The past year brought immense change to all of our lives.

At Breakthrough New York, we connected with students and families to ensure they were safe and supported. We adapted our tried-and-true programming model to a virtual one and distributed technology to students to ensure that they could connect with us and their schools. We are proud of our students for continuing on their educational paths despite the major disruptions to their lives. **Today, 100% of our high school graduates are enrolled in a four-year college, and 91% of the class of 2020 graduated from college on time.**

As the pandemic persisted, we moved from crisis-response to thoughtful planning and implementation, and we reshaped our summer and school-year program. We provided new tutoring sessions and more one-on-one support with application mentors to navigate the college and high school application processes. We also launched new initiatives -- our volunteer college coach model and Salesforce Student Communities portal -- to create a more individualized, robust, and effective support system for our students.

I am so proud of our staff and students’ perseverance through this crisis, but the pandemic has laid bare the inequities in our education system. Research shows that remote instruction has further exacerbated the opportunity and achievement gap for BIPOC students in particular. Our program model is precisely designed to combat learning loss and create bridges to opportunities previously inaccessible to students. Combining our tested model with the creativity and strength our community, I know we will be able to navigate these new challenges and ensure a bright future for our students.

Thank you for your partnership with us over the past year, for your unwavering belief in our students, and for your commitment to working with us to seize the opportunities that lie ahead.
Brandon Millington graduated from Boston University this fall with a degree in Film. During his last semester, Brandon served as a team leader with Students for Justice - a non-profit organization focused on voter registration and mobilization.

“We wanted to get as many voices out there as we could,” he said “and give as many people as possible assistance in voting.” He advises young people “to realize the importance of being an active citizen when it comes to elections and be proactive in our communities.”

Brandon credits Breakthrough New York for connecting him to Students for Justice and for his success at Boston University: “I think Breakthrough put that spirit in me to just push forward and to own my progress and capabilities. Breakthrough really expanded my access to new opportunities and where I could see myself.”

Now, he’s thinking about the legacy he wants to build for himself and his family. Brandon is sharing his film expertise and deep understanding of the Breakthrough community to tell the story of our students and program through a video that will be streamed during our virtual gala in May. We’re confident that Brandon’s work will continue to make a positive impact as his career progresses.

“I’m a first generation college student,” he said. “I know that every decision I make will have an effect on my family’s name and how we carry ourselves. I want to expand our reach and presence beyond New York City.”
MEET

ZOE ABNEY

When New York City needed more healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, Zoe Abney stepped up as a volunteer EMT.

"I didn't realize how bad it was until I got on the front line and saw for myself how it was affecting people in the city and especially the area of the Bronx where I volunteered," she said. "I'm proud that I did it because I didn't think that I would be able to handle something like that, being only 21 years old."

Zoe attributes her leadership to her ten years with Breakthrough New York: "They helped me develop my personality. I feel like I grew into my personality being at Breakthrough."

Zoe is a senior at Medgar Evers College and aspires to pursue a career as a trauma/triage registered nurse. She wants to actively combat the disparities in healthcare exacerbated during this pandemic:

"I want to help provide services to those with socioeconomic issues and a lack of access to healthcare." We are proud of Zoe's courage and persistence throughout the pandemic, and we know she will continue to make a difference within her community in the years to come.

"From my perspective, [the medical field] is not an easy pathway, but by believing in yourself and your abilities, you will be able to do anything you want. Breakthrough helps you with that and provides you with the necessary resources to help you get and stay on track."
2020 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

97% of 8th grade students enrolled in a college preparatory high school

100% of 2020 seniors graduated from high school and enrolled in college

91% of seniors graduated college

90% of alumni secured a job or continued their education within 6 months of graduation

STUDENT COMMUNITY
514 STUDENTS

63 accepted students (out of 400+ applicants)

120 middle school students

253 high school students

141 college students

66% will be first generation college graduates

76% qualify for free or reduced lunch

41% live in single parent households

60% identify as ELL

Racial Diversity

Gender Diversity

34% live in Brooklyn

16% live in Queens

33% live in the Bronx

16% live in Manhattan

1% live elsewhere

34% of 8th grade students enrolled in a college preparatory high school
Breakthrough New York coaches students and their families in gaining admittance to the best-fit high schools and colleges across the public, private, and parochial spectrum. We are proud to share the new enrollments for students entering high school and college in Fall 2020.

**HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS**

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Bedford Academy High School
Bishop Loughlin (BHGH)
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FY20 FINANCIALS
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Revenue

Total: $2,663,699

- SBA PPP Loan (12%), $333,400
- Institutions (33%), $873,208
- Board & Individuals (24%), $636,894
- Event (net) (27%), $720,749
- Other (4%), $99,448

Expenses

Total: $2,753,445

- Administration (9%), $249,986
- Fundraising (15%), $417,439
- Program (76%), $2,086,020

Breakthrough New York ended FY20 net negative, primarily due to unexpected revenue loss during spring 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic began. We adjusted our expenses in FY21 and are grateful to our philanthropic partners who have increased their support as we navigate this crisis.

Other revenue includes in-kind support, government support, and investment income.
Last year, we celebrated our 8th annual gala virtually for the first time.

While the pandemic prevented us from celebrating our annual gala in person, the strength and generosity of the Breakthrough community shone through. We raised $780,000 thanks to the continued support of our sponsors and donors.

Please visit www.btny.org/gala-2021 to learn more about our virtual gala on May 25. We hope you will join us!

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Laura Drumm
is a Managing Director and Head of Financial Institutions within RBC’s US Debt Capital Markets team. Laura also serves as Co-Chair of the RVets employee resource group, as well as a member of the RBC US Foundation and Political Action Committee boards. Laura graduated from Princeton University, magna cum laude, with an A.B. degree in History and a certificate in American Studies. She resides in Cobble Hill, Brooklyn with her husband, John, and her two daughters. Laura and her husband are long time supporters and volunteers of BTNY. In fact, they asked for donations to be made to the nonprofit when they were married.

Walt Lukken
is the President and CEO of the Futures Industry Association (FIA). FIA is a global trade organization with offices in London, Singapore and Washington, D.C. Walt and FIA have been strong supporters of BTNY over the years with its mission to provide opportunity to our next generation of student leaders. Walter graduated with honors from Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business in 1989 with a BS in Finance. Walter received his JD from Lewis & Clark Law School in 1992.

Alisa Mall
is a managing director at Foresite Capital responsible for corporate development, long term capital strategy, investor relations, and ESG engagement. Alisa also serves as a board member at Breakthrough New York, The Bronfman Fellowship, and the Pension Real Estate Association (PREA). Alisa graduated with honors from Yale University in 1999 with a BA in Political Science. In 2004, she received her JD from Stanford University Law School.
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