Breakthrough uses a unique “students teaching students” model to create our rigorous, vibrant learning communities across the nation, where highly-motivated, traditionally under-represented students achieve post-secondary success and where emerging leaders are inspired to become the next generation of educators and advocates.

Breakthrough offers a proven pathway to success for almost 11,000 dedicated students and 1,100 aspiring educators every year.

- Summer and school-year programming for students
- A challenging teaching residency for college undergraduates

Breakthrough students are seven times more likely to graduate from college than students from similar economic backgrounds.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics: Pell Institute/University of Pennsylvania 2018

*All lowest-income quartile, at age 24 Students who completed degrees within six years of college enrollment

A student’s socio-economic status does not have to define his or her future.

Breakthrough scholar affirmation statement:

“I am a Breakthrough Scholar. I have committed myself to this program, which I know will not be easy all the time. I will not give up because failure is not an option, for I am the future and the bright hope for my family, friends and community. I strive to be consistently excellent, responsible and to act with integrity as a student and a leader. …I am brilliant. …I am confident. …I will graduate from college. …I will achieve my dreams.”

Breakthrough is a place where it’s cool to be smart.

Breakthrough recruits teaching fellows who are as dedicated as our students.

US public schools suffer a critical shortage of teachers from diverse backgrounds. The Breakthrough Collaborative recruits and trains a diverse pool of undergraduates from all over the country and gives them practical experience in the classroom. These teaching fellows develop their skills while serving as strong and inspiring role models to our young scholars.

Feeding the educator pipeline

- 55% of Breakthrough teaching fellow alumni have gone on to teach
- 76% of Breakthrough alumni have pursued careers in education
- 91% of Breakthrough teaching fellows say their experience increased their readiness for professional employment

The Breakthrough Collaborative is a network of 24 affiliates nationwide.

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