



## Breakthrough San Juan Capistrano Volunteer 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 recruiting effective tutors and community liaisons will be crucial to our success. This AmeriCorps VISTA position will be responsible for increasing the human resources needed to support our low-income students academically and help our students overcome the challenges first-generation college students face.

### Responsibilities:

The Volunteer Coordinator will increase the human resources need to support our low income, first generation college students by

- 1) Recruiting 15 tutors to serve our high school students each semester for at least 15 hours each.
- 2) Providing training and support to ensure that tutors are effective and invested in the program's goals
- 3) Recruiting two middle-school parent liaisons.
- 4) Training and supporting parent liaisons to strengthen parent communication and community relations among the program.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> 2013- August 9<sup>th</sup> 2014
- Accepting Applications from April 26<sup>th</sup> 2013- May 31<sup>st</sup> 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=50041>
- Contact Breakthrough Director, Lorena Martinez with any questions or concerns at 949-661-0108 ext. 342 or [lorena.martinez@smes.org](mailto:lorena.martinez@smes.org)

