

Breakthrough Greater Boston raises \$215K to support urban education for underserved

Breakthrough Greater Boston, the nonprofit organization dedicated to preparing under-resourced students to attend four-year colleges and to training the next generation of urban teachers, reports that it raised \$215, 000 in its annual *Springfest event* on April 24th.

According to a recent press release:

Springfest supports Breakthrough Greater Boston's (BTGB) college access and teacher training programs, with this year's event held at the Moakley Courthouse in Boston to celebrate the program's site expansion to Dorchester. . Commencing this summer, the organization will bring its successful Students Teaching Students model to Boston, marking the first time BTGB will run multiple sites in the Greater Boston area. The program's inauguration at TechBoston Academy in Dorchester will double the number of traditionally underserved middle and high school students and aspiring young teachers benefiting from its services.

"*Springfest* represents a fantastic opportunity for the Cambridge and Boston communities to come together and support equal access to quality education," said Executive Director of Breakthrough Greater Boston, Elissa Spelman. "Over the past 20 years, Breakthrough has proudly served the Cambridge community, helping students bridge the achievement gap. We are thrilled to now bring our services to the Boston community to guide twice as many students in achieving their dream of graduating from a four-year college."

The event, attended by 300 participants, provided a fun and inspiring evening for the BTGB community to support the

organization's goals and to help fund the intensive out-of-school time academic and teacher training programming. Held in the landmark Moakley Courthouse in Boston, guests were treated to a reception with live music, student and teacher testimonials, and remarks from the organization. The event also featured a live auction and raffle with donated contributions from more than a dozen local businesses and individuals.

For more information on Breakthrough Greater Boston, please visit www.breakthroughgreaterboston.org

About Breakthrough Greater Boston

Breakthrough Greater Boston (BTGB) transforms urban education for students and teachers in Boston and Cambridge. Through six years of intensive, out of school time programming, Breakthrough changes students' academic trajectories and supports them along the path to four-year college. Simultaneously, Breakthrough builds careers in education through an unparalleled teacher training program for college-aged students that features competitive national recruitment, research-based training, and daily coaching from master teachers. Breakthrough's unique Students Teaching Students model inspires college students to become the next generation of urban educators and students to become college graduates. Visit <http://breakthroughgreaterboston.org> to learn more.

—Anita M. Harris

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