

## Breakthrough Visitors' Day and Career Day Announcement

We are pleased to announce two opportunities for you to connect with Breakthrough students and teachers this summer at our **Visitors' Days** and **Career Days** across the country. These collaborative-wide events are traditions which add to the depth and quality of each student's summer experience while giving you a window into the transformative summer sessions that people like you have helped to make possible.

During Visitors' Day, Breakthrough affiliates invite you to meet students, participate with students in an academic class, observe an All-School Meeting, and enjoy lunch. If you have only read or heard about the magic of Breakthrough, Visitors' Day is your opportunity to experience that magic firsthand with a middle-school host as your guide.



During Career Day, Breakthrough students will travel to your office to meet you, participate in some of your morning routine, tour your office, and enjoy lunch. These career-focused days give our students (rising 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders), most of whom will be the first in their families to graduate from college, a sense of the working world and a chance to explore future career opportunities. In preparation for Career Day, students write resumes and practice interviewing skills before embarking on their day of discovery at local business and corporations.

It is our hope that we can connect you with the real-life students and young teachers whom you are supporting.

Attached is a list of dates and locations where you can participate this summer in a Visitors' Day or Career day near you. If you have any questions, contact [Madeleine Clarke](#) at 415-632-4347 or contact our sites directly to RSVP.

Sincerely,

*Beth C. Porter*

National Executive Director

### **About Breakthrough Collaborative:**

Breakthrough is a collaborative of programs that increases educational opportunity for motivated middle school students and encourages talented high school and college students to pursue careers in education. Breakthrough Collaborative establishes and promotes high standards, ensures the success of all programs, and acts as the national voice of the Collaborative. For more information, visit [www.breakthroughcollaborative.org](http://www.breakthroughcollaborative.org)

## Summer 2010 Opportunities

# Visit a Breakthrough Site Near You...



*Breakthrough students and teachers will welcome you into their program and engage you in an exciting and academically rigorous experience. Get ready to catch the "Breakthrough Spirit!"*

Breakthrough Visitors' Day is a time for new friends and loyal supporters to be a part of the magic our Breakthrough programs create. You'll see students spending their summer vacations writing essays, conducting research, completing labs, and pushing themselves to reach their full academic potential, while finding their voices. You'll watch teachers learn and grow, becoming the educators of tomorrow. You'll experience the transformative power of "students teaching students." We hope you can make it to a location near you.

## ...Or bring Breakthrough into your office

Career Day is a fantastic opportunity for you to see our middle-schoolers in action. This is your chance to "show and tell" about the work you do and introduce new career possibilities for them to pursue. If you'd like to host a small group of Breakthrough students with a teacher chaperone at your organization, contact [Madeleine Clarke](#) at 415-632-4347 or contact our sites directly to RSVP.



*Breakthrough students participate in mock interviews and resume workshops and learn to how dress for success before visiting local businesses and corporations on Career Day.*

## Today's Students, Tomorrow's Leaders

**Building a diverse workforce begins with exposing young people to a wide variety of career possibilities.** Breakthrough students are the leaders of tomorrow. Hosting a group for a Career Day visit is an excellent way for your company to get involved and give back to the community. This visit could inspire a Breakthrough student to join your team one day in the future -- after college, of course. During our 30+ years of service, many Breakthrough alumni have gone on to be top executives at corporations around the world. Ready to host a group? Breakthrough students and teachers are eager to meet you!

# Join us!

## Visit in June and July this summer

Breakthrough has sites more than 30 communities across the US and Hong Kong. For details on Visitors' and Career Day events in this summer, please contact [Madeleine Clarke](#) at 415-632-4347 or contact our sites directly to RSVP.

### Sample Career Day Schedule

9:00-9:25 am	Breakthrough students and teacher chaperone arrive, meet you, and introduce themselves.
9:30-11:00 am	You can "show and tell" Breakthrough students what your company does and explain your role; discuss their future goals in a mock interview; have other co-workers present interesting aspects of their jobs; and answer questions, etc.
11:00 am	Put the students to work! You can give them a sample task* or assignment to complete (*we have plenty of ideas to share if needed).
Noon	Enjoy a business lunch with students and co-workers, which will allow for more Q&A and getting acquainted before sending the students back to Breakthrough.