

2024 Impact Report



OPENING DOORS TO A BETTER WORLD

Founded with a mission

Founded in February 2024, the Bates Philanthropic Initiative (BPI) supports Colorado's under-resourced young adults by providing financial assistance to eliminate the barriers standing in the way of financial independence and meaningful careers. In addition to scholarships, we give grants to an integrated network of nonprofit partners providing end-to-end services supporting the journey of disadvantaged students from high school through post-secondary education and employment.

A year of firsts

As we wrap up our inaugural year at BPI, we can't help but feel immense gratitude and excitement for all we've accomplished together. Thanks to your unwavering support, we've greatly surpassed both our fundraising and distribution goals, marking a transformative year for in-need students across Colorado.

In this year of firsts, we established our scholarship fund and proudly introduced our very first BPI Scholar. We laid the foundation of our partner ecosystem and provided grants to several non-profits dedicated to helping under-resourced students explore careers in skilled trades.

Our inaugural Whiskey and Wine fundraising event was a tremendous success, uniting a passionate community of friends, businesses, educators, and partners. Together, we are building a robust network to support Colorado's most vulnerable young adults as they embark on fulfilling skills-based careers. We are just getting started!

Impact Snapshot

\$146k

in Funds Raised

\$70k

in Funds Dispersed
(grants and
scholarships)

66

Students Supported

3

Grants Given



Meet Christian

Earlier this year, Christian Crockett of Boulder, Colorado, was named the first-ever BPI Scholar, receiving a \$5,000 scholarship to pursue his dream of working in tech industry.

BPI awards scholarships to deserving high school seniors who need a helping hand toward their education. BPI Scholars are given funds to cover tuition and materials at any Colorado community college or technical school as they pursue a career in a skilled trade.

Christian began school this fall at Front Range Community College, where he plans to become a certified network technician with hopes to one day work for a major technology or telecommunications company.



Supporting skilled careers

Aligned with the Colorado Career Cluster Model, BPI is committed to supporting students pursuing careers in skilled trades across a wide range of industries. Some examples include:

- Welding
- Construction
- HVAC
- Medical/Dental Assistant
- Automotive Technology
- Collision Repair
- Culinary Arts
- EMT
- Physical Therapy
- Cosmetology/Aesthetics
- Criminal Justice
- Cyber Security

Partnering with the community

BPI collaborates with and provides grants to vetted non-profit organizations that offer comprehensive wrap-around services to in-need students pursuing careers in skilled trades. Additionally, BPI partners with educational institutions to connect students with scholarships and support resources.

Nonprofit Partners

- Emily Griffith Foundation
- Impact on Education
- Saint Vrain Valley Schools Education Foundation
- Scholarship America
- Boulder Chamber of Commerce

Educational Partners

- Community College of Denver
- Aurora Community College
- Pickens Technical College
- Emily Griffith Technical College
- Front Range Community College

We couldn't have done it without your generous support.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the donors and community members who make BPI's mission possible. Your support empowers us to connect students with vital career pathways in technical education, building a stronger future for both individuals and our communities. Thank you for investing in the next generation of skilled professionals.

Our goals in 2025 are even more ambitious, as we seek to double our impact. Please consider becoming a recurring monthly donor or explore the many ways to support BPI in the new year.

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