



Breakthrough San Juan Capistrano Community Partnerships Coordinator

Breakthrough is an organization that provides low-income, minority, first-generation students with the support they need to get on the track for college success. While 1 in 2 high-income students graduate from college, only 1 in 7 of their low-income peers can say the same. In fact, low-income students with above average test scores are less likely to graduate college than more affluent students with lower scores. In the Orange County region, only 27% of Latino students graduate with the minimum requirements to apply to a California State University. Breakthrough San Juan Capistrano sets out to change this. Through academically rigorous after-school and summer programs we increase opportunities for low-income students to succeed on the path to college. As we grow and realign to amplify impact, the importance of building smart partnerships with local high schools, regional colleges, mission-aligned organizations, and a stable base of community donors cannot be overstated. This VISTA position will help ensure expanded and enduring community investment in Breakthrough San Juan Capistrano.

Responsibilities:

The Community Partnership Coordinator will deepen and strengthen our collaboration with community organizations and individuals by:

- 1) Communicating and presenting on Breakthrough SJC goals to diverse stakeholders.
- 2) Helping to craft and implement academic and structural partnerships.
- 3) Soliciting a broader donor base through targeted outreach.
- 4) Monitoring and continually seeking to expand on a network of community support.

Skills:

- Strong critical thinking capabilities.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- An ability to work across multiple cultures.
- Self- direction, discipline, and vision.
- Zest for educational settings.
- Spanish language skills (preferred).

AmeriCorps Benefits:

Training , Living Allowance , Choice of Education Award or End of Service Stipend , Relocation Allowance , Health Coverage and Childcare assistance if eligible .

Terms and Requirements:

- Program Start/ End Dates: August 10th 2013- August 9th 2014
- Accepting Applications from April 26th 2013- May 31st 2013
- Full-Time Position
- Prohibits paid work outside of the sponsoring agency at any time
- College Graduate

To apply:

- Use the link below to apply through the AmeriCorps program
<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=50040>
- Contact Breakthrough Director, Lorena Martinez with any questions or concerns at 949-661-0108 ext. 342 or lorena.martinez@smes.org