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Today's Learners – Tomorrow's Leaders



Breakthrough goes to DC!

Breakthrough was invited to testify before the United States House of Representatives' Committee on Education and the Workforce at its hearing, "*Raising the Bar: The Role of Charter Schools in K-12 Education.*" Breakthrough was one of five invited witnesses and one of only two charter operators testifying. Alan Rosskamm, Breakthrough CEO, testified with the board chairs of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools and the National Association of Charter School Authorizers. Alan shared Breakthrough's story and Cleveland's unique district/charter

collaboration work with the Congressional members. Alan also made the case for continued federal funding for the replication of high-quality charter schools. This was a tremendous honor for Breakthrough and testament to the hard work of our students, teachers, and staff. Breakthrough is gratified to represent all high-quality charter schools to the United States House of Representatives.

Breakthrough continues to grow!

It's official! Breakthrough is proceeding with the opening of the 10th Breakthrough school in fall, 2014: The **Lakeshore Intergenerational School (LIS)** in the Collinwood neighborhood. There has been great demand from parents and other members in the Collinwood community to open an Intergenerational School there. The school has been approved for sponsorship by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. We are working with St. Casimir's on Neff Road to house our new school and will keep you updated on our progress. This will grow our number of scholars served with a high-quality education to **3,100** next year!

The path ahead...

Over the last year, we have been defining our collective future through the Breakthrough Schools network-wide strategic planning process. With input from board members, staff and parents, and facilitated by a group of phenomenal volunteers led by David O'Halloran, we have developed the cornerstones of the plan and identified the five priority initiatives that will guide us through 2019-2020. **More details about the strategic plan will be available in the coming months.**

Volunteer Spotlight:

We are deeply grateful for the many mission-driven Clevelanders who volunteer their time and talents in various capacities within the Breakthrough network. One volunteer, **Bridget Moreno**, has single-handedly created an enrichment program for some of the 7th graders at Citizens Leadership Academy (CLA). Shelly Saltzman, founder of CLA, exclaims: "She is a superstar! She formed a reading group with some of our seventh graders and she comes twice each week. They read *The Book Thief* and then she took them to see the movie. They are on to other books, and they love working with her." **Thanks, Bridget, for making a difference in our scholars' lives!**

Upcoming Events
See back page!

Learn how you can get involved and support our students:

BreakthroughSchools.org/Friends

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**Save the date for next year's
BASH at the Convention Center
January 31, 2015**



BREAKTHROUGH BASH 2014

February 1, 2014 Oh, what a night! **The 3rd annual Breakthrough BASH**, held at the new Global Center for Health Innovation & Convention Center, was an amazing evening! Emcee Bob Hale warmed up the crowd, followed by Friends of Breakthrough (FOB) Board Chairman, Mike Merriman. Mike welcomed and thanked the over **700** people in attendance. **Denise San Antonio Zeman** and the **Saint Luke's Foundation**

were this year's honorees. Denise provided a tremendous testimonial to the mission of Breakthrough Schools and highlighted the ongoing commitment of the Saint Luke's Foundation to our efforts.

A very special thank you to our E Prep Woodland Hills 5th grade math teacher, Eliza Byrnes, for her inspiring speech about Breakthrough's scholars and her fellow teammates—told from a teacher's perspective.

Thanks to Laura Paglin, our award winning filmmaker, the crowd got a glimpse of the student journey of scholar Justin Alvis from 6th grade to college. The video culminated with Justin addressing the crowd as a college freshman, currently attending Hampton University in Virginia! Our guests were truly inspired, which led to an incredibly successful record-breaking paddle raise!

Thanks to the generosity of our \$10,000 **Teacher Appreciation Sponsors**, *60 teachers were able to attend the BASH as guests.* 50 volunteers helped plan, organize and execute the event as well.

Last but not least, BASH net proceeds totaled over **\$380,000** with **700+** in attendance! Paddle raise proceeds will help build out **8 of the 20 classrooms** that will be added to our network in FY 2015. It was a wild evening and we are grateful for the generosity of so many Clevelanders. See pictures from the BASH at <https://bash2014.shutterfly.com/>



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College bound

Our Breakthrough family is so proud! **The 8th grade graduates from 2009 just finished high school!** We were able to keep tabs on 38 of the 47 students in this founding Breakthrough graduating class. And here's what we discovered:

- Over 90% graduated from HS (Average in Cleveland is less than 60%)
- Over 80% were **accepted into and attend college!** (National average for low-income students is 45%)

Clearly, this is good news! Our goal is to continue to track our graduates throughout their college years. Our Breakthrough Through College team continues to strategize and execute ways to help our scholars attend high-performing high schools, graduate and apply to and attend college! Contact Elaine Turley (eturley@breakthroughschools.org) to learn more!



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Superhero Flyby 5k

Our young professionals are leading the way to raise public awareness of Breakthrough Schools! Thank you to the **over 200 participants and volunteers** from last year's **Superhero Flyby 5k** event, who showed their support of high-quality education by running through the streets of Cleveland, sporting capes and dressed as superheroes.

Thanks to Jo-Ann Fabrics, GV Art & Design, Lyndall Insurance, Grant Thornton, Evergreen Resources, Capital Advisors, Ali Forbes, Second Sole, Consolidated Graphic Solutions, Avitae, Materion, Regency Construction Services, The Harp, and Big Fun for your sponsorships and support.

Get your superhero costume ready and join us this fall for the 2nd annual Superhero Flyby! Details coming soon, visit www.BreakthroughSchools.org/events.

SAVE THE DATE!

THE **4th** ANNUAL SWING FOR THE STARS

Golf Outing

Monday,

September 8, 2014

Visit www.breakthroughschools.org/friends/events to register!



Swing for the Stars
4TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
PRESENTED BY FRIENDS OF BREAKTHROUGH



Help us spread the word

Our goal is to introduce 500 NEW people per year to the great work being done at Breakthrough. You can help. We know that people respond to invitations from their friends. **We'd like you to attend one of our upcoming tours/urban education update sessions** in the next few months, **AND we need you to invite a few friends to join you.** Contact Katie Emerson, Director of Engagement and Donor Relations, kemerson@breakthroughschools.org or (216) 373-8360 to arrange a visit.

**We want you to share in our scholars' graduations coming up in June!!
Contact Katie for details.**

Thank you for your support,

John Zitzner

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