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Local Education Nonprofit Hosts Community Conversation to Tackle Racial Justice and Education Inequity in Central Texas

Breakthrough Central Texas hosts open-to-the-public virtual program featuring best-selling author, activist Wes Moore and Grammy Award-nominated artist SaulPaul

WHAT: [“What Now? Race, Class & Educational Equity: A Community Conversation with Wes Moore”](#)

All children should have the opportunity to benefit from the life-changing power of a college degree. However, too often, a student’s circumstances of birth – race, ethnicity, family’s income level or immigration status – predicts the educational opportunities they will be afforded. By working together to help more students get to and through college, we can create a more prosperous and equitable Central Texas for *all* who live here for generations to come. Join us for a conversation with *New York Times* best-selling author Wes Moore and Grammy Award-nominated artist SaulPaul.

WHEN: **November 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**

Tune in early for a bonus performance starting at 5:15 p.m.

(virtual access links provided upon [registration](#))

WHO: Wes Moore, *New York Times* best-selling author and activist
Michael Griffith, Executive Director, Breakthrough Central Texas
SaulPaul, Grammy Award-nominated artist and TEDx speaker

WHERE: Virtual event broadcast LIVE on Breakthrough Central Texas [Facebook](#) page, [YouTube channel](#), and website: breakthroughctx.org/community-conversation.

TICKETS: Registration is free and open to the public at bit.ly/BTCommunityConversation.

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AUSTIN, TEXAS – Breakthrough Central Texas, Austin’s nonprofit organization that helps students become the first in their family to earn a college degree, will host a virtual public event aimed at encouraging community conversation and activism to combat racial, social, and education inequity on November 17, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. [“What Now? Race, Class & Educational Equity: A Community Conversation with Wes Moore”](#) will be hosted by Breakthrough Central Texas Executive Director Michael Griffith and live streamed for free on the organization’s [Facebook](#) page, [YouTube channel](#), and website.

Featuring performances from Grammy-award nominee and social entrepreneur SaulPaul, the virtual event will include an introduction from Griffith and keynote presentation from Moore. One of today’s most respected voices and fiercest champions for educational equity, Moore’s first book, *The Other Wes*

Moore, a perennial *New York Times* best-seller, drew the nation's attention to the fine line between success and failure in our communities and in ourselves. That story has been optioned by executive producer Oprah Winfrey and HBO to be made into a movie. He is also the author of the best-selling books *The Work*, *Discovering Wes Moore*, and *This Way Home*.

Following Moore's presentation, Griffith and Moore will engage in a live Q&A, featuring questions posed by attendees. Pre-registration is available for the event now at breakthroughctx.org/community-conversation and registrants may enter questions for the speaker upon registration.

"At Breakthrough Central Texas, we know all children should have the opportunity to benefit from the life-changing power of a college degree," says Griffith. "But we are also keenly aware of the deep-rooted, systemic racism and income inequality that keep far too many students from attaining post-secondary success. While we do not have all the answers to combat these social injustices, we are committed to partnering with advocates like SaulPaul and Wes Moore to take the next steps in the search for answers and solutions. Our hope is that parents, students, teachers, and individuals across Central Texas and the nation will join us for this first event to see what we can accomplish next when we work together."

"What Now? Race, Class & Educational Equity: A Community Conversation with Wes Moore" is free and open to the public. Visit bit.ly/BTCommunityConversation to register for the event, and learn more about Breakthrough Central Texas, its students and programs.

ABOUT BREAKTHROUGH CENTRAL TEXAS

Breakthrough Central Texas is a nonprofit that creates a path to and through college for students from under-resourced 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](https://twitter.com/BreakthroughCTX), Instagram [@BreakthroughCTX](https://www.instagram.com/BreakthroughCTX) and at [Facebook.com/BreakthroughCTX](https://www.facebook.com/BreakthroughCTX). To learn more, visit www.breakthroughctx.org.

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