BUILD uses entrepreneurship to ignite the potential of youth from under-resourced communities and propel them to high-school, college, and career success.

BUILD Metro DC was founded in 2008 on the principle that students, especially those at the highest risk of dropping out of school, will become more invested in their academic success when engaged in hands-on entrepreneurship program, witnessing the relevance of classroom education by running their very own businesses. BUILD Metro DC operates school-based startup incubators within five partner schools where we create a culture of innovation to promote students' entrepreneurial, academic, and personal growth.

THE PROBLEM

In 2019, the 4-year graduation rate for high school students in Washington, DC public and public charter schools, was just over 68% - significantly below the national average of 85%. Of those who do graduate, many remain unprepared for college and career success.

THE SOLUTION

BUILD enhances the education of students by leveraging our expertise in entrepreneurship and experiential learning to increase on time graduation rates, expand student engagement and enrich learning, leading more students to finish high school prepared for future success.

THE IMPACT

98% of all BUILD Metro DC seniors have graduated high school on time. 97% of those graduates have been accepted and enrolled into college.

Ward 1
Columbia Heights Education Campus

Ward 4
Roosevelt Senior High School

Ward 5
Mckinley Technology High School

Ward 7
The SEED School Friendship Collegiate Academy
Help BUILD Solutions - Support Us Year Round

Be a part of our program throughout the year as a BUILD Partner and join us at the end of year celebration, OneNight OneBUILD.

**Angel Investor**

Adopt a BUILD classroom! Our program is unique in that it is free to students and school partners. At the Angel Investor Partner level, you can have your name on the door of an Introduction to Entrepreneurship classroom for 25 students, taught by a BUILD-trained teacher. Your partnership supports classroom supplies, teacher training, student transportation to offsite events, and more!

- Customize your company’s engagement by working closely with our staff to suit your needs.

In recognition of your partnership your name will be displayed on the classroom door, you will be acknowledged on our website as an Angel Investor Partner, receive 10 tickets to our end of year celebration, OneNight OneBUILD, and be honored with sponsorship recognition on all collateral and social media blasts for OneNight OneBUILD.

This opportunity comes with a financial commitment of $25,000.

**Change Maker**

The Change Maker Partnership is a great opportunity for companies interested in working with our students every month, both in and out of the school setting, while supporting our program's biggest financial needs!

- Volunteer with one of our school partners once a month! Trained by BUILD staff, your employees will work with BUILD students and help them prepare for milestones like pitching their business ideas for approval, funding, and feedback.
- Host a BUILD Workshop and provide our students with an off-site visit to your offices.
- Share employees' individual success stories by sitting on a college and career panel.

In recognition of your partnership you will be acknowledged on our website as a Change Maker Partner, receive 10 tickets to our end of year celebration, OneNight OneBUILD, and be honored with sponsorship recognition on all collateral and social media blasts for OneNight OneBUILD.

This opportunity comes with a financial commitment of $10,000.

**Entrepreneur**

As an Entrepreneur Partner, you will work hands-on with our students each month to help refine their business acumen and will be recognized as a lead sponsor of our Annual Student Sales Bazaar.

- Volunteer with one of our school partners once a month! Trained by BUILD staff, your employees will work with BUILD students and help them prepare for milestones like pitching their business ideas for approval, funding and feedback.
- Take part in our Annual Sales Bazaar as a Lead Sponsor and as secret shoppers - guests who are able to give feedback to our student teams about their products, pitches, and their work as young entrepreneurs!

In recognition of your partnership you will be acknowledged on our website as an Entrepreneur Partner, receive 10 tickets to our end of year celebration, and be honored with sponsorship recognition on all collateral and social media blasts for OneNight OneBUILD and the Annual Student Sales Bazaar.

This opportunity comes with a financial commitment of $7,500.

**Innovator**

Come celebrate our students at the final round business competition ONOB.

In recognition of your partnership, you will be acknowledged on our website as an Innovator Partner, receive 10 tickets to our end of year celebration, and be honored with sponsorship recognition on all collateral and social media blasts for OneNight OneBUILD.

This opportunity comes with a financial commitment of $5,000.

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