

Bay Area Braven

Braven, a national organization focused on closing the education-to-employment gap, partners with universities, employers, and philanthropists to provide a credit-bearing course on career education, one-on-one mentoring, and connections to career opportunities. The goal of the program is to increase institutional capacity for supporting student well-being, employment opportunities, and economic mobility. Braven is expanding their footprint in California by increasing their partnerships with California higher education institutions.

Program Services

- One semester, credit-bearing course on career education
- Career coaches and cohorts
- One-on-one professional mentoring
- Connections to career opportunities and career building experiences

“Braven has impacted my college experience immensely. I have not only become more confident in my professional capabilities, but I’ve also received an amazing system of support.”

– Student participant

California higher education institutional partners

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UNIVERSITY

San José State University, *San Jose*



Braven provides students with high-quality, hands-on career development support

Braven exposes students to valuable career development opportunities—both inside and outside the classroom.

Student participants value Braven’s career development opportunities, including creating resumes, applying for internships, preparing for interviews, and visiting companies in the area.

“The support and opportunities they give us are so cool. Not only do we have a class where we work on actual stuff like a professional portfolio and mock interview, but then they give you outside opportunities. I’m actually attending a LinkedIn Day where I get to visit the LinkedIn campus. That’s what I really like.”

– Student participant

Braven provides students with hands-on, consistent support.

Student participants feel like Braven provides consistent, hands-on support that can sometimes be difficult to find at their university.

“The college isn’t as hands on because it’s who you know, and for a lot of people, that’s hard to find. But Braven, I feel like every single person in there, they’re all just like, ‘We’ll do this for you and we’ll do this for you. You just got to let us know, and we have these resources for you.’”

– Student participant

Institutional partners see the value of Braven’s leadership, coaches, and professional materials.

Institutional partners find that Braven provides high-quality, valuable support for student career development, including their leadership, coaches, and professional presentations.

“In addition to the leadership and coaches, the materials that they put together are so professional looking. Every single presentation they do, it just looks outstanding. I don’t think we could have done that ourselves. And it sets the tone for the students to see everything that looks so professional, and that’s something we’re really benefiting from.”

– Institutional partner

