



NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2022

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

We are thrilled to return to an in-person National Conference! For the first time since 2019, we will gather as a community, share best practices, learn about new initiatives, and connect as people who are dedicated to education equity!

We will offer a wide variety of sessions intended to highlight bright spots in our work and facilitate engaging conversations about what we do and how we do it. The goal is to leave energized to support students and teaching fellows, feel connected to your Collaborative peers, and have new ideas to implement at your affiliate.

Below you will find a list of the sessions (subject to minor changes with the potential of a few additions). This list is intended to help affiliates decide who to send to this year's conference. Where appropriate, we've indicated the intended audience, but all are open to everyone. We will also have opportunities to share Breakthrough Spirit, have fun, and connect in informal settings!

Registration will be available the first full week of October. At that time, we'll ask attendees to indicate which sessions they plan to attend. *Conference will run from approximately 9 am PT - 4 pm PT on Wednesday, 11/9 and from approximately 9 am PT - 2 or 3 pm PT on Thursday, 11/10.*

All Staff & Community

Welcome & State of the Collaborative

Reconnect with your colleagues from around the Collaborative and meet our new National CEO, Vince Marigna, as we reflect on 2022's enduring breakthroughs, renew our collective commitment to our mission, and preview the exciting work ahead.

Affiliate Affinity Groups

Facilitated by the Affiliate Committee, connect with other like affiliates (hosted v. 501(c)3, size, etc.) to build relationships, share best practices, and thought-partner. More details to come!

Collaborative Standards & Pathway Planning

This workshop will bring everyone up to speed and provide key updates on the Collaborative Standards and Pathway Plans process. Affiliates will thought-partner with others tackling similar quality indicators for their Pathway Plan.

Network Improvement Communities – Working Towards Your Pathway Plan Goals

In this workshop, we'll identify common challenges of practice across the Collaborative and outline the plan for continued collaboration toward successful standards attainment.

Revisiting Academic Assessments

In 2017, an Assessment Workgroup advanced recommendations on academic assessments for the Collaborative. This session will revisit the recommendations from 2017, discuss current needs, and collect feedback on the appropriate role of academic assessment at Breakthrough.

Introduction to the 2023 TF Alumni Survey

This session will serve as an initial conversation about the TF Alumni Survey that is slated to launch next year. You will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the intended outcomes and share ideas about how to optimize implementation and participation.

Communities of Practice

Each track will have time slated to connect more informally and highlight challenges and questions in your work. National Staff will guide these sessions but are meant to be collaborative and affiliate driven.

All School Meeting

Join us to close out this year's conference Breakthrough-style with an All School Meeting and the 2022 Collabie Awards Ceremony!

The Breakthrough Starter Pack (BTSP)

The Breakthrough Starter Pack (BTSP) Adopter Panel

Are you interested in learning more about BTSP and how it can transform your (data) work? Are you already a BTSP super-user but you're interested in learning how your colleagues at other affiliates are using it? Panelists will share how the tool has supported efficiency in their work and ensured data quality. Affiliate BTSP users from across the Collaborative will provide insight into the ways they have optimized utilization and best practices with BTSP. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own questions for the panelists and National BTSP Staff.

The Breakthrough Starter Pack (BTSP) Feature Discovery

This fishbowl discussion will gather broad input and ideas for BTSP feature development. Current adopters and affiliates interested in learning more about BTSP are encouraged to attend.

Development and Communications

AmeriCorps: A Collaborative Vision to Support Teaching Fellows & Affiliates

In this session, which will be both conversation and workshop, we will explore opportunities for collaborating and expanding AmeriCorps partnerships. With a goal to both increase Teaching Fellow stipends and offset the largest costs to affiliates across the Collaborative, we are seeking input from affiliates on our emerging AmeriCorps strategies and plans in 2022–23.

Lifting up Alumni to Elevate the Breakthrough Brand

Join the Breakthrough National Marketing & Communications team and your fellow colleagues as we explore how to engage and lift up our alums to tell the story and power of our mission.

Breakthrough Collaborative has been improving educational outcomes for more than 40 years, demonstrated by countless alumni who are now educators, leaders, and change-makers across various private and public sector industries. This community of former students and Teaching Fellows are an incredible asset and resource to support one another and raise awareness of and elevate the Breakthrough brand.

Joint Fundraising – The More Together, The Better (h/t Michael Griffith)

The purpose of this session is to collectively brainstorm how the National Office and affiliates can work together to maximize philanthropic funding flowing to Breakthrough at all levels. Using a consultancy protocol, we will strategize together the best ways to create and share joint funding opportunities to advance financial sustainability across the Collaborative.

Program: Middle School

BIT Updates 2023

Understand and discuss updates to Breakthrough Instructional Trainings (BIT) for Summer 2023. Together we will review planned updates, project timeline, and rationale for the forthcoming changes, answer affiliate questions, and collect feedback. Attendees will leave this session prepared to implement the streamlined orientation with a draft schedule designed around your affiliate's unique needs and prepared for the rollout of the BIT changes during Spring Training 2023.

The Human First Framework Phase 2

Join us to celebrate the successes of the first year of the Human First Framework and learn more about our next steps, including the development of the Teaching Fellow HFF. Participants will preview and provide feedback on the student advisory curriculum.

Learnings from the Gates Math Tutoring Pilot

This session will share out the bright spots and lessons learned during our Gates After-School Tutoring Pilot. We will highlight ways we can replicate the success in future programs and have an opportunity to hear from the affiliates who participated in this unprecedented project.

School Year Program Pilot Interest Session

We are excited by the progress made by the School Year Program Group last spring and look forward to the next phase of this project. We will host an info session so that affiliates can better understand the scope and commitment of the pilot and assess their interest in participating.

Program: High School/College Bound

uAspire FAFSA Completion Training

This 4-hour intensive workshop led by our partners at uAspire is a chance for sites working on increasing their support for students' financial aid applications to get practical tools and training. It is also an opportunity to learn about the latest updates and services in completing the FAFSA.

Compass Prep-Digital Standardized Testing Update and Understanding the Evolution of Test-Optional Admissions

Provided by our partners at Compass Prep, this session will outline updates in college admissions, explain the process and implications of the shift to digital testing, and how to properly advise students in navigating test-optional admissions.

Tracking College Bound Data and Beyond - What qualifies as an Active Student?

This session will be a conversation to gather input as we evolve tracking student data in Salesforce. As we work to align on student standards, we will move to create common definitions in data tracking. This clarity will improve our data quality, accurately track the work you are doing locally, and ensure that we deliver the outcomes we promised to our students and teaching fellows.

ECMC College Success Launch

This session is limited to the affiliate staff participating in the first round of college success collaboration. We will set out the expectations of the pilot, timelines, and deliverables of the project and have a chance to connect in person to set a strong baseline for future virtual collaboration.