

*Inspiring students.
Developing teachers.
Transforming lives.*



OUR FIRST GRADUATES FROM BREAKTHROUGH!



Our first BSP students who started in 2005 are about to graduate and head to college!



Breakthrough
Saint Paul

Mounds Park Academy and Saint Paul Public Schools



Acts of Bravery, Hanan!...
You can do it....Acts of Bravery!



Hanan ...
BSP Class of 2015

ACTS OF BRAVERY AT BREAKTHROUGH!

Hanan was 13 years old and it was the last day of her 8th grade summer program. The heart of Breakthrough is our daily All School Meeting, ASM, where the entire community comes together to celebrate achievement, to cultivate values and to train speakers, listeners, leaders and risk-takers. Hanan had finally worked up enough courage to take a risk. She was ready to sing a solo at today's ASM that she had been working on all summer in her a capella elective class.

Hanan took to the stage and placed her feet squarely on the 'X of Bravery' that marks the spot where ASM risk-takers do their thing. Her eyes widened as she surveyed the crowd of people that had gathered. She began and her lovely voice carried across the room.

Suddenly, after three verses, she completely lost her confidence in following through with her performance, crumbled to her knees, covered her face and, through self-conscious laughter, murmured, "I can't do it....I'm too embarrassed.... I'm so sorry."

Sensing that their friend needed help, the entire Breakthrough community rose to its feet and began chanting and cheering: "Acts of Bravery Hanan!...You can do it....Acts of Bravery." The encouragement and strength of her fellow students lifted Hanan from the floor and gave her the power she needed to finish her song, beautifully.

She earned the standing ovation that followed.

This is Breakthrough Saint Paul.

OUR MISSION ...

Breakthrough Saint Paul prepares highly motivated, under-resourced middle and high school students from the Saint Paul Public Schools for success in rigorous honors coursework and college ... and develops a diverse group of talented young people for careers in education.

DEAR BSP FAMILY...

After my first year at BSP, I am more convinced than ever that sustained, intense interventions are what are needed to launch under-resourced students on the path to college. For participants, the Breakthrough program is both challenging and rewarding. Our students complete more than 40 extra days of academic enrichment every year, and our aspiring teachers work countless hours to ensure their students' success. BSP touches the lives of everyone involved. As one of our students said, "BSP isn't just a program, it's a family." Thank you to all members of the Breakthrough family for your continued support and guidance on our path to create educational equity for all our community's children.



Emily Wingfield
Executive Director
Breakthrough Saint Paul

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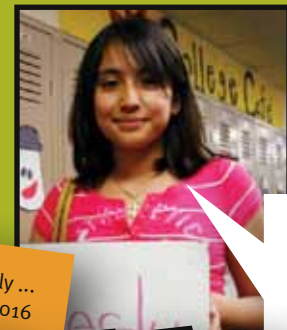
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WHY I APPLIED TO BREAKTHROUGH!



Lesly ...
BSP Class of 2016

I wanted more challenges ...

One of the most difficult decisions that I have made was to enroll in Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet School. I chose Capitol because I wanted an educational challenge. I wrote this poem when I first started at my new school.

Everything has changed
What should.....
I do?
School is all English
No more Spanish.
Can I survive?

I did survive and realized that challenging myself at this new school was the right decision. I applied to Breakthrough because I wanted more challenges and to learn the steps I have to take in order to go to college, the biggest challenge of my life.

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE ...

Breakthrough students attend a rigorous 6-week summer program consisting of full-day, student-centered, skills-based academic enrichment in math, English, science, and social studies in classes of only 8-10 students. Students complete 2 hours of homework each night. Students also take academic electives in such subjects as Spoken Word, Bollywood Dance, Lego Robotics, and Kite Making. Additionally, they practice public speaking skills during daily All School Meetings, go on stimulating field trips and college visits.

During the school year, students attend 8 Saturday half-day sessions where they visit local colleges and universities and participate in academic enrichment and community-building activities led by the summer aspiring teachers. Students also work with volunteers who help them apply for scholarships. Finally, students who are receiving below a B- in a core or honors class receive individual weekly tutoring.

MAKING MY LIFE BETTER...

Since receiving the laptop and internet access, it has made my life better in many different ways. First, this technology has given me the opportunity to do more than just write an essay or more than just read about what I'm learning in my classes. My laptop is like a resource, where I can turn to it when I'm stuck on a question or when I don't understand a certain word. This technology has opened up what I wouldn't call a new doorway but a helpful resource that most people like me don't get to have. The Breakthrough laptop program can really change a student's grades too. With easy access to lots of information, students will get higher grades because they have more resources to learn from"

...Lana Lee, BSP Class of 2012



THE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE ...

Breakthrough Anywhere is an online program for our high school students that uses innovative technology to make learning enjoyable and meaningful. Breakthrough provides all high school students personal laptops and internet connections so that they can access program services and online resources anywhere at anytime. Using the technology not only helps our students succeed in honors' courses, but it also helps students develop skills in email, word processing, and online research, which are now assumed in many jobs. Increasingly, the only way students can apply for scholarships, college, and jobs is online, and since the majority of our students do not have consistent access to computers, Breakthrough Anywhere is essential to their future success.

Beginning in May of their junior year, Breakthrough students meet individually with a professional College Counselor. Students receive individual support in preparing for the ACT/SAT, writing college essays, and applying for scholarships and financial aid. Working together, Breakthrough students identify and apply to at least ten colleges and universities.



Breakthrough is so important to me because I want to have a chance to get into the college of my dreams. My family members never got a chance to go to college. My sister had to start working at 12 years old to help my mom support us. Breakthrough is making a difference not just in my life, but in my family's too.
...Joana, BSP Class of 2015.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE...

ASPIRING TEACHER EXPERIENCE ...

The teacher internship at Breakthrough has been rated in the top 10 of college internships nationwide by "The Princeton Review." Aspiring teachers work closely with professional educators to design and teach academic enrichment courses in social studies, math, science, and English. Along with a full-time staff, mentor teachers provide an intensive 10-day initial training to aspiring teachers that covers curriculum development, lesson planning, classroom management, and assessment planning. Mentor teachers help our aspiring teachers revise their lesson plans and observe and provide ongoing feedback on their classes.

AWESOME...

A big part of BSP is helping underprivileged students on the path to college. This means a lot to me personally because I was given assistance to study. Now, I want to give others the same opportunity. It's an awesome program filled with energy. From early morning until the students leave, the sounds of cheers, sights of dancing, and happiness fill Mounds Park Academy.
...Ashley, BSP Teacher 2009, 2010, St. Johns University.



BRILLIANT...

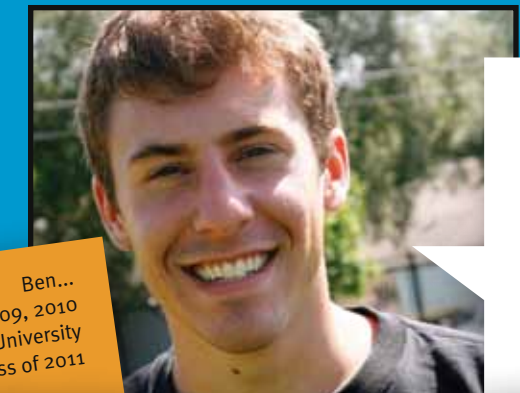
As a science mentor teacher, it was an unforgettable privilege for me to see the life-changing impact of BSP this past summer. Amazing college students were launched on their way to teaching careers, and underserved middle school students started on a path to college. Breakthrough Saint Paul is a brilliant program.
... Marc Shapiro, Mentor Teacher



My family never understood my decision to become a teacher. They didn't think the lifestyle was worth the trouble ... poor pay, layoffs, constricting rules, lack of appreciation. They never understood why I wanted to spend my last two summers as a college student getting up at 5 A.M. and working all day.

In my second summer at Breakthrough my parents were finally able to attend Celebration. After the ceremony, so many emotions took over in both the students and teachers. I could hardly hold back tears as I thanked my parents for coming and watched them leave. A few minutes later I received a message from my mom's phone that simply said, "Now we get it."

After one experience with Breakthrough, they easily saw what motivated me were the incredible students and the relationships between student and teacher. Years of trying to convince me to change my career path disappeared after meeting my students and watching them demonstrate what they learned in six short weeks. All you have to do is become a part of Breakthrough, even if it is just for a couple of hours on a Saturday night, and you can't not "get it."



Ben...
BSP Teacher 2009, 2010
St. Johns University
Class of 2011

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BECOMING A PART OF BREAKTHROUGH!

BY THE NUMBERS AT BREAKTHROUGH!

REVENUE

Deferred Revenue	\$151,314
Program Partners	\$117,000
Private Foundations	\$43,000
Corporate Foundations	\$32,000
Individual Donations	\$45,000
Government Sources	\$59,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$447,314

EXPENDITURES

Breakdown of Salaries and Benefits:

Year Round Staff	\$114,574
Aspiring Teachers and Mentor Teachers	\$73,080
Benefits	\$30,014
Total Salaries and Benefits:	\$217,669

Breakdown of Operating Expenses:

Educational Supplies:	\$16,000
Student and Teacher Recruitment and Training	\$4,000
Program Evaluation	\$1,600
Fundraising and Events	\$6,000
Marketing	\$1,500
Breakthrough Affiliation Fee	\$6,000
Math Tutoring Curriculum	\$4,200
Student Snacks	\$1,000
Misc. Operating	\$500
In-Kind Expenses	\$56,000
Total Operating Expenses:	\$96,800

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$314,369
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BSP STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

- 90%** of BSP students are from a racial group under-represented in college.
- 77%** of BSP students qualify for free/reduced price lunch
- 65%** of BSP students are the first generation in their family to attend college
- 45%** of BSP students speak a home language other than English

BSP ASPIRING TEACHER PARTICIPANTS

- 40%** of BSP aspiring teachers are male, compared to 24% of teachers nationally.
- 40%** of BSP aspiring teachers are of color, compared to 13% of teachers nationally.

HONORS COURSEWORK

Beyond race and class, honors class enrollment is the single largest predictor of successful enrollment to college.

- 94%** of BSP students are enrolled in at least one honors class compared to 49% of their peers in the Saint Paul Public Schools.
- 93%** of BSP students are passing with a B- or above at least one honors class.

OTHER STATISTICS

- 98%** of BSP students felt better prepared for school because of Breakthrough.
- 87%** of BSP students felt more excited about learning because of Breakthrough.
- 70%** of aspiring teachers that have graduated from college are confirmed working in education.

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