



INTEREST-BASED  
INTERNSHIPS

WHOLE COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT:  
ADVISORS, PEERS,  
PARENTS & MENTORS

PERSONALIZED  
LEARNING PLANS,  
PUTTING STUDENTS  
AT THE CENTER

DIFFUSING  
INNOVATION ACROSS  
THE COUNTRY  
AND THE WORLD

For more than 20 years, Big Picture Learning has been reinventing and reimaging education, creating truly student-centered schools and personalized, real-world learning opportunities for young people and communities across the country and the world.

Big Picture schools exist in over 22 states and eight countries around the world.

**84%** of BPL students head to college each year

**96%** of non-college attending BPL alumni work full time, often at places in which they interned

**88%** of BPL students remain in contact with their advisors two years after graduation



## Meet DJ

DJ had an all too familiar early high-school experience. He was bored and unconnected and considered dropping out. Yet he yearned to go to college. Then he learned about a local BPL school where you could 'learn what you want to learn.' He transferred, quickly landed an internship, and discovered a flair for business. While still in high school, DJ launched a successful soda company and was soon rewarded with multiple college scholarships. He's now attending Howard University where he majors in, what else, Business Management.

Meet more BPL students & alumni:  
[www.bigpicture.org/students](http://www.bigpicture.org/students)

# Big Picture Learning Initiatives

Our vibrant network of schools changes lives and communities, and provides us with a platform to identify, design, and pilot the approaches and tools that truly revolutionize education and empower students to create happy, successful lives of their own design.

## Deeper Learning Equity Fellowship

Big Picture recruits and trains local leaders (Equity Fellows) to undertake capstone projects designed to spread the deeper learning movement to more underserved communities across the country.

## ImBlaze

Across the US, school districts clamor to create the kinds of internship programs we have led for decades. ImBlaze, created by BPL, provides the technology they need to make internship programs viable for schools and impactful for students.

## Learning Big Picture

We have learned a thing or two in our 20+ years preparing adults to reimagine learning. Our robust educator training programs have led to the creation of Learning Big Picture, an online hub of resources allowing any educator to bring our design to life.

## Harbor Freight Fellows

BPL recognizes that there is an enormous talent pool of future tradespersons for whom college may not be the most logical next path. We are designing new apprenticeships specifically for these youth and for CTE programs nationwide.

## New Harmony High

Students at schools of the future won't only learn differently, they'll also be finely attuned to their environment. As part of the XQ Super School project, BPL is helping launch New Orleans' 'School on a Barge,' a learning environment designed to adapt to rising tides.

Big Picture schools foster the kind of learning that can only happen when education is allowed to extend beyond the walls of the school.



**Sir Ken Robinson**  
*Creative Schools*