

Congratulations to OneGoal Students Who Have Been Accepted into College!

OneGoal Program (<https://www.onegoalgraduation.org/our-model/>) was started a last year and Mapfre continues to fund this for us. It is a credit bearing class at Bartlett that specially target students who may not think college is a reachable goal for them. The class is taught by Mr. Carney and the program provides lessons, coaching, and assists students with building confidence as they navigate the inequitable systems they could encounter during the college acceptance process. We have three students who recently were accepted to college and they never thought this was possible.

Here is what the teacher and students have to say about it:

OneGoal was started last year thanks to the hard work from the district administration and a grant from Mapfre to help students realize their dreams and fulfill their goals of a post-secondary life after high school. This program targets students that may not realize that college is an option for them. The main focus of the program is to have the students reflect on their passions and match a potential career with their passions. From there they create a best fit list of colleges that meet their criteria for their major. We are now in year 2 of this program and thus far 3 of the students enrolled in this class have been accepted into multiple colleges. Their future is looking bright.

-Mr. Carney

With only a half a year left of high school it really gets you thinking about where you want to go after and what you want to do. Going to college has been a part of my plan but I never really took it seriously until I was put into OneGoal my junior year. I am genuinely beyond grateful that OneGoal was brought to Bartlett because I don't think I would have applied to colleges or written my essay if it wasn't for Mr. Carney. I got accepted into Nichols College and I have applied to UMASS Amherst, Temple University and Bridgewater State. Nichols was always on my radar but the other colleges I would have never got to apply to if I didn't have the support around me that I do right now. I never thought that being accepted into a college would make me as happy as it did but I felt a sudden relief when I got accepted, I felt a sense of accomplishment. I have no doubt in my mind that not just OneGoal, but Mr. Carney himself got me where I am today with the extra push I needed from both him and the program.

-Tasana Walsh

It's my last year in high school and at the beginning of last year I was put into a class called OneGoal. I was kind of confused on how OneGoal was going to help me later on. I was very close to switching out until we started to do more. My first year of OneGoal we couldn't do as much as we are this year because we were remote. OneGoal has been such a big help this year, this class has walked me through the steps that I have to take in order to apply to colleges. I got into three colleges so far. Anna Maria in Paxton MA, Nichols College in Dudley MA and my top choice Johnson & Wales in Providence Rhode Island. I wouldn't be this far with my college applications if it wasn't for OneGoal. After getting accepted to my first choice it really made me feel good about myself and it took a lot of stress off. OneGoal has helped me stay motivated.

-Santaiza Lavallee

With the help of OneGoal, I was able to so far get into Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Salem State University, and Bridgewater State. One Goal has helped me see the potential in myself and find my passions. In the first year of OneGoal a lot of the time we spent in the classroom was figuring out our strengths and weaknesses by using our identities. Identity plays a huge role in our lives but I didn't ever think that college was one. The parts of our identity that we deeped dived into was our race, gender, sexuality, and socioeconomic statuses. Using my identity I was able to pick a major that fit me, the schools in my price range, the locations of my schools, and the diversity of the schools. With these tools I was able to create my best fit list and create a list with colleges I didn't even know existed. There's no doubt in my mind that OneGoal helped me get accepted into these three colleges and gave me the tools I needed to succeed. OneGoal and Mr. Carney helped us get to where we are now and I am grateful that this program was offered to me and I would recommend it to anyone who doesn't even know where to start with the college process but have the passion to further their education. Before this program I had no idea where I would be headed after high school and had no idea what I wanted to do but now I have a plan.

-Zalma Abshir

