



More Than Bootstraps (MTB)

launched on MLK Day in 2020.

To celebrate our second year of programming, we held a special MLK Day event on January 17, 2022.

We invited a diverse group of professionals to conduct informational interviews with our high school fellows and college student leaders.

The online "speed-networking" format provided opportunities for students to talk individually with several people, including Juan Rengifo, Carlos Yopez, Rosanna Vargas, John Lopez, and Hector Silva-Restrepo from Investors Bank; Dayanara Nino and Ivan Dossantos Rocha from PNC; Michael Sowell, Matt Jackson, Dawn Wilson, and EJ Mitchell, from the MTB Board; and MTB supporters Donna Vallario, Sue Suarez, and Dan Ward.

Our students loved the event:

- *I got to meet with some of the nicest and most motivational people ever.*
- *They all motivated me to keep going and to keep striving for what I want.*
- *I was intimidated at first because I thought these were very serious people, and they were really professional but I also connected with them.*
- *It's quite comforting to hear someone so successful share that they themselves also deal with imposter syndrome.*
- *I was able to hear about some jobs that I didn't even know existed.*

Click [here](#) to see a video clip from the event!

Thank you for making this and so many other opportunities available to the students in MTB. Because of your generous support, we've been able to achieve so much.

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Check out our exciting new **Strategic Action Plan**, shaped by the MTB Board and gorgeously formatted by MTB

Supporter Frankie Rodriguez.

It takes
MORE THAN
BOOTSTRAPS
to succeed

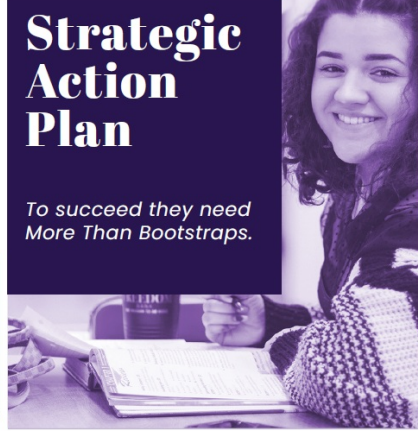
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early success and bold ambition!

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Strategic Action Plan

To succeed they need
More Than Bootstraps.



MTB was founded by educators who understand the significant obstacles that first-generation college students face on their journey into and through higher education. To succeed, they need **More Than Bootstraps**

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