STUDENT NEWS

Class of 2015 College Enrollment

100% of Breakthrough’s 2015 graduating class are enrolled in four-year colleges and universities! Here are just some of the institutions they attend:

- Northeastern University
- George Washington University
- Johnson & Wales
- Curry College
- Worcester State
- Mount Holyoke College
- UMass Amherst
- Temple University
- Wesleyan
- Brandeis
- Boston University
- Bowdoin
- University of Chicago
- Nichols College
- UMass Lowell
- UMass Dartmouth
- UMass Boston
- Salem State
- Clark University
- Westfield State
- Alabama

Breakthrough Seniors Selected as Finalists for Posse Scholarships

Breakthrough is thrilled to announce that seven of our current seniors are finalists for the prestigious Posse Scholarship, awarded each year to high-achieving public high school students who may be overlooked in the traditional college admissions process. Posse Scholars receive four-year, full-tuition leadership scholarships to one of Posse’s partner colleges or universities.

TEACHER AND STAFF NEWS

Meet Peter and Kelly!

This spring, Breakthrough welcomed two new full-time staff members to the program team.

**Kelly Alfaro** is the new Director of Student Services at our Cambridge Campus. Kelly is responsible for the overall success of our middle school students, overseeing a range of support services and maintaining regular communication with families. Kelly joins Breakthrough with 10 years experience in education including college admissions as well as student services work with middle and high school students in Boston and Chelsea.

**Peter Lorinser** joins Breakthrough as the High School Program Manager. Peter will work closely with 9th and 10th grade students in Cambridge and Dorchester to provide the resources needed to succeed in high school and prepare them for the college admissions process. Peter most recently worked as a special educator in Boston and also brings experience with student advising and summer programming. He began his career in education with Teach for America.

Summer 2015 Teachers

Here’s a quick snapshot of the talented faculty who completed our Teacher Training Program and taught our 7th, 8th and 9th grade students for six weeks this summer:

- **70** college students and **2** high school students
- Representing **51** schools in **20** different states
- Average G.P.A. of **3.5**
- **57%** identify as teachers of color
- **61%** scholarship students or receive financial aid
- **7** Posse Scholars
- **12** returning Breakthrough Teachers

IN THE COMMUNITY

Spotlight on Career Day

Rising 9th grade students at Breakthrough visit local corporations as a part of Breakthrough’s Career Day. This past summer, students visited five of our corporate partners: Ernst & Young, Goodwin Procter, Google, MassChallenge, and State Street Corporation. Here, Breakthrough student Naomi visiting MassChallenge practices giving a pitch to Anthony Chhoy, Co-Founder of Makers Empire.

Thank You Breakthrough Gala Sponsors!

With the support of 430 individuals and a generous match from the Amelia Peabody Foundation, we raised over $270,000 at the 2015 Breakthrough Gala. Many thanks to this year’s sponsors:

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**Volunteer**

**Become an Academic Mentor**

Work one-on-one with a motivated student for one hour a week to help them tackle their hardest subject and achieve their full potential. Boston or Cambridge Campus; training provided.

**Host a Career Day Event**

Invite a small group of motivated Breakthrough students into your workplace to gain exposure to your profession and the educational path that led to your career.

**Organize a Supply Drive**

Host a book or supply drive to help provide students with reading materials, AP test preparation, and other essential school supplies.

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