

Education Finalist: Breakthrough Sacramento

What We Do:

1. Six-year, year-round, academic program for under-resourced youth in grades 7-12, leading them to become the first in their families to earn a college degree.
2. Train diverse high school and college students as youth mentors and future leaders in education.

Who We Serve:

- Disadvantaged students ages 12–18
- 50% Latinx, 29% African American, 12% Asian, 5% Middle Eastern, 4% White/multi-racial
- 53% female, 47% male
- 50% speak other than English at home
- 96% will be the first in their families to attend college

Last year served 225 students:

- 100% of high school students graduated, compared to 86% in Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD).
- 100% completed coursework required to apply to a California state college or university, compared to less than 52% in SCUSD.
- Students attained a 3.7 average GPA.
- Students achieved a 95% college acceptance rate.
- Over \$914,000 in scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors.

Grant Funds Will:

Make it possible to scale to meet demand, increasing from 260 in 2025, with projections of 320 students in 2026 and 400 in 2027.

This initiative transforms operations by:

1. Leveraging technology to track student progress, enhancing program management, and improving evaluation.
2. Expanding access to technology with a dedicated academic space where students can complete homework and receive tutoring in person, virtual, and at their school sites.
3. Expand curriculum to add asynchronous learning through Dual Enrollment courses, equipping students with essential skills to increase college admission competitiveness and success.

It will achieve transformational impact by:

1. Expanding geographic reach to serve up to five additional schools with tutoring.
2. Enhancing student performance tracking and intervention strategies to address learning gaps.
3. Preparing students for rigorous college-level coursework and asynchronous learning, ensuring they develop independent learning skills.