



Breakthrough Birmingham

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Dear Student,

I am excited that you are thinking about your future and interested in applying for the Breakthrough Birmingham Scholars program. Breakthrough is a partnership with Birmingham City Schools to support motivated students on the path to academic excellence, college completion, and, ultimately, achieving *your* goals. If you are accepted into the program, your relationship with Breakthrough will begin the summer before 7th grade and last through the summer before 9th grade. Breakthrough Birmingham is **completely free** for all students who are accepted into the program. Space is limited, so I highly encourage you to apply by our **priority deadline on Thursday, February 16, 2017**.

Breakthrough's Path to Excellence:

- Six-week, full-day rigorous academic advancement and engaging cultural enrichment in the summers before 7th, 8th, and 9th grades
- Access to tutoring during the school year in 7th and 8th grades to help you maintain high grades in all your classes
- Check-ins with Breakthrough staff to discuss further opportunities to help you succeed
- Access to successful college students as role models and mentors
- Information sessions and workshops for you and your parents/guardians supporting you to be successful in achieving your college and career goals

As a Breakthrough Birmingham Scholar, you are making a commitment to your future. Our Scholars commit to the following:

- 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
- Set high goals and work towards achieving them

I hope that you will consider applying to be a Breakthrough Birmingham Scholar. Please see attached for application information. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions at (205) 440-7600.

Sincerely,

Linn Groft
Executive Director