

Most important of all... its Fun!



OUR MISSION

Breakthrough Miami* provides an academic enrichment program that uses a students-teaching-students model to ensure that motivated, under-resourced middle-school students have access to excellent high-school opportunities, graduate from high school on time, and attend college.



*Formerly Summerbridge Miami

WHAT WE DO

Our rigorous six-week Summer Institute and Breakthrough Saturday school-year programs prepare middle-school students to enter, thrive in, and graduate on-time from college-prep high schools and four-year colleges and universities. We also support parents as they navigate their students' educational choices.

Our College Bound program prepares high-school students for the challenges of college and career, with advanced academic support, guidance on college selection and experiential learning that provide the tools for achieving their goals throughout life.

Our student-to-student model engages outstanding older students as teachers, mentors and role models in an internship listed as a Top Ten service learning experience by The Princeton Review.

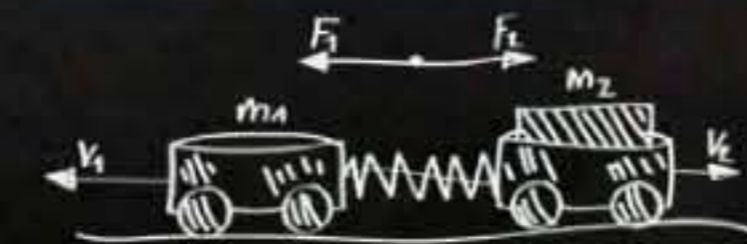
OUR EIGHT-YEAR, TUITION-FREE PROGRAM PROMOTES A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT THAT INSPIRES LOVE OF LEARNING, COMMUNITY SERVICE, SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS AND HIGH ASPIRATIONS.

IN 2012, THERE WERE 1,089 TALENTED BREAKTHROUGH MIAMI SCHOLARS IN GRADES 5 THROUGH 12 STUDYING, LEARNING AND HAVING FUN AT SIX SEPARATE SITES ACROSS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

...AND WHY WE DO IT

- Our program is based on national research that demonstrates:
 - Students from low socio-economic backgrounds lose an estimated four to five months in reading skills each summer, and the loss is cumulative.
 - Increased attendance in out-of-school programs improves academic achievement, and the longer students are involved, the greater their achievements.
 - High-quality summer, after-school and weekend programs help students improve social and physical skills that impact their health and well-being, in addition to their academics.
 - Cross-age peer mentoring provides significant benefits, both academically and socially, for both mentors and mentees.

BREAKTHROUGH MIAMI IS THE LARGEST AND MOST DYNAMIC AFFILIATE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO-BASED BREAKTHROUGH COLLABORATIVE, WHICH HAS 33 SITES NATIONWIDE.



A MEASURE OF SUCCESS

In 2012, an independent assessment of our program by the University of Miami Education and Evaluation Team (UMEET) documented continued improvement in the academic metrics at all grade levels for the past three years. Among the 2011-12 achievements of our Breakthrough Miami scholars:

- 87% OF 8TH GRADERS WERE TAKING ALGEBRA 1 OR GEOMETRY
- 72% OF 10TH GRADERS HAD A GPA OF 3.0 OR ABOVE
- 67% OF 11TH GRADERS TOOK TWO OR MORE AP CLASSES
- 60% OF THE CLASS OF 2012 GRADUATED WITH FOUR OR FIVE YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS
- 55% OF THE CLASS OF 2012 COMPLETED THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)
- 41% OF THE CLASS OF 2012 TOOK THE SAT OR ACT TESTS

Breakthrough Miami is committed to the continuous improvement of our programs, as measured by the achievement markers above and longer-term student outcomes. We will use the analysis and the recommendations in the UMEET report to build on our accomplishments.

"I WILL TAKE EVERYTHING I LEARNED FROM BREAKTHROUGH AND CONTINUE TO APPLY IT TO MY LIFE WHEN I BEGIN COLLEGE."
 —SERENA EDWARDS-MAZUR
 Breakthrough Miami Class of 2012
 Questbridge Scholar
 Freshman at Washington & Lee University

FAR OUTPACING THE NATIONAL AVERAGE (44%) FOR HIGH-PERFORMING STUDENTS, FROM LOW-INCOME BACKGROUNDS.

100%

of Breakthrough Miami 2012 high-school seniors graduated on time.

98%

enrolled in 2-year or 4-year colleges and universities.

In 2012, 72% of Breakthrough Miami's Seniors Entered 4-Year Colleges

- Including:
- MOUNT HOLYOKE
 - WASHINGTON & LEE
 - TUSKEGEE
 - HAMILTON
 - UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
 - UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
 - FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

OUR STUDENTS...

We recruit from more than 75 Title 1 elementary schools across Miami-Dade County, identifying students who are bright and motivated but may lack the access to the challenging opportunities they need to achieve their academic potential.

Summer Institute 2012 Participants

- MINORITY 97%
- INCOME QUALIFIES FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH 79%
- FIRST GENERATION TO ATTEND COLLEGE IN THE US 36%
- SINGLE-PARENT HOUSEHOLD 19%
- PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH 15%
- STUDENTS WITH 2 OR MORE RISK FACTORS 88%
- STUDENTS WITH 3 OR MORE RISK FACTORS 67%

All Breakthrough Miami Students

- 36% Hispanic
- 37% African-American
- 15% Haitian-American
- 3% Caucasian
- 7% Asian, Multi-Racial and Other



OUR TEACHERS...

...are a highly diverse group of outstanding high school seniors from Miami-Dade County and excellent college students from across the country. In 2012, 93 participated in an intensive one-week teacher training bootcamp. Their six-week internships are supervised by credentialed staff educators and mentor teachers from public and independent schools. An introduction to career paths in the field of education is part of an experience that many say is unforgettable, and life-changing.



"BREAKTHROUGH MIAMI EQUIPPED ME WITH THE TOOLS I NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN COLLEGE, IN MY FUTURE PROFESSION, AND IN LIFE."
 —KARISSELYN BELLAMY
 Breakthrough Miami Class of 2012
 Freshman at Florida Atlantic University

BREAKTHROUGH MIAMI SCHOLAR AFFIRMATION STATEMENT

I am a Breakthrough Miami 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.



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OUR HISTORY & OUR SITES

Summerbridge Miami was launched on the campus of Ransom Everglades School in 1991. It was designed to help talented middle-school students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds overcome the racial, cultural and economic barriers to academic achievement. The six-week summer program, taught by high-school and college student interns, served just 40 students.

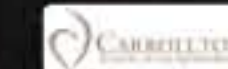
In 2007, the program, re-branded as Breakthrough Miami, was recognized for its excellence by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation with a five-year grant of \$3.2 million to expand to 1,000 students on multiple sites. In 2012, we enrolled 1,089 scholars, both middle-school and high-school students, on six sites. Our eight-year program now guides students from 5th grade through high-school graduation, and operates during the summer and the school year.



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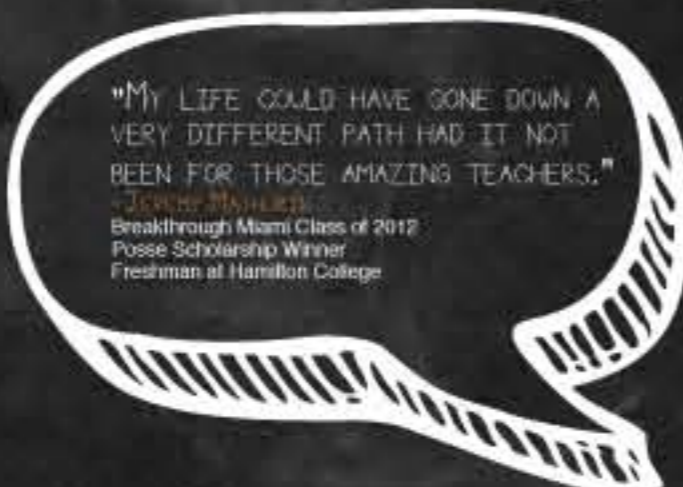
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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Over the past four years, Breakthrough Miami's enrollment has grown from 350 scholars participating to over 1,000. This past year, we were pleased that the University of Miami conducted a study that validated our academic gains. But for me, year after year, the smiles on the faces of our scholars -- as they sail, fish or expand their worlds, when they do well in math, graduate on time, or learn to work together and solve problems... that is what is most valuable.

I look forward to many more of these smiles as our scholars achieve their dreams.

ALICIA RODRIGUEZ BOWER



"MY LIFE COULD HAVE GONE DOWN A VERY DIFFERENT PATH HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THOSE AMAZING TEACHERS."

-**TERESA DYNE**
 Breakthrough Miami Class of 2012
 Posse Scholarship Winner
 Freshman at Hamilton College

Students Enrolled in College Prep Curriculum

PUBLIC SCHOOLS 83%
 INDEPENDENT AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS 17%



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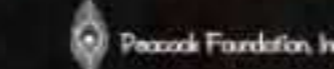
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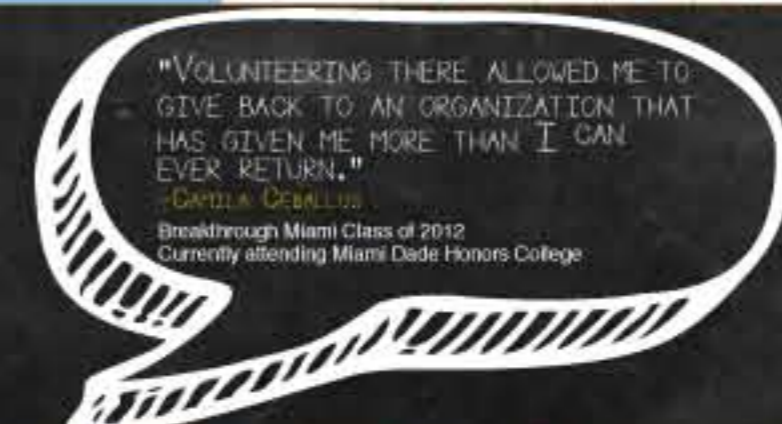
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BREAKTHROUGH MIAMI FY10-FY13 FINANCIAL REPORTS

	Audited FY10	Audited FY11	Audited FY12	Budget FY13
SUPPORT & REVENUES				
Events & Contracts	1,053,885	1,123,161	1,281,938	556,082
Contributions	425,774	480,409	493,669	1,035,000
Other Income	5,136	7,832	21,009	4,000
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUES	1,484,795	1,611,402	1,796,616	1,595,082
EXPENSES				
Program Services	1,042,575	1,320,167	1,346,710	1,403,672
General & Administrative	113,614	88,672	76,519	79,754
Fundraising	146,101	125,188	107,127	111,656
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,302,290	1,534,027	1,530,356	1,595,082
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Program Sites Operated	5	6		
Students & Scholar Interns Served	648	932	1,089	1,139

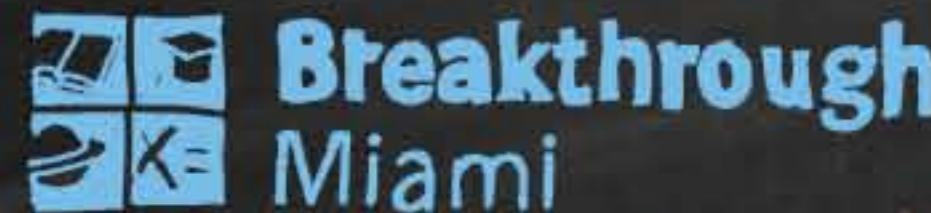


"VOLUNTEERING THERE ALLOWED ME TO GIVE BACK TO AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS GIVEN ME MORE THAN I CAN EVER RETURN."

-**GARDIA CEBALLOS**
 Breakthrough Miami Class of 2012
 Currently attending Miami Dade Honors College



INTERN TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF THE 2012 SUMMER INSTITUTE AT CARROLLTON SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART, THE ONLY ALL-GIRLS BREAKTHROUGH PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY.



2012 Annual Report

Changing Lives & Creating Leaders



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