



BestPrep builds the bridge between business volunteers and educators to prepare students with **business, career, and financial literacy** skills through hands-on experiences that inspire success in work and life.

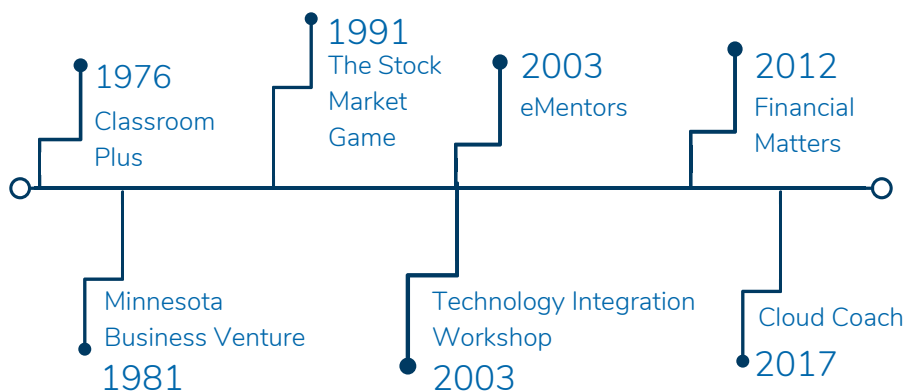
## VISION

Every Minnesota student is college prepared, work ready, and career bound.

## IMPACT

BestPrep serves **58,000 students** with **600 teachers** at **360 schools**, with the help of **5,100 volunteers**.

## PROGRAM HISTORY



## BestPrep School-Year Programs

**Classroom Plus** inspires students to create a vision for the future through career exploration via classroom speakers, corporate career days, and mock interviews.

**Cloud Coach** strengthens student motivation to succeed through weekly online mentoring. With an emphasis on motivation, career aspiration, perseverance, and effort, Cloud Coach features full ninth grade participation.

**eMentors** prepares students with the skills needed for success in school, career, and life through weekly email exchanges with volunteer business mentors.

**Financial Matters** motivates students to make sound money management decisions and become financially savvy via industry professionals delivering classroom presentations on financial topics.

**The Stock Market Game™** teaches students about economics, investing, and the importance of a long-term savings strategy. Student teams invest hypothetical funds in common stocks and mutual funds.

## BestPrep Summer Programs

**Minnesota Business Venture (MBV)** ignites students' passion to achieve success and develop career aspirations for the future through a week-long business and career development camp held on a college campus. High school students work directly with business leaders and learn about career paths and financial literacy. Open to all Minnesota high school students, 48% of attendees qualified for free/reduced lunch and 68% were students of color.

**Technology Integration Workshop (TIW)** empowers educators with technology tools and business exposure during a four-day summer professional development opportunity. The highlight of the program is teachers' participation in a corporate job shadow to better prepare their students with the skills needed in today's workplace.

### Get involved!

#### Volunteer as an Individual

- **Classroom Speaker**  
Provide a 45-minute presentation on a career, workplace skill, or financial literacy topic.
- **Mock Interviewer**  
Provide one-on-one mock interviews with students during a class or at MBV with other volunteers.
- **Essay Judge**  
Read and judge student essays based on rubric.
- **Teacher Job Shadow**  
Host a teacher for a half-day job shadow during their participation at TIW in the summer.
- **Summer Program Speaker**  
Provide a 45-minute presentation to students at MBV or to teachers at TIW.
- **Resident Business Leader**  
Spend a week living on a college campus and mentor a group of students at MBV.
- **Business Plan Judge**  
Spend a half-day with MBV students as they present their final business plan to a panel of judges.

#### Volunteer as a Group

- **Mock Interviewer**  
A small group from your organization can provide one-on-one mock interviews with students during a class or at MBV.
- **Teacher Job Shadow**  
A small group from your organization can host teachers for a half-day job shadow during their participation at TIW in the summer.
- **eMentors**  
Employees from participating companies are matched with a class of students to provide one-on-one email mentoring for 8 weeks based on weekly guiding questions. Students travel to your company once mid-way through the program.
- **Cloud Coach**  
Organizations are matched with an entire 9th grade class at a Minneapolis or St. Paul Public School. Mentor volunteers increase student motivation during the 8-week online mentorship. Students travel to the company once half-way through the program for an in-person meeting and tour.