

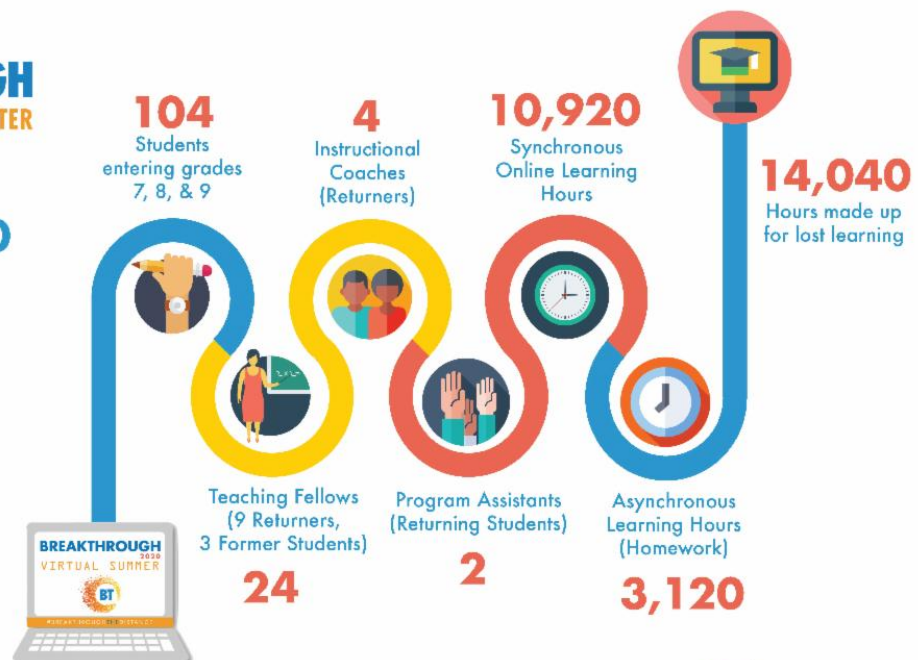


It was an Epic Summer!



Breakthrough’s spirit persevered! Despite the odds working against us with the onset of COVID-19, Breakthrough was able to pivot to a community building virtual program. We were there for our students and families when they needed us most!

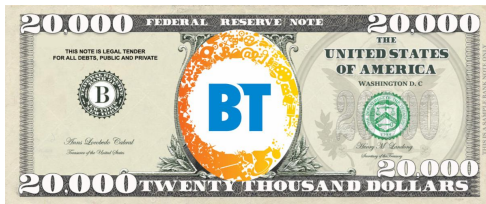
The academically rigorous six-week summer program is the foundation of Breakthrough’s six-year, tuition-free, college access program. Each week was filled with four mornings of academic adventures in a synchronous classroom ranging from Chemistry labs on water pollution to literature debates featuring the characters in Lorraine Hansberry’s *Raisin in the Sun*. Every Friday brought virtual community building activities and friendly competition including some time-honored favorites like Olympics day, the Boston field trip, and visits to colleges such as Cornell, Duke, and UVM. All our days were book-ended with advisory where students and Teaching Fellows connected and were able to laugh, listen, and learn together! Our Teaching Fellows (students themselves, mostly education majors at colleges across the country) are role models for success and not only empower our students with academic skills, but also build leadership, resilience, advocacy, and perseverance.



Here are some declarations of appreciation shared by students and families:

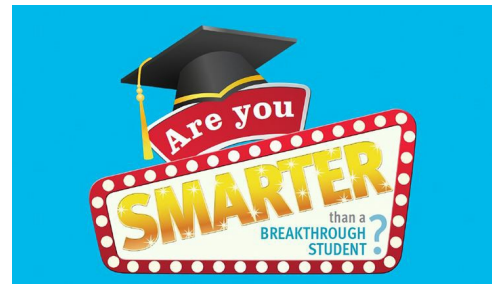
- "Everyone is a teacher and a student here, how you teach is completely different from how you learn to teach." - *Mia*
- "All online schools should really be like this - Breakthrough has hands down the best program!" - *Pharell*
- "I learned that there are always people at Breakthrough, even when it is online, that will always be by my side and I will be by their side when we are down." - *Kim*
- Seattle, a 9th grade student, thanked Breakthrough for being synchronous this summer! This was not the case at middle school, but during the summer Breakthrough was live for her everyday!
- The mother of 7th grade Santiago shared the favorite part of her day was overhearing the end of day advisory and thanked us not only for the patience of our Teaching Fellows, but even more importantly, the laughter that resonated from her son's room as she herself worked remotely.
- "My proudest moment of the summer is speaking up because I did not really speak out at the beginning of the summer, but now I am not afraid to speak out." - *Bayleigh*
- A grandmother and guardian shared, "This year, I've seen my child thrive, push herself to do things that she would usually be so shy of doing which made her stronger, bolder, and believing in doing anything she works hard for, chasing her dreams. YOU, Breakthrough, the student relationships and community is what makes it worth it. You have made a positive difference and made us prioritize what is most important...family, community, beliefs, hope, and...Breakthrough!"
- "Breakthrough is like the night sky, there are so many shining stars in it" - *Yakira*

[Get a glimpse into our virtual summer with this video!](#)



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Breakthrough College-Bound's First Graduating Class!



Four years ago, Breakthrough Manchester partnered with Southern New Hampshire University to expand our three-year program and create a six-year seamless path to college for our students. The spring of 2020 brought our program full circle as we recognized our first class of graduating high school seniors, a number of whom were honored to speak at their respective graduations!

We are thrilled with the outcomes of our College-Bound *Pioneers*! These nine seniors submitted 83 applications to 46 different colleges and received 63 acceptances. Each of these students was accepted into at least three schools! *ALL* of our seniors are now beginning their journeys as college freshmen! Their potential is inspiring! They exude the spirit of Breakthrough and we can't wait to track their college successes and how they make their marks on the world beyond!

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