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Breakthrough Atlanta Joins National Registry of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)

New registry connects CBOs to colleges, helps more students access higher education

Atlanta, GA — Breakthrough Atlanta, a nonprofit that provides an academically intense pathway to college for motivated metro Atlanta public school students, joins the Coalition CBO ID Registry, a vetted, national registry of CBOs that support and advise students in their college preparations.

The registry was established by the Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success, a group of 140-plus colleges and universities across the U.S. that is committed to making college a reality for all high school students through its set of free, online college planning tools that helps them learn about, prepare for, and apply to college.

For the first time, a CBO that is nonprofit, provides support services to students (preK-14), and/or directly advises students in their college search can register for a Coalition CBO ID, or CCID, which is a permanent ID number. Currently, all high schools have a unique ID number, which enables colleges and universities to track students by high school. The CCID will work the same way for CBOs, while also elevating their standing as verified organizations and enabling them to share their programs and services with Coalition member schools.

“CBO's provide critical support and access to information about applying to college for students that may not have that support in their secondary school. The Coalition CBO ID is a powerful tool to connect colleges and CBOs to support students,” said Audrey Smith, Vice President of Enrollment at Smith College and Chair of the Access and Assessment Committee of the Coalition’s Board of Directors

The registry enables Coalition schools to learn about, reach out to, and connect with students from CBOs like Breakthrough Atlanta. And in the near future, students will indicate participation with a registered CBO as part of their application to the more than 140 Coalition colleges and universities.

For more information about the Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success, including a complete list of members, please visit <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>.

About Breakthrough Atlanta

Breakthrough Atlanta’s programs help middle and high school students develop the academic skills and study habits to enroll and succeed in college-- and, ultimately, in life.

Breakthrough Atlanta celebrated its inaugural summer in 1996 on the campus of The Lovett School. Its mission is twofold: to provide an academically intense pathway to college for motivated metro Atlanta public school students to encourage academic success; and to provide an intensive hands-on teacher training experience (internship) for high school and college students, inspiring a new generation of teachers.

Breakthrough Atlanta is a member of a thriving national network called Breakthrough Collaborative. There are 24 Breakthrough sites across the U.S. and one in Hong Kong. Breakthrough Atlanta students come from metro Atlanta public schools and represent more than 75 zip codes. 92% of Breakthrough Atlanta students in the Class of 2017 are currently in college. For more information, please visit www.breakthroughatlanta.org.

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