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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Breakthrough Community,

2022 marked a gradual return to normalcy in our professional and personal lives. Students, families, and teachers came together to celebrate graduations and congratulate each other on the remarkable accomplishments of another school year completed.

This year also kickstarted the return of Breakthrough New York's signature summer program. With the help of our partners at The Town School and Grace Church High School, Breakthrough brought 161 students and 26 Teaching Fellows together in person for the first time in three years. Middle schoolers immersed themselves in literature, science, dance, and music classes while Teaching Fellows exercised the leadership skills of being an educator.

Breakthrough New York shapes its programs around the pillars of enrichment, access, and relationships – all of which are rooted in community. We were fortunate to start rebuilding our in-person services to provide better learning environments and chances for students to connect with their peers and establish a sense of belonging. We held career days, talent shows, celebration events, and more, where students experienced hands-on learning and formed lasting friendships.

As we look ahead, we are excited to capitalize on this renewed enthusiasm and refocus our commitment to our students. We will set goals to expand our programs and improve the student experience throughout their ten-year journey. We intend to grow and diversify our Teaching Fellows cohort, preparing talented young educators to revive the pipeline of incoming teachers.

Breakthrough New York thanks its community of volunteers, donors, staff, parents, and students for showing us all that is possible, and for supporting us as we venture into this new phase of growth.



Beth E. Onofry
Executive Director

OUR MODEL

BREAKTHROUGH NEW YORK empowers motivated students from low-income backgrounds to achieve a college degree and pursue fulfilling careers.

Our tuition-free, ten-year program centers around three educational “breakthroughs” that accelerate student learning.



ENRICHMENT

Summer and afterschool programming builds academic and social-emotional skills



ACCESS

Admissions guidance supports enrollment into selective high schools and colleges



NEAR-PEER RELATIONSHIPS

College students teach and mentor Breakthrough students





was paired with Breakthrough volunteer coach Bella, a finance professional, to guide her through academic and life challenges. Bella, who shares a similar background to Yuan, soon became a role model and “big sister” to Yuan, who also aspired to enter the finance industry. It was especially helpful that Bella connected her to colleagues who work at the intersection of finance and social impact.

“Bella has been instrumental in helping me grow as a person,” Yuan says. “It was just so reassuring to know that I’ll be entering adulthood with someone who always has my back.” Even after their formal Breakthrough mentorship has ended, the pair continues to stay in touch.

Yuan is currently part of the Citi Service Year Fellowship program, which allows her to defer her employment at Citibank to work for one year at the nonprofit Asian Americans for Equality. She reflects on the past ten years with Breakthrough and could have never imagined what her life would entail. “I have to thank Breakthrough for my career path,” Yuan remarks. “I don’t think I would have been where I am, being able to thrive in college, without the social capital that Breakthrough gave me. I’m really proud to be a Breakthrough student.”

BREAKTHROUGH NEW YORK

prides itself on building a supportive community for its students and educators. This was one of the appeals of Breakthrough New York for Yuan Chen (Cornell University, Class of 2022) when she applied as a middle school student. As a person of color attending a predominantly white school, Yuan was searching for ways to make friends and find her community.

99% of Breakthrough students identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color), and 56% are first-

generation college students. In sharing common backgrounds and lived experiences with her Breakthrough peers, Yuan was able to form a special bond with them. “We reflected together to understand what our experiences look like, and how to not take in all the microaggressions that we have faced, but instead know we belong here for a reason,” she remembers. “I’ve learned to better advocate not only for myself, but also other people of color and first-generation students.”

Yuan’s peers were not the only ones who have made an impact on her life. During college, she

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

OUR STUDENTS

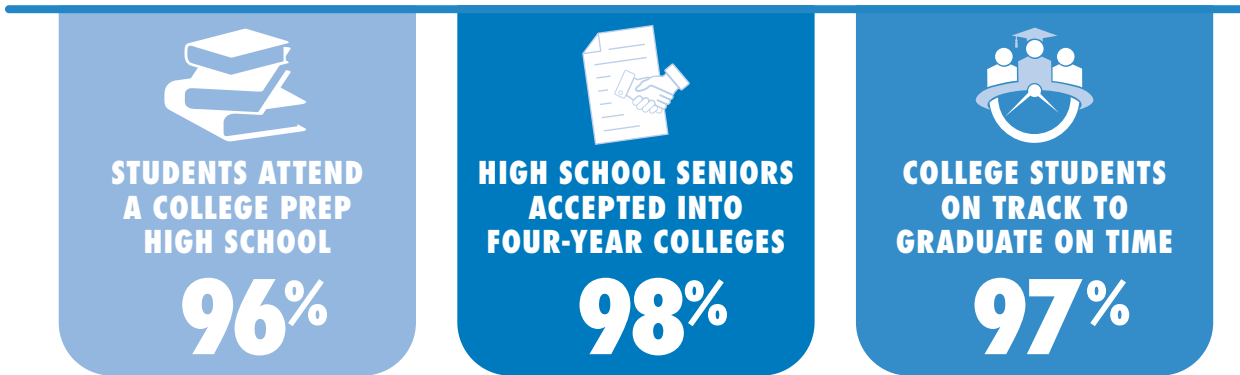
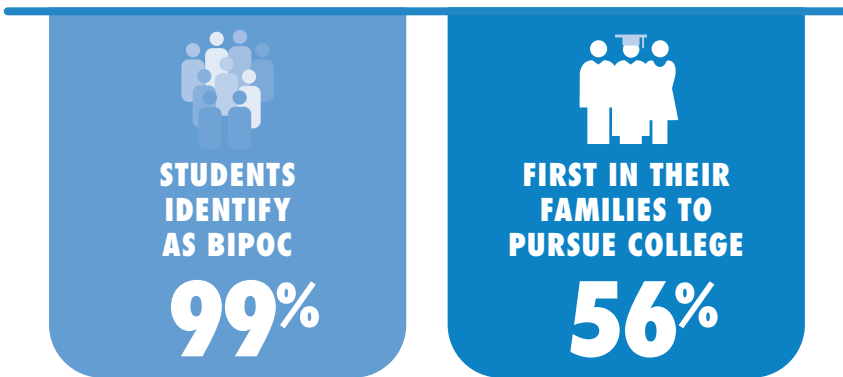
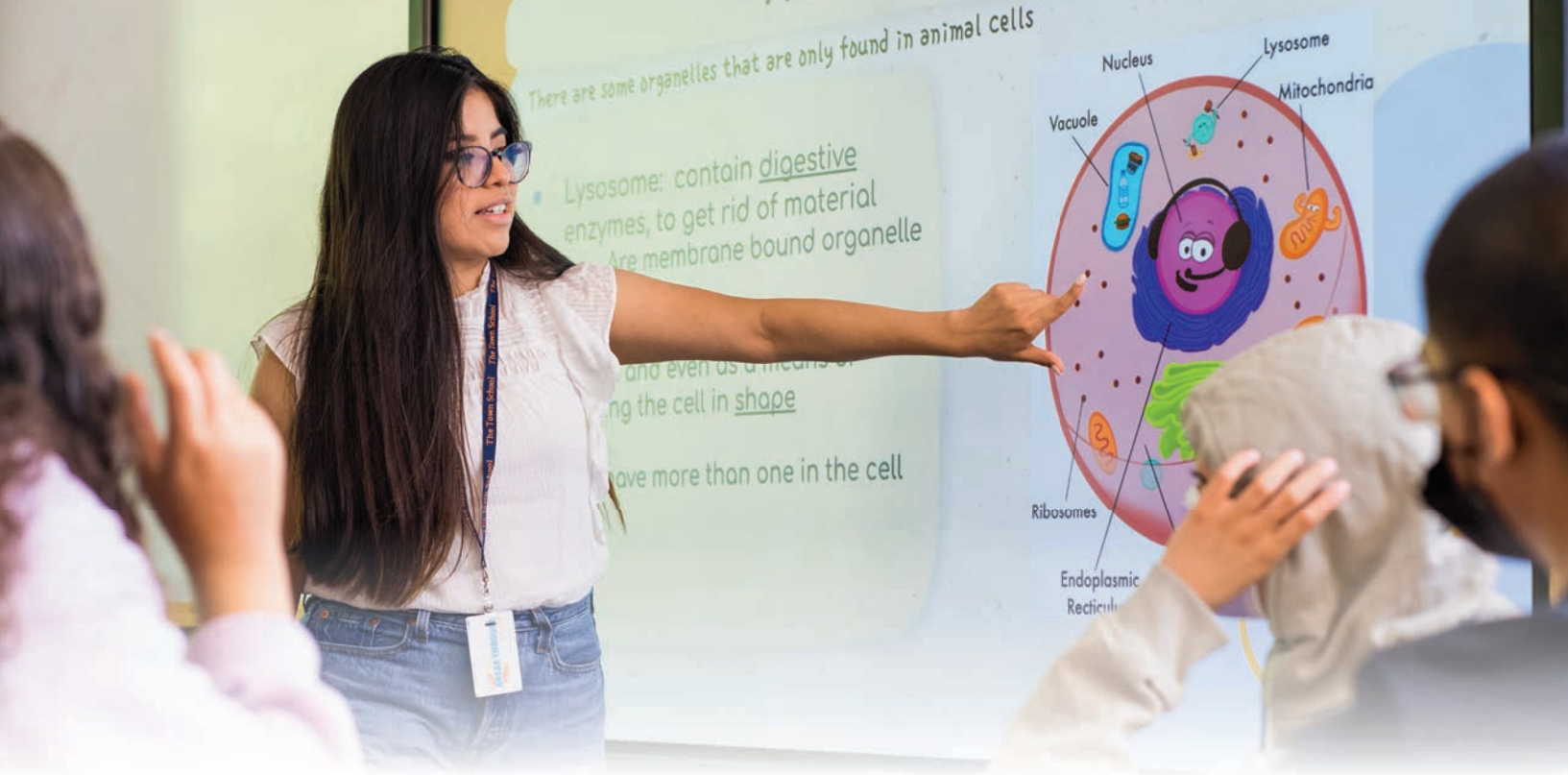
“GIVING BACK

to my community is one of my main goals in life – to be able to help others in ways that I know Breakthrough New York has helped me. I enjoy serving as a role model for other students.”

JANELY

BREAKTHROUGH
CLASS OF 2027
PROGRAM ASSISTANT





NEW STUDENTS ADMITTED

72

MIDDLE SCHOOL COHORT

130

HIGH SCHOOL COHORT

188

COLLEGE COHORT

180



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

OUR TEACHING FELLOWS

“WINNING this award is really a win for my students. Maybe they saw how much fun my students were having, and how excited and how capable they were of doing science even at the 7th grade level. They showed the potential that 7th graders could have to change the world. **”**

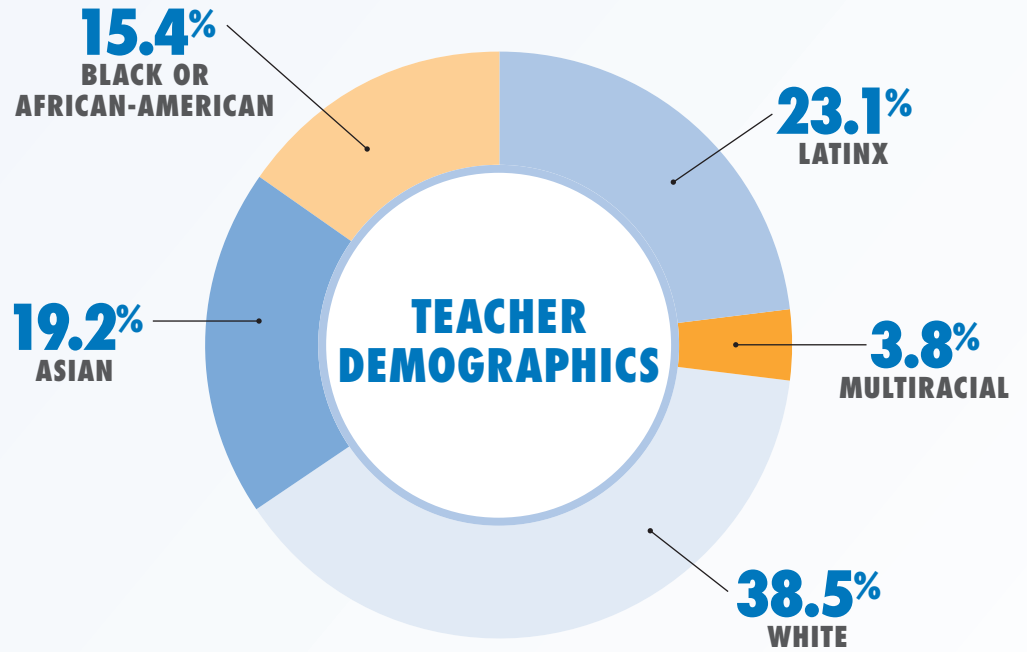
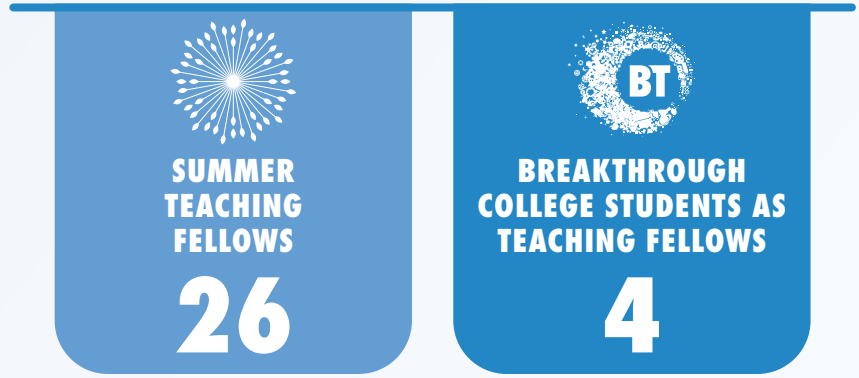
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HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

89%
OF RISING
9TH GRADERS WILL
ATTEND A COLLEGE-
PREP HIGH SCHOOL
DURING THE 2022-23
SCHOOL YEAR

BREAKTHROUGH 8th graders complete a rigorous high school options curriculum that helps them apply to and enroll in college preparatory programs.



INDEPENDENT

- Berkeley Carroll
- Calhoun (2)
- Columbia G&P
- Cristo Rey
- LREI (2)
- Nightingale-Bamford
- Packer Collegiate Institute

SPECIALIZED

- Bronx Science
- Brooklyn Tech (2)
- High School for Mathematics, Science, and Engineering at City College

CHARTER

- Democracy Prep
- Endurance High School
- South Bronx Charter School for the International Cultures and the Arts

SELECTIVE PUBLIC

- Beacon High School (3)
- Brooklyn Collaborative
- Brooklyn College Academy
- Central Park East
- Civic Leadership Academy
- Eleanor Roosevelt
- High School of Economics and Finance
- High School of Health Professions and Human Services
- John Adams
- Knowledge and Power Preparatory Academy (KAPPA)
- M399 High School for Language and Diplomacy
- Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics
- Monsignor McClancy Memorial High School

- Pace University High School (2)
- Richard R. Green High School for Teaching
- School of the Future
- Star Academy
- University Heights Secondary School (2)
- Urban Assembly of Music and Art



COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS

▲ Anamaria, SUNY College at Geneseo

▶ Angelica, SUNY University at Albany

BREAKTHROUGH high school seniors are partnered with college admissions specialists who guide them through the application processes.

- American University
- Boston University
- Case Western Reserve University
- College of Holy Cross
- Columbia University
- CUNY Baruch College (5)
- CUNY Hunter College
- CUNY John Jay College
- CUNY The City College of New York
- Davidson College
- Denison University (2)

- DePauw University
- Fordham University (2)
- Haverford College
- Hofstra University
- Ithaca College
- Lehigh University
- Lincoln University
- Manhattan College
- New York University (2)
- North Carolina A&T State University
- North Georgia Technical College

- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)
- Rochester Institute of Technology (2)
- St. John's University
- Stanford University
- Stonehill College
- SUNY College at Geneseo (2)
- SUNY College at Oswego
- SUNY Stony Brook University
- SUNY University at Albany

98%
OF SENIORS WERE ACCEPTED INTO FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

- SUNY University at Buffalo (2)
- The Culinary Institute of America
- University of Arizona
- University of Notre Dame
- Williams College

2022 GALA



BREAKTHROUGH NEW YORK

welcomed nearly 300 guests at its annual gala. We raised over \$900,000 thanks to the generosity of our dedicated Breakthrough community.

We were pleased to name Melody Rollins and Macquarie Group as our honorees. Both honorees have been incredible supporters of Breakthrough New York by promoting economic mobility through volunteerism and financial contributions.



The gala also featured alum Gompo Tashi (Hunter College, Class of 2021), who recounted his story of attending a previous Breakthrough gala and securing an internship at National Futures Association. This internship led to his position as a financial examiner that he holds with the company today.

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BREAKTHROUGH volunteers and partners are vital to helping carry out our mission. Volunteers participate in one-day activities like mock job interviews, as well as long-term roles like mentoring as college coaches. Highlighted here are a few corporate and school partnerships that provide resources and career exploration opportunities for students.



ONE-DAY
VOLUNTEERS

103



COLLEGE
COACHES

101

// WITH MY MENTEES,

I've seen how resilient they are and how determined they are, and how independent they are. I really admire my mentees for that because when I was in college [the] first year, I was none of those things! I make sure I tell them that. I'm proud of them. "

ROSHAN CHUDHRY

COLLEGE COACH





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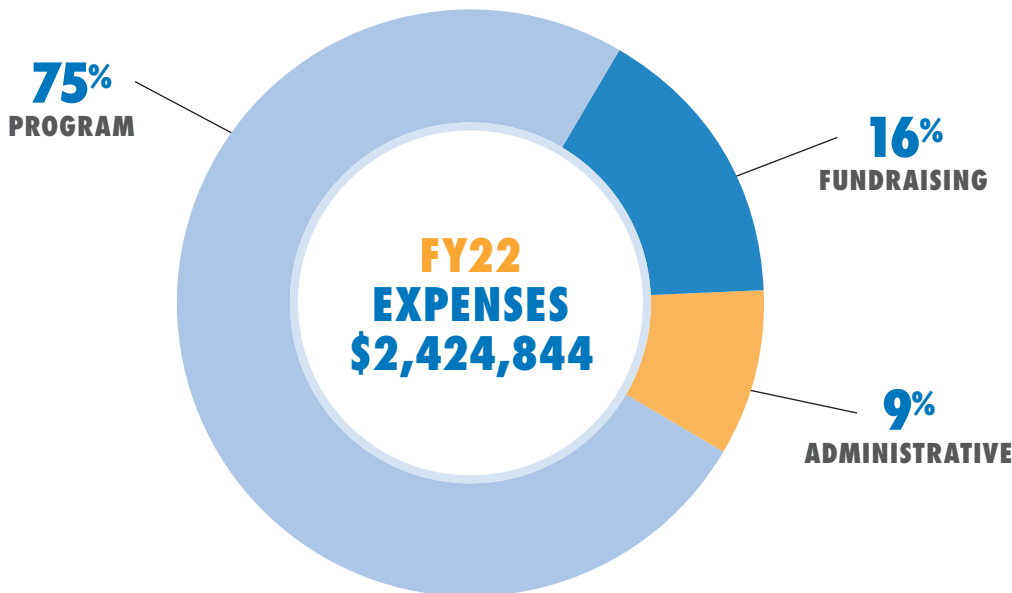
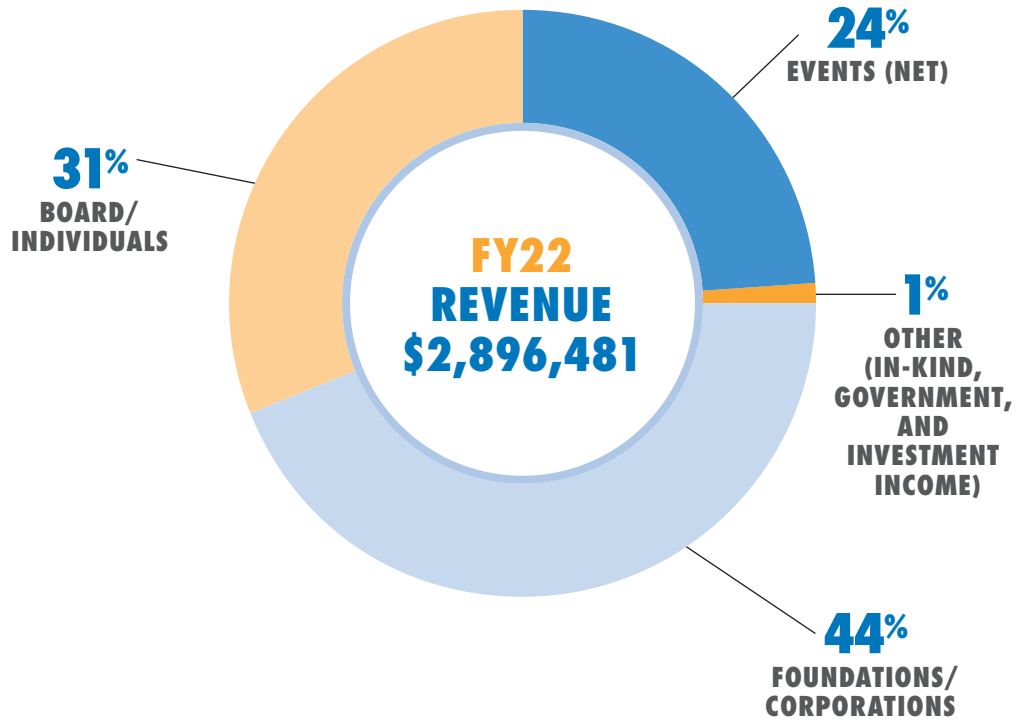
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