

# MID-YEAR IMPACT REPORT

Thank you for your investment in A Step Beyond. Here is a brief update on how your support is making a difference in the lives of our students.



## DANCE EDUCATION

In October, ASB hosted its first live Audition Day since the pandemic began, which followed a two-week Fall Into Dance recruitment program at 11 partner elementary school sites. ASB welcomed 52 new students to the program, its largest cohort of students to date. ASB's enrollment now stands at 243 students strong.

The fall semester culminated with ASB's *El Alebrije* performance, a reimagining of the *Nutcracker*, featuring 150+ dancers at Kit Carson Amphitheatre. With nearly 1,000 guests in attendance, student dancers shined and put on a memorable production. This year all of the set pieces and props were designed and built by ASB students, with the support of OBRarchitecture and the San Diego Guild of Puppetry.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT

ASB's academic support expanded this school year with new interventions offered to students in reading support, career education, college preparation, and financial literacy. In addition, ASB's MakerSpace, the hub for its college and career readiness programming, was refreshed in February to include six new career lab stations for its students. As part of ASB's World of Work program, these labs are 10-week, in-depth courses for students to gain a deeper understanding of pathways such as Biomedical Engineering, Flight & Drone Technology, Veterinary Medicine, Criminalistics, Computer Science, and Childhood Development.

## FAMILY SERVICES

Renewing a sense of community after the pandemic has been a key goal of ASB's family services team this school year. To that end, family services has convened monthly "pop-up" events to bring students, parents, and other family members together, across all grade levels, to engage in art activities and build new relationships with one another. To meet the increased social and emotional needs of our students, ASB family services also expanded in February with the addition of a new full-time Family Services Provider, Karen Cazares.

Program  
Growth

# IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

## FIRST PROOF POINT OF EFFICACY

**100%** of ASB seniors are on track to graduate high school and immediately enroll in a college or career pathway of their dreams. In fact 4 of the 6, have already received university acceptances

## STEP INTO DANCE MIDDLE SCHOOL PILOT

ASB is partnering with Escondido USD to offer a new dance education pilot program at four middle schools this spring. This "Step Into Dance" program brings dance to more youth after school at Del Dios Middle, Hidden Valley Middle, Mission Middle, and Rincon Middle. Residencies at each site are eight weeks in length, two days a week and include two hours of instruction with a culminating showcase. Following the residency, students have the opportunity to join ASB -- creating a new pipeline of middle school students for our impactful program.

## WORLD OF WORK EXPANSION

ASB's career education support or "World of Work" program, expanded its model this school year to now include:

- RIASEC workshops for 3rd/4th grade students to learn about their strengths, interests, and values
- Exposure to 36 different careers, or 6 career simulations, ("day in the life" experiences) provided in each grade level from 3rd-8th (with 6th-8th graders receiving rigorous career labs in the MakerSpace)
- Essential skill building workshops provided in high school to hone communication, financial literacy, interviewing, resume writing, and professionalism
- Internship, part-time job, and volunteer opportunity placement support for 11th/12th graders

## OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT

The California State University San Marcos College of Business Administration recently reported that by improving long-term outcomes for students such as healthy lifestyle choices and post-secondary education, and preventing adverse outcomes, ASB provides both immense savings and economic benefits to our community. Even if just 50% of our students are positively impacted in these areas, **ASB will provide a total economic impact of \$44.56 for every \$1.00 invested into our programs.**





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## DANCE EDUCATION

- 150+** ASB student dancers participated in *El Alebrije*, our largest production to date
- 6** new dance education courses offered to students this school year including Acrobatics, Theater, Yoga, Pedagogy, Tech Crew, and Hip Hop
- 25+** ASB student dancers shined at the First Annual San Diego Youth Dance Festival
- 100+** ASB student dancers auditioned for *Arise!*, ASB's Annual Student Concert in June

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- 100%** of our students in their first three years at A Step Beyond participated in BEABLE, a literacy tracking program that measures and supports students' reading level growth
- 3.2** The average GPA for 6th-12th grade ASB students this school year



## FAMILY SERVICES

- 5** pop-up, community-building events for ASB students and families, featuring activities such as pumpkin carving and succulent planting
- \$2,600+** raised by ASB's Parent Committee in the last six months to give back and support programming

# 2023 EVENTS



CREATING BRIGHT FUTURES

## Save the Date

A STEP BEYOND'S 3RD ANNUAL  
WINE TASTING BENEFIT



September 7, 2023

The Westin Carlsbad Resort and Spa

Enjoy a selection of 10 premier wines in blind tastings,  
rated 95 points and higher, while socializing with friends,  
business associates, and new acquaintances.

*Formal invitation to follow*

### Questions?

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