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Central Texas Education Nonprofit Brings Community Together Through Learning

More than 400 volunteers participate in Breakthrough Central Texas summer programs

- WHAT:** Experience Breakthrough Presentations of Learning
- WHEN:** Wednesday, July 24, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Del Valle Middle School (Del Valle ISD)
Thursday, July 25, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Manor Middle School
Friday, July 26, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Upper School
Friday, July 26, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., UT Austin
- WHO:** Breakthrough Central Texas
Elvira Marin, Volunteer Coordinator Breakthrough Central Texas

AUSTIN, TEXAS – From July 24 – 26, 2019, local education nonprofit Breakthrough Central Texas will host five opportunities for the public to interact with students during Experience Breakthrough Presentations of Learning. More than 300 community volunteers have already committed their time to helping students, grades six to 12, demonstrate their knowledge and skills, with more needed by the July 24, 2019 kick-off date.

Each summer, Breakthrough students, advisors and AmeriCorps Teaching Fellows work together to ensure students receive out-of-school learning and leadership experiences. As part of the Breakthrough model, the summer programs supplement students' in-school learning and help them develop leadership skills. Students in grades six to eight work on in-depth academic projects in core subjects, while ninth graders immerse themselves in Breakthrough's STEM academy and students in grades 10 to 12 focus on acquiring life skills that will aid in their success during college and beyond. Students will go on to become the first in their family to earn a college degree.

As the culmination of Breakthrough's summer program, students at each grade level share the knowledge and skills they have developed by participating in Presentations of Learning. Community volunteers are asked to provide essential feedback on student presentations. No training is needed, and volunteers are encouraged to attend during their lunchtime, as a meal is provided.

"We are so appreciative of the time community members choose to invest in our students," says Breakthrough Central Texas Volunteer Coordinator Elvira Marin. "It is overwhelming to see how many individuals are passionate about seeing these students succeed academically. We are really working together to build a brighter future for Austin."

More than 800 middle school students and hundreds of high school students will share the knowledge and skills they have acquired during Presentations of Learning. In total, more than 400 community volunteers are needed. To participate in Experience Breakthrough, please contact [Elvira Marin](#), Volunteer Coordinator at Breakthrough Central Texas, or visit <http://breakthroughctx.org/experience-breakthrough>.

ABOUT BREAKTHROUGH CENTRAL TEXAS

Breakthrough Central Texas is a student-centric education nonprofit that creates a path to and through college for students from low-income communities. From sixth grade through to college, the organization offers out-of-school learning experiences, leadership skills, and comprehensive advising to students. The organization makes a 12-year commitment to students and their families to guide them through the process of preparing for, enrolling in and completing college. The long-term model ensures the success of students and families from middle school to high school graduation to college diploma and beyond. Join the conversation on Twitter [@BreakthroughCTX](#), Instagram [@BreakthroughCTX](#) and at [Facebook.com/BreakthroughCTX](https://www.facebook.com/BreakthroughCTX). To learn more, visit www.breakthroughctx.org.

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