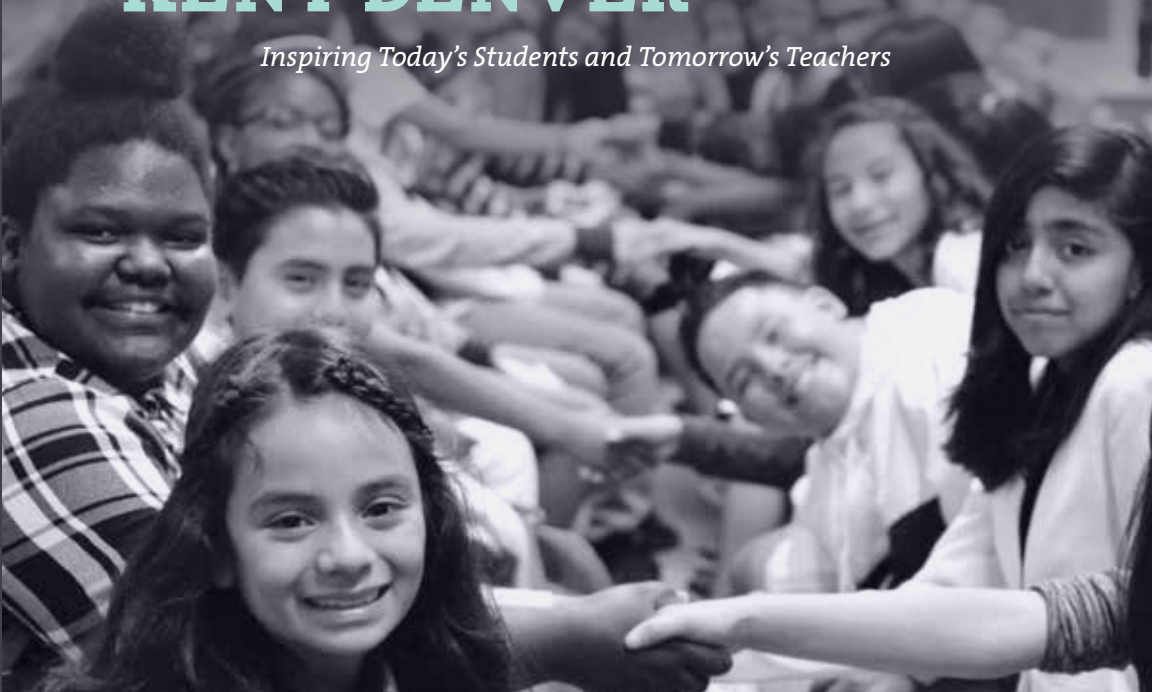


Learn. Teach. Achieve.

# BREAKTHROUGH KENT DENVER

*Inspiring Today's Students and Tomorrow's Teachers*



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2017-2018**

## OUR MISSION

To increase the **educational** and **social opportunities** of **motivated**, financially **under-resourced**, middle and high school **students** through a **quality year-round program**.

To **motivate** and **train** talented college **students** for **careers in education**.

## BREAKTHROUGH KENT DENVER

*is a six-year after school and summer program that **supports middle and high school students** through challenges and transitions while **simultaneously training aspiring educators**.*

All programs and services are provided at **no cost** to **all** of **our students**.

### Breakthrough's Impact in 2017-2018:



**100%** of Breakthrough high school seniors graduated in 2018

**173** middle school students and **185** high school students served from over **70** Denver Public Schools (DPS) and Englewood Public Schools (EPS)



**92%** of Breakthrough graduates matriculated into an institution of higher education

Breakthrough is the only program in Denver to have **100%** of students graduate high school for the past seven years



**48 days** of additional academic instruction

Marks **24 years** of closing the achievement gap in Denver Public Schools and Englewood Public Schools

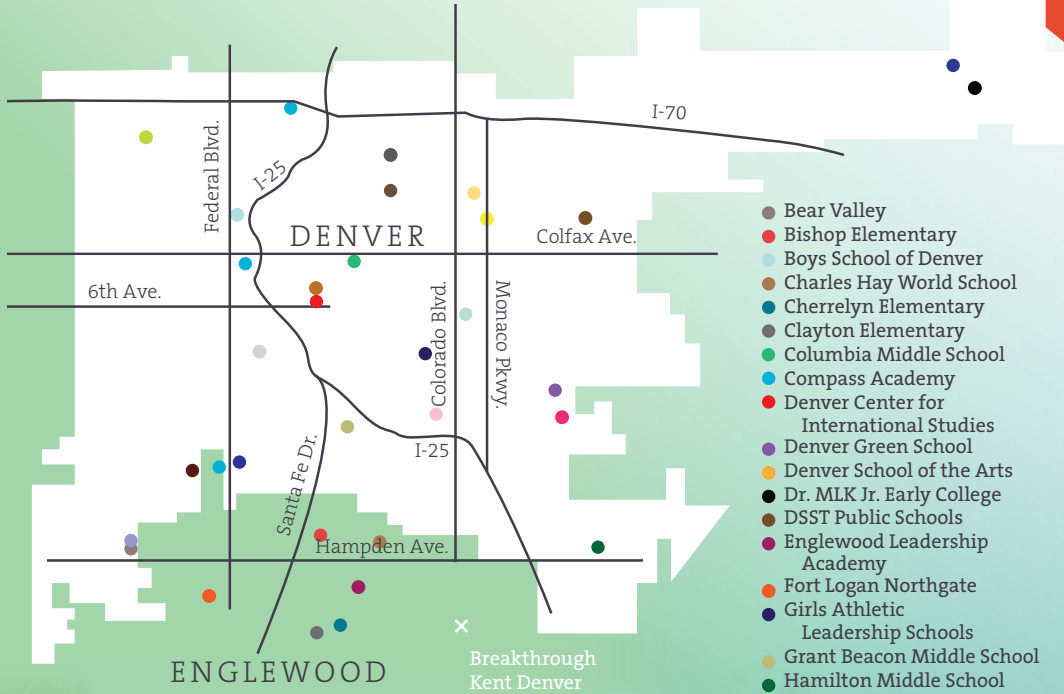


"Before coming here, I had a hard time dealing with other students who would provoke me or try to bully me. Breakthrough gave me tools to control my anger and to think of other ways to deal with other students. By taking deep breaths or simply walking away, I stopped making situations worse, and started being more positive. This isn't just an academic program that helps us get better in school, Breakthrough has actually changed who I am."

- **Levi Lee**, 8th grade, **Morey Middle School**

# DENVER & ENGLEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

*Breakthrough Successfully Served 35 Denver and Englewood Middle Schools in 2017-2018*



# SUMMER PROGRAM

*Rigorous Academics, Leadership Activities & Community Building for 7th-9th Grade Students*

- Intensive **six-week summer session** (M-F, 8am-4pm)
- **28 days** of rigorous instruction in **math, reading, writing, and science**

## Summer Impact:



**82%** of students scored at or above in math post assessments



**91%** of students spoke, presented, or performed in front of the community



**90%** of students completed all but two of 80 homework assignments



**92%**  
Students  
of Color

**84%**  
Qualified for  
Free/Reduced  
Lunch

**Who did we serve  
this summer?**

**81%**  
First Generation  
College Bound





# SATURDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

*Non-Traditional School-Year Support For  
Middle School and High School Students*

- Seven Saturday school sessions
- Once per month during the school year

## Non-Traditional Subjects:

- Social Justice
- Business Acumen
- Medical Student for a Day
- Celebrate the Arts
- Health and Wellness
- Global Awareness
- Technology Day

*+ enhanced academic support and guidance*



“Saturday School is so rewarding because we, the high school students, become the main

teachers. The most rewarding moments happen when a student isn't getting a concept and you personally teach it to them in a way that they understand it. Watching them have that 'breakthrough' is what makes this program is so incredible.”

- **Claudia Bautista**  
Senior, **Kent Denver School**

## Volunteer Statistics:

**139**

Year-round  
Volunteers  
Including  
Advisory Board

**20**

Anschutz  
Medical  
Student  
Mentors

**22**

Student  
Board  
Members



# HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE BOUND PROGRAMS

*Support That Continues to Ensure our Students Graduate and Go to College*

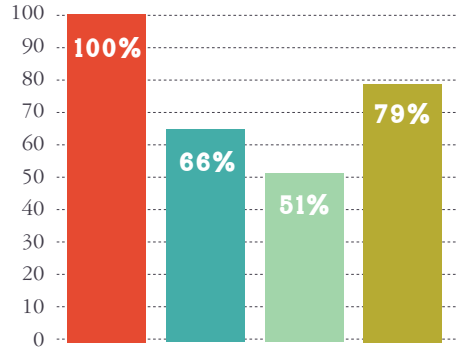
## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

(Serves 8th and 9th grades)

- 8th grade **high school selection counseling** for students and their families
- 9th grade **academic support**
- 8th and 9th grade **high school transition support** for students and their families



## 2017 High School Graduation Rates\*



\*Colorado Department of Education:  
<http://www2.cde.state.co.us/cdereval/graduationdatamap.asp>

- Breakthrough Kent Denver
- Denver Public Schools
- Englewood Public Schools
- Colorado

## COLLEGE BOUND PROGRAM

(Serves 10th - 12th grades)

- 10th grade **Mentor Program** with Anschutz Medical Students
- 11th grade SAT test prep practice
- 11th and 12th grade support in **summer opportunity search**, personal statements, **resumes**, admission test prep, interview practice, college list making, and **financial aid**

### Breakthrough Class of 2018 College Matriculation:

Arapahoe Community College  
University of Colorado (Downtown)  
Colorado Community College of Denver  
Colorado State University  
Concorde Career College - Aurora  
Knox College  
Littleton Community College  
Metro State University  
University of Northern Colorado



# TEACHING FELLOW PROGRAM

*Training the Next Generation of Dedicated Educators*

- Serves college students **aspiring** to become **teachers**
- **Two-week intensive teacher training** before students arrive
- **Six-week classroom experience:** lesson plan implementation and behavior management
- Daily support from professional educators with instruction and behavior management

## Highly Competitive Process:

**160** Teaching Fellow Applications from Across the Country

**32** Accepted Positions

## Summer staff:

**47%**  
People of Color

**41%**  
Returning Teachers

**19%**  
Breakthrough Student Alumni

**80%**  
*of our teachers are pursuing careers in education!*



"Breakthrough prepared me to teach from the first day we arrived on campus. The training period before the summer program provided us with a strong curriculum, classroom management skills and instructional support. My biggest takeaway, however, was a constant reminder to provide students with a clear objective for each lesson. This gave the students a purpose for each day, and it helped me focus on individual classroom goals. Breakthrough helped me grow so much this summer, both as an educator and as a person."

**-Barbara Bravo-Gonzalez**

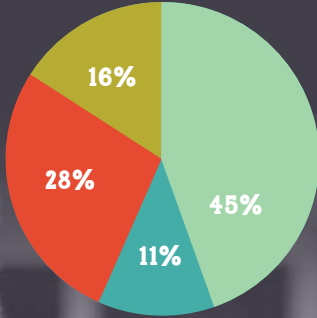
Breakthrough Teaching Fellow, 2018

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Breakthrough Development

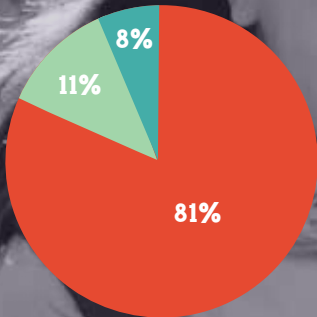
**Amount Raised** - \$654,464

## REVENUE



- Foundation Support/Corporate (\$348,425)
- Individuals (\$89,783)
- Events (\$216,256)
- In-Kind Donations (\$122,745)
- Endowment (\$0)

## EXPENSES



- Program (\$623,451)
- Administration (\$57,719)
- Fundraising & Communication (\$85,507)

# BREAKTHROUGH BOARDS & STAFF

## Breakthrough Kent Denver Staff

Sarah Dutcher- *Executive Director*  
Brooke Lynn Brewer- *Program Director*  
Kyle Bobrick- *Communications Director*  
Adrianna Morell Carmichael- *Program Coordinator*  
Dawn Mohatt- *Director of Finance*  
Margot Pinto- *Parent Liaison*

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## THE BREAKTHROUGH PLEDGE

*(Recited every day by the community)*

We are **Breakthrough**,  
and we commit ourselves to  
**Hard Work, Dedication,**  
**Respect, Fun,**  
and most of all  
Excellence in **Learning.**



## Breakthrough Partners

Kent Denver School  
Denver Public Schools  
Englewood Public Schools  
Breakthrough National Collaborative  
Denver Kids  
Denver Test Prep  
Mindfish Test Prep  
Anschutz Medical School  
Shoulder to Shoulder  
Horizons  
The Challenge Foundation  
The Denver Scholarship Foundation

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(\$15,000 - \$49,999)

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