDENT IMPACT REPORT

2020-2021



***Bridge the Gap College Prep
promises to support students and
families every step of the way from
1st grade to College Graduation.***

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Thanks to your incredible support, Bridge the Gap College Prep served more students than ever before over the past year! Despite the multiple challenges the pandemic presented, our staff and volunteers remained committed to our students and their families — keeping our youth engaged in learning and connected to their school community.

Here's what we accomplished in the 2020-21 school year:

- 414 students served — a 40% increase over the 2019-20 school year
- 25 high school students attended our Learning Hub, participating in virtual school classes and receiving guidance from in-person tutors.
- 19 students graduated high school, with 18 headed to college this fall — our largest graduating class ever!
- Seventy-two 4th-8th graders consistently attended virtual afterschool tutoring sessions
- 19 students recovered 31 classes in our High School Credit Recovery Summer Program, changing failing grades to passing
- 163 K-8 students engaged in literacy, science and math during our “Play is the Way” Summer Camp coordinated with Play Marin, Marin City Library, and Sausalito Marin City School District

Without you, this important work simply would not be possible. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity, which leads to life-changing programs for our students.

In community,

Lisa Raffel

Executive Director



MISSION

The mission of Bridge the Gap College Prep is to provide comprehensive educational, social, and emotional support with the goal that every Marin City youth completes high school and graduates from college.

We believe that education strengthens and gives voice to our most vulnerable communities.

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RESILIENCE & GROWTH

Provided online and in-person tutoring for Marin City students in grades K-12 during the Covid-19 school shutdowns. All BTGCP programs are offered free of charge for all Marin City students.

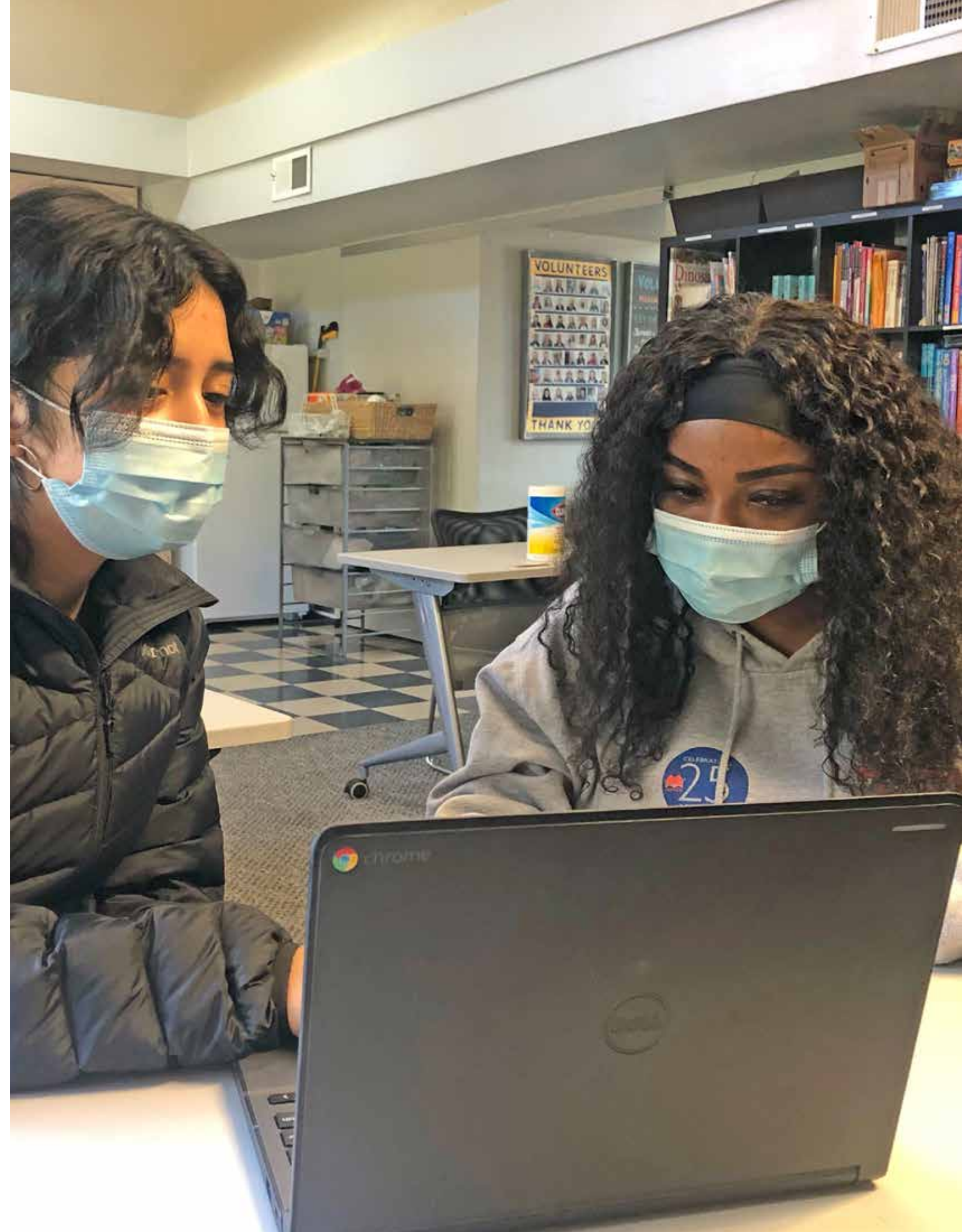
Opened our center as a learning hub for Marin City high school students, offering virtual learning support, tutoring, meals, and social-emotional services.

Increased academic support and tutoring programs for students in grades 4-8.

Collaborated with the Tamalpais Unified School district to offer summer credit recovery classes for high school students

Reorganized our administrative team with new staff including Executive Director: Lisa Raffel, Director of Development & Communications: Kristen Dambrowski, Finance & Administrative Director: Kimberly Ingram, and Scholars Program Director: Camille Provencal

Upgraded BTGCP student and donor databases to increase efficiency and data collection



OUR STUDENTS

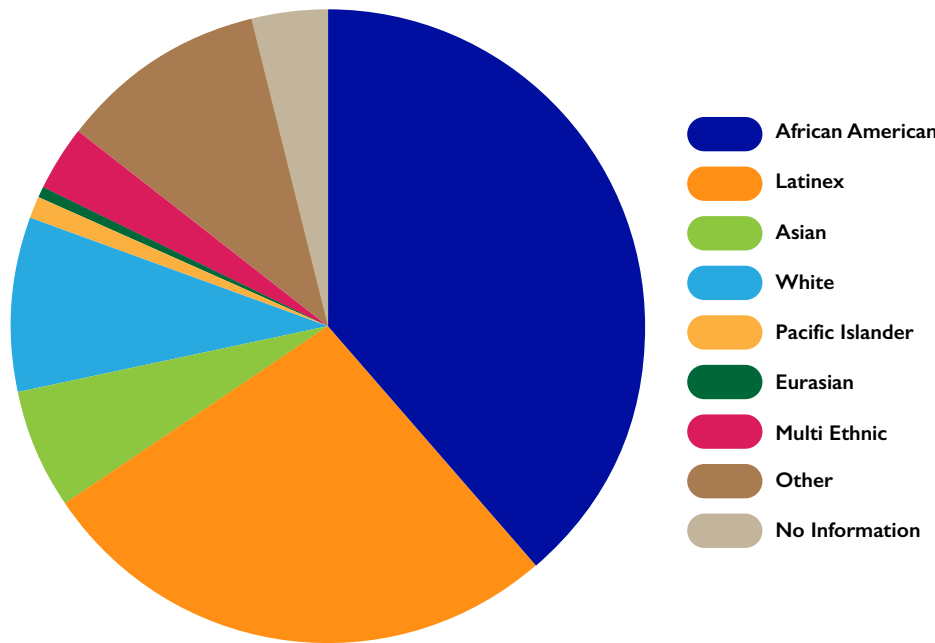


BTGCP proudly supports the awesome kids of Marin City. Our students are primarily youth of color who come from a variety of ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds. Most attend schools in the Sausalito/Marin City and Tam Union School High School Districts. Students come to us with many factors influencing their school success and level of self-efficacy. Many also face significant challenges and trauma associated with economic hardship and community marginalization. At Bridge the Gap College Prep, we strive to meet kids where they are, support them in the best way possible, and help them develop the tools they need to grow as students and individuals.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

1st-8th School Year Programs: 114
H.S. School Year Programs: 69
College Program: 41
1st-8th Summer Program: 163
H.S. Summer Program: 27
Total Students served in 2020-21: 414

Ethnicity for 1st-12th Grade Students



BTGCP PROGRAMS



LITTLE SCHOLARS GRADES K-3

Little Scholars transitioned to a fully remote program during the 2020-21 school year. Volunteer tutors met individually with students over Zoom. When schools returned to in-person learning, BTGCP volunteers also supported Willow Creek elementary school teachers in person.

- Little Scholars students served: 42
- Little Scholars Remote Tutors: 42
- In-School Volunteers supporting Willow Creek elementary School teachers: 19
- BTGCP offered additional enrichment activities, such as an outdoor Pumpkin Party for Halloween, holiday gift exchange, and online family game nights.

SCHOLARS GRADES 4-8

The Scholars Program provided students individual tutoring, social-emotional support, and enrichment activities. All programs were held virtually through the duration of



the Covid-19 school closures. BTGCP doubled the academic support of Scholars by offering tutoring four days a week. Students in grades 7-8 also received academic support from a certified English Learning Arts teacher and Math Specialist. The last six weeks of school were in-person and focused on community building and play activities.

- Scholars students served: 72
- Enrichment activities included health education classes, discussions about managing the psychological effects of the pandemic, and a collaboration with Kids

Cooking for Life to provide online cooking classes.

- 83% of 8th grade students are eligible to take Algebra, or the math course above Algebra, in their 9th year of high school.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

During the Covid-19 school shutdowns, BTGCP collaborated with the Tamalpais High School and opened our center as a learning hub for Marin City high school students, providing a quiet space with reliable internet connection, computers, and tutors.

- Total high school learning Hub students served: 25
- Total high school students served through remote tutoring and academic support: 44
- Students received academic and social-emotional support from BTGCP Site Supervisor and two full-time tutors
- BTGCP high school students passed 89% of all core courses taken Spring Semester
- 100% of seniors graduated from high school.
- 100% of seniors completed the FAFSA (financial aid) application.
- 100% of seniors were accepted into a four-year or community college.

BTGCP SUMMER PROGRAMS

SUMMER PROGRAM GRADES K-8

More than 150 Marin City youth in grades K-8 spent summer mornings with BTGCP staff and volunteers, focusing on literacy, math, and science. In the afternoons, the campers joined BTGCP's partner, Play Marin, for outdoor recreation, games, sports, and fun! This seven-week program helped ensure these youngsters had a safe space to learn and be active during out-of-school time.

Students served: 163

BTGCP Volunteers: 65

Students and volunteers worked together reading and doing fun project-based activities to boost literacy and math skills.

Projects included making solar houses and solar ovens, building light-up robots, dissecting owl pellets, and building catapults.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM

BTGCP collaborated with the Tamalpais Unified School District to offer summer credit recovery classes for high school students that did not earn a passing grade in academic classes during the 2020-21 school year. BTGCP provided tutors, technology, curriculum planning, social-emotional support and daily meals for students.

Students served: 38

- BTGCP collaborated with Tamalpais Unified School District and Marin Catholic to offer credit recovery classes

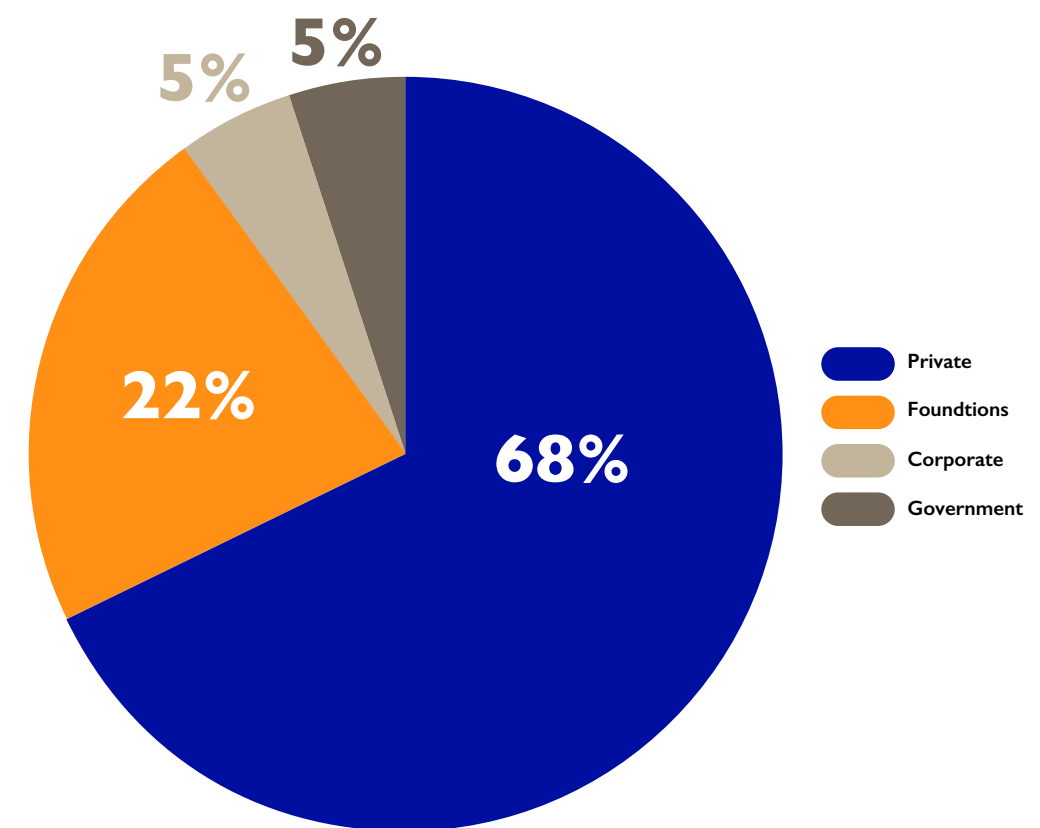
- 31 Total courses completed
- 100% of BTGCP seniors graduated from high school

COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM

All BTGCP students who are enrolled full time in college are eligible for a scholarship and receive college guidance to successfully graduate and plan for a career.

- Total college students served: 41
- College persistence rate at 100% from last year
- 19 Graduating High School Seniors in 2020- 21 school year
- 5 BTGCP students graduated from college last year
- 13 college scholarships given to students
- BTGCP College Success Program included freshman on-boarding, scholarship opportunities, food insecurity support and mental health resources

BTGCP FINANCES



STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS



KYANDRE **BTGCP STUDENT**

Kyandre is a rising senior attending Tam High and has been part of BTGCP since he was in fourth grade. Kyandre completed three courses during our Summer Credit Recovery program. Each course is worth five credits which means he will receive a total of 15 credits towards his transcript. His brother, Cinsear, is a junior at Tam High and also completed two courses this summer. Kyandre and Cinsear were highly motivated to complete their courses and celebrated with BTGCP when they finished. This program offered them a second chance to stay on the path towards high school graduation.

RENATA **BTGCP COLLEGE** **SUCCESS PROGRAM** **AND SUMMER CAMP** **COUNSELOR**

"I started at BTGCP my junior year of high school and met Andy Robles, Director of High School & College Success. I remember how he and other staff made me feel. They cared. BTGCP staff provided me with the tools that I needed and showed me love, by giving me words of encouragement like 'you've got this!' That's what I needed. Someone to give me a hand and say "we are here to help you."

I attended College of the Redwoods in Eureka and played soccer for them. Each semester, I have taken 18 credits and been on the honor roll. Recently, I returned to College of Marin in the hopes of transferring to UC Davis or Sonoma State. I'm majoring in Biology with a minor in Psychology. Working as a Camp Counselor is fun! Everyone I've met comes from diverse backgrounds and it's opening my eyes to the struggles some of the youth are facing. My goal is to help provide a safe space for the kids and remind them that we hear and love them. It's an amazing feeling knowing I'm helping make a difference in students' lives."



BTGCP STUDENTS ARE ATTENDING THESE COLLEGES:

- Berkeley City College
- Cal States: Fullerton, Humboldt, Northridge, Sacramento & Sonoma
- College of Marin
- College of the Redwoods
- Diablo Valley College
- Dillard University
- Foothill College
- Hampton University
- Harding University
- Howard University
- Los Rios Community College
- Minneapolis Community & Technical College
- Missouri Baptist University
- Missouri Valley College
- Tuskegee University
- UC Davis
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- University of Arizona
- University of Hawaii Hilo
- Xavier University of Louisiana



LOOKING AHEAD

In July, the Sausalito Marin City School District merged their two schools, the former Willow Creek Academy charter school in Sausalito and Bayside MLK Jr. Academy in Marin City. The unification was the result of an order from the state in 2019 to desegregate after years of inequities in funding and resources that disproportionately negatively impacted Marin City students of color. To learn more, please read the LA Times article “A tiny Marin County district got California’s first school desegregation order in 50 years.”

Bridge the Gap College Prep is excited to support the school unification by offering our afterschool programs on-site daily at both campuses. All students will be eligible to participate in BTGCP free of charge. This change will allow us to do several important things:

- Work with early elementary age students - a key program approach to increasing the number of students reading on grade level
- Greatly increase the number of students served, as well as the number of hours per week that they are provided with additional tutoring and guidance
- Align our academic instruction with the Sausalito Marin City School District’s approach
- Support students more holistically by engaging them through academic support and enrichment activities everyday after school

Our K-8 Scholars Evening Program will continue to be provided at our BTGCP Center, while our High School Program will remain at the Tam High School Campus. The College Success Program continues to grow and we will have 54 students in college during the 2021-22 school year. We have also developed new partnerships to provide more enrichment programs to our students including Coding Class with Google’s Code Next Program, field trips to local museums and attractions, and enhanced Social-Emotional Learning opportunities.

With your help, we look forward to expanding our services to more students and families, ensuring that every Marin City student completes high school and graduates from college.



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