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SAVE THE DATE

Join Us for Trivia Night!

Breakthrough's Associate Board is hosting the 3rd Annual Trivia Night on **Thursday, July 21st at 6:30 p.m.**

Workbar
45 Prospect Street
Cambridge MA 02139

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Summer Book Drive, providing books for all Breakthrough students.

Can't make it? Host your own book or supply drive to help provide students with reading materials, AP test preparation, and other essential school supplies.

To learn more, contact Amy Kingman at 617.349.6647 or akingman@btgbmail.org and visit www.breakthroughgreaterboston.org/events.

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Transformative Teaching Honored at the 2016 Breakthrough Gala

Thanks to the support of 470 community members in attendance, Breakthrough Greater Boston raised over \$400,000 in contributions at the 8th Annual Breakthrough Gala on March 31, 2016. The evening included a powerful testimonial from Breakthrough senior Elmer Vivas Portillo, who reflected on the Breakthrough teachers who transformed his education. Moments before his testimonial, Elmer learned that he had been accepted at Harvard University.

Former Breakthrough Teaching Fellows also took to the stage to present the 2nd annual Breakthrough Spirit Award to author and activist Jonathan Kozol. This award is modeled after the recognition Breakthrough gives to its students for demonstrating Breakthrough's four habits of mind, known as "Spirit Checks." Each year, the award is given to an outstanding citizen who displays these same characteristics in their commitment to promoting educational equity in Greater Boston and beyond. Jonathan Kozol began his career as a teacher in the Boston Public Schools. Over the last 50 years has published numerous award winning books highlighting the importance of educational equity. The inspiring evening ended with a live fundraiser, which raised over \$130,000 to hire a talented faculty of Teaching Fellows this summer!

At the Gala, many supporters dedicated their gift to a teacher who transformed their life, including:

Alma Cabello	Ed Mullen	Mr. Kay	Ms. Principe
Ann Merritt	Edward Gallagher	Kelly Lange-Pitkin	Dr. Renee Marian
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IN THE COMMUNITY

Thank You Breakthrough Gala Sponsors



Food and Drink Donors:



STUDENT NEWS

Academic Mentors Help Breakthrough Students Succeed

This spring, 80 Breakthrough middle and high school students received support through Breakthrough's Academic Mentor Program. Academic Mentors work one-on-one with students each week to help them in subjects they find challenging. Thanks to the dedication of Academic Mentors, Breakthrough students exhibit both academic and personal growth.

"The best part of this experience has been being able to see Rose grow, both academically and personally. She exudes a whole new confidence." Stephanie, Academic Mentor

2016 College Choices

Breakthrough's senior class will graduate high school this month! As the end of the school year approaches, they are making important decisions that will shape the trajectory of the rest of their lives. Check out where our seniors will be headed next year, and join us in congratulating the Class of 2016 on their achievements!



TEACHER AND STAFF NEWS

Reflecting on a Year of Service

Breakthrough was fortunate to host two dedicated service members this year to enhance our support of students and build our volunteer program. Thanks to their efforts, Breakthrough engaged 80 new volunteer Academic Mentors in the past school year, and provided individualized academic support to more students than ever before. **We asked our service members to share the thing that has impacted them the most during their time at Breakthrough. Here is what they said:**



"Serving with incredibly motivated students and staff, and the positive energy that they bring to the Breakthrough community." Rafaella Pontes, Commonwealth Corps Program Fellow

"Learning about the resiliency of young people and my role as an advocate for social change." Sebastián Villa, AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellow Student Support Coordinator

In the coming year, Breakthrough will host five service members to build on these successes! Do you know someone who would be interested in a service position with Breakthrough? Visit www.breakthroughgreaterboston.org/careers to find out more about these roles and to submit an application.