



AMERICAN  
DREAM

BROWARD COLLEGE







## JEAN-MARC'S STORY

I am a Broward College student, and I am on track to achieve an important personal dream- to earn a degree and secure a career. My path has taken unexpected detours, but with every course I complete, my dream becomes my reality.

I never imagined I'd be the first person in my family to earn a college degree. I even earned scholarships to attend college away from home. But just one week before student orientation, my mother fell ill.

My priorities shifted. I needed to be with my mom and support my family. My plans for college and a bright future started fading away. My mother was only 48 when she died. I miss her every day.

I knew getting back on track with my education would make my mom proud. So I enrolled in Broward College. I've been working hard to pay for school, while helping my family make ends meet. It's not easy, but each day brings me one step closer. I'm only 20 credits away from earning my degree, and I have a valuable internship that will lead to a great job.

I am nearing the finish line.

A better life for me and my family.

My American Dream is in sight.

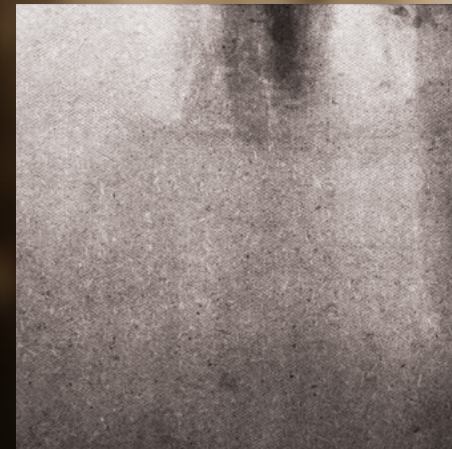
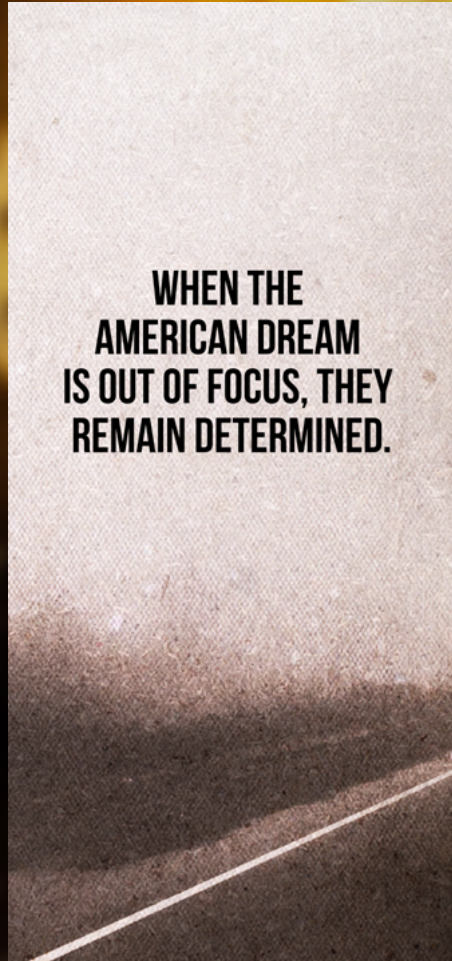





**OUR STUDENTS  
ARE MOTIVATED,  
DRIVEN, STRONG,  
AND HOPEFUL.**



**WHEN THE  
AMERICAN DREAM  
IS OUT OF FOCUS, THEY  
REMAIN DETERMINED.**

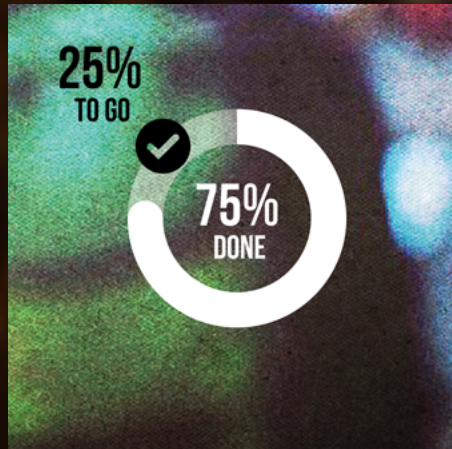
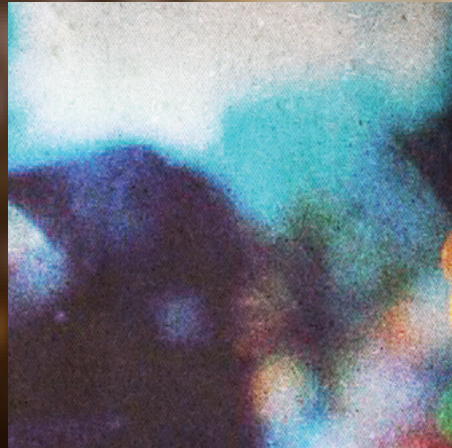


**45% OF STUDENTS  
ARE THE FIRST  
GENERATION TO  
ATTEND COLLEGE  
IN THEIR FAMILIES.**




**STUDENTS FROM  
168 COUNTRIES.**

**EVEN THOUGH THEY CAN'T  
SEE THE FINISH LINE, THEY  
KNOW IT IS WITHIN REACH.**





# I AM ALMOST THERE BUT I AM FAR FROM FINISHED

## AMERICAN DREAM SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS



STUDENTS MUST MAINTAIN A GPA OF 2.5 OR HIGHER



STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED



STUDENTS MUST BE PURSUING A DEGREE IN A HIGH DEMAND FIELD



STUDENTS MUST LIVE IN MIAMI-DADE, BROWARD, AND PALM BEACH COUNTIES



STUDENTS MUST BE INELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL GRANTS

We believe every person who is determined to change his or her life through the pursuit of higher education should be afforded that opportunity.

That's why we created the **American Dream Scholarship**.

Everyone deserves the chance to do something big with their lives ... to be given a chance at a career and a sustainable way of life ... to maintain a decent standard of living.

The **American Dream Scholarship** is designed to help students who face great financial need and fall just outside eligibility guidelines for federal financial assistance. These are hardworking students, maintaining a 2.5 grade point average and 75% of the way to a college degree that will prepare them to fill one of this region's high-demand jobs. These are students in our community: Florida residents, qualifying for in-state tuition, residing in the tri-county area.

Our students are our future. They've made it this far, and their last mile is the hardest. If our students are determined to work hard, we are determined to help them succeed.

We are changing lives at Broward College, and we invite you to join us and be part of these wonderful transformations. We offer you an opportunity – an opportunity to support the **American Dream Scholarship**, invest in our students' futures and invest in the future of our community.

# WITH A DEGREE FROM BROWARD COLLEGE, I CAN MAKE AN IMPACT ON MY COMMUNITY.



## ASSOCIATE

FOR EVERY JOB THAT REQUIRES A MASTER'S DEGREE

THERE ARE TWO JOBS THAT REQUIRE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

AND SEVEN THAT REQUIRE AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE



BACHELOR'S



MASTER'S



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**THEY REMAIN DETERMINED UNTIL  
THE LAST MILE — THE HARDEST MILE**



**THE END IS ONLY THE BEGINNING**





*“Giving to Broward College is really giving not only to the college but it’s giving right back to yourself in terms of the impact that those dollars have in helping students to be successful and by them being successful to help our community be the wonderful place that it is and the even better place that it could be in our future.”*

- Dr. David Schulman

### AVAILABLE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:



FOR JOB SEEKERS WITH A DEGREE: 65%

FOR JOB SEEKERS WITHOUT A DEGREE: 10%

## SECURE OUR FUTURE BY SUPPORTING OUR PRESENT



ALL AMERICAN DREAM SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS ARE

**MATCHED**

MAXIMIZING YOUR GIFT

*“The impact Broward College has on the community is tremendous. Not only a financial one, but one from a job impact. Everyone can state statistics about the numbers of nurses that we supply to the county, the number of police officers, we train pilots, but beyond that we also have a number of students who go for their four-year degree ... it is a tremendous impact on the county.”*

- Teresa Justice



**\$2,000 ENSURES  
ONE STUDENT  
REACHES THE  
FINISH LINE**

**\$700**

**THE AVERAGE GIFT  
GIVEN TO THE  
AMERICAN DREAM  
SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAM**

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**BROWARD  
COLLEGE**  
HEALTH SCIENCES  
SIMULATION CENTER

**THE LAST MILE DOESN'T  
HAVE TO BE THE LONELIEST**

We want everyone to have the opportunity to receive an education. To do something big with their lives. To be given a chance at a career. A sustainable way of life. A decent standard of living.

“I can’t” does not exist in our vocabulary. Engaging minds. Inspiring lives. Enriching a community. Together. Our students are our future. They have made it this far on their own. Their last mile is the hardest.

If our students are determined to work hard, we are determined to help them make it happen. The American Dream Scholarship is our commitment and our promise to these motivated students. Every challenge is an opportunity to build strength and character. Never give up.

Be brave. Be smart. There is always a solution. We live in a realm of possibilities.

The American Dream can be more than just a dream.





**600+** AMBITIOUS  
AMERICAN DREAM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS  
GRADUATE WITH HELP FROM OUR  
GENEROUS DONORS  
**EVERY YEAR**

**BE SOMEONE'S  
SILVER LINING.**

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DREAM CAN BE  
MORE THAN  
JUST A DREAM.**







Heidi Alzate, Director of Gift Planning and Major Gifts Office with Broward College's Office of Advancement, believes she would not be where she is today, helping people achieve their personal American Dreams, if it had not been for Broward College.

## HEIDI ALZATE

Growing up, I watched my parents work hard for the American Dream. I remember accompanying my mother when she cleaned homes and commercial buildings, earning less than minimum wage. She worked to ensure she could meet our essential needs, instilling a strong work ethic in my siblings and in me. All I could think about while she toiled at these low-paying jobs was how much I wanted an education to make certain I had a brighter future.

My father, a computer engineer, always worked two jobs. After nearly 20 years, he was laid off when the technology industry took a turn for the worse. Suddenly, the money my parents had worked so hard to save for my education became money needed for survival.

The one option available to pursue my studies was the local community college that would change my life forever.

The moment I set foot on the Broward College campus, I knew I had landed in the right place. I embraced all the guidance and opportunities provided to me.

Because of Broward College, I am the "American Dream!"



## MAY JEAN

Donor, Philanthropist

"We decided that we wanted to do the most giving to our local community rather than give little bits to a lot of organizations in and out of the area. We want to help make our community the best it can be. We felt the money would go a lot further and help more people at Broward College."



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CHANGE LIVES. GIVE.**

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The Broward College Foundation, as a direct support organization to Broward College, was established to solicit, manage and distribute funds for educational purposes, primarily scholarships, program support and capital facilities.

You can make a difference in our community with the gift of education. Let us help you discover the many ways you can be part of the Broward College Foundation's family of donors.







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