KINDERGARTEN to CAREER

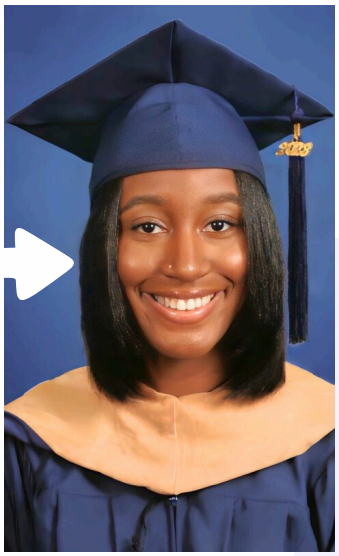
every step.
every stage.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we celebrate our 15th anniversary, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible journey of Breakthrough Public Schools and the friends who helped us get here. Your past support was a vital part of our foundation, and we want to share the immense progress we have made because of partners like you.

Fifteen years after we first opened our doors, we are experiencing the full-circle impact of your support. Today, we operate five flourishing K-8 campuses, serve approximately 3,000 scholars, and have a vibrant alumni network of over 3,300 graduates. The dream you once helped fund is now a thriving reality, as we work to support every scholar on their path from **Kindergarten to Career. Every Step. Every Stage.**

The enclosed story from one of our amazing alumni is a powerful example of the long-term impact of your past generosity. As we celebrate this milestone and look to the future, we invite you to reconnect with us and continue this journey. Your support today will ensure we keep the dream of a quality education alive for every scholar at Breakthrough Public Schools.



With gratitude,

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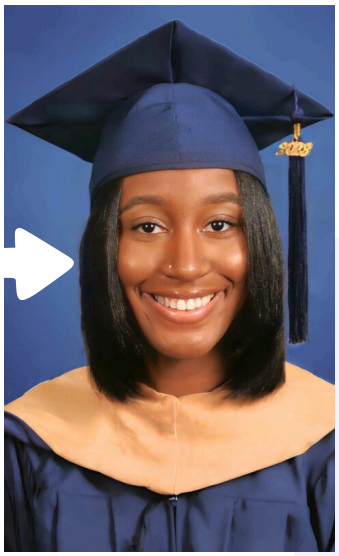
Dear [Salutation],

This year, we're celebrating a very special moment: the 15th anniversary of Breakthrough Public Schools. It's a milestone that stands as a testament to what a caring community and a bold vision can achieve.

What started as three single schools coming together in 2010 has grown into a powerful network of five K-8 campuses, serving approximately 3,000 scholars each year. But our true impact is best seen in our commitment to our scholars' full journey, from **Kindergarten to Career. Every Step. Every Stage.** We have an alumni network of over 3,300 graduates who are making a difference across the country and right here in Cleveland—a tangible sign of the long-term success you can help build.

The enclosed story from one of our alumni is a powerful example of this mission in action. When you support Breakthrough, you're not just funding a school; you're investing in a community where every child is empowered to reach their full potential.

We hope you will consider making your first gift to Breakthrough Public Schools today, and help us continue this journey of transformation.



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THE JOURNEY TO A BRIGHT FUTURE BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP

For the scholars at Breakthrough Public Schools (BPS), that journey starts in kindergarten and continues long after they graduate. We are committed to supporting our scholars at "Every Step and Every Stage" of their educational and personal growth, and we're asking for your help to make it happen!

Cleveland has the highest child poverty rate in the nation, and that's why our work is so critical. At Breakthrough, we believe that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. We serve economically disadvantaged scholars in grades K-8 across our five campuses, helping to build a foundation for a life of impact and opportunity.

Aniya in Kindergarten

8th Grade Valedictorian

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Breakthrough scholar Aniya Lavender knows what it means to give back.

A 3rd year scholar at Bowling Green State University, Aniya is double-majoring in business analytics and international business with a minor in marketing. She first joined Breakthrough as a kindergartener and says the values she learned in her early years "laid the foundation for the person I am today."

This past summer, Aniya returned to Breakthrough as an IT intern. She says the experience gave her a new appreciation for the organization and helped her grow in confidence and leadership. "Most importantly, I felt the joy of giving back to the community that helped shape who I am today."

READ ANIYA'S FULL STORY AND SEE HOW YOUR SUPPORT CHANGES LIVES

Supporting Scholars **Inside and Outside the Classroom**

AT BREAKTHROUGH, WE'RE GOING BEYOND TRADITIONAL EDUCATION TO PREPARE OUR SCHOLARS FOR THE FUTURE.

Our new I**Innovative Learning Labs**will provide scholars with hands-on experience using cutting-edge technology. They'll develop skills in areas such as robotics and 3D printing, ensuring they're well-prepared for the digital world.

And thanks to our partnership with **Motogo**, our scholars are learning to build a real motorcycle engine. This year, thanks to *generous sponsorship by Lubrizol*, the program is expanding to the Glenville Campus. Scan the code to see the scholars in action!

Learning extends beyond the classroom with sports and after-school programs that keep scholars active, engaged, and supported. From **Rainey Institue** classes to **Open Doors Academy** activities, scholars develop teamwork skills, explore new interests, and grow in a safe and fun environment. On the field or stage, we're committed to enriching every scholar's experience!

Printing in 3D at the Learning Lab

Building engines at Motogo

Practicing drama at Rainey Institute

Over the course of the year, **over 600 scholars** participate in sports, including:

- Flag Football
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Cheer
- Track and Field

Our Girls Flag Football teams will be sporting a fresh look. We are grateful to the *J. J. Watt Foundation* who sponsored the new uniforms for all five Breakthrough campuses.

JUSTIN J. WATT FOUNDATION

Through our partnership with Open Doors Academy, **over 300 scholars** across all five Breakthrough campuses enjoy homework help, enrichment, mentorship, and fun after-school activities in a safe, supportive environment.

At Breakthrough Willard and Midtown, **over 50 scholars** explore performing arts, music, and creative arts, building confidence and skills for lasting growth through our partnership with Rainey Institute.

EXPLORE OUR EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT FOR SCHOLARS AND FAMILIES.

Your support is crucial in helping us bridge the funding gap.

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS IN OHIO, LIKE OURS, DO NOT RECEIVE THE SAME PER-PUPIL FUNDING AS TRADITIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOLS, WITH A GAP AVERAGING ABOUT $1,500 PER SCHOLAR.

Your donation will directly support the vital programs that make our "Kindergarten to Career" mission possible.

Every dollar helps.