

January 9, 2017

Dear Breakthrough Scholar,

Hello! My name is Ms. Groft, and I am the new Executive Director for Breakthrough Birmingham. I am very excited for the opportunity to work with you this summer as we continue to offer our three-year, high-class program from 7th through 9th grades to support you on your path to academic excellence, college completion, and, ultimately, achieving *your* goals. You should feel very proud of the work you did last year. The Breakthrough staff and I can't wait to see what you will accomplish this summer!

Mark your calendar! And tell your parents to do the same! The Breakthrough Birmingham Summer 2017 program will run from June 12 – July 21, 2017. Remember – every day is packed with learning and fun, so plan to be there every day. We will have busing available again this summer to pick you up and take you to the site at one of the Birmingham City schools. I will send more details about the bus schedule and site location later in the spring.

****IMPORTANT! Please submit your Breakthrough Birmingham Summer 2017 Program packet (attached) to us no later than Thursday, February 16, either by mail, email, or online form (available at www.breakthroughbirmingham.com).** This is very important so that we have updated contact information and know your t-shirt size!

If you have concerns about being able to attend the program this summer, please contact me at lgroft@breakthroughcollaborative.org or (205)440-7600.

Remember, as a Breakthrough Birmingham Scholar, you have made a commitment to your future.

The Breakthrough commitment means that you will:

- Fully attend every day of the program (no more than 3 absences) and complete all assignments;
- Work hard to be successful in school and to earn a college degree as a path to life-long success;
- Be focused, driven, enthusiastic, and curious about learning;
- Serve as positive community members by exhibiting leadership and respect for others;
- Maintain an A or B average in all classes in middle school; and
- Set high goals and work towards achieving them.

Please feel free to call me on my cell phone or email me if you have any questions:
(205) 440-7600 or lgroft@breakthroughcollaborative.org.

Sincerely,



Linn Groft
Executive Director