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St. Andrew's Episcopal School prides itself on the sense of community it creates among its students, faculty, and parents. Being an Episcopal school means that we are more than an educational institution: it means we are committed to the formation and nurturing of the whole human being: body, mind, and spirit.

Episcopal schools are marked by a balance between faith and reason, or "the head" and "the heart." We work to build a community that is welcoming, diverse, and authentically inclusive, where all are honored, supported, and valued. We make a commitment to the practice of service and the work of justice. These principles and ideals are woven into every aspect of our shared

life together, and, combined with a robust and innovative curriculum and academic programming, they are what sets us apart as a community of learning.

Despite the challenges of navigating school in a pandemic, 95 graduates from the Class of 2021 were accepted to 194 colleges around the world. In the Class of 2021, 14% of the class plans to pursue majors in the arts, 20% plans to pursue a major in the STEM field, and eight students will be NCAA athletes.



In each of our students there is a Scholar, an Artist, an Athlete, and a Servant. This school year, with careful health protocols in place, we are all on campus and looking forward to cheering on our athletes, celebrating our artists on stage and in the studio, serving our community and the greater good in Central Texas and continuing our pursuit of excellence in the classrooms.

St. Andrew's cultivates each of these traits through challenging and engaging programs to produce a well-rounded graduate; one who has explored all of their talents and is ready to pursue them confidently in the world

With more than 975 students in grades K-12, the school is poised for a successful, invigorating, and memorable year ahead!







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Laurel Simmons & Jackie Price | August 2021



If you're anything like us, August marks the end of summer and a return to our "normal" routine.

COVID-19 changed that routine, and we have longed for a return to normalcy. This year, we hope for reliable schedules and in-person school, but we know it can all change.

As our kids head back to school this month, the stakes couldn't be higher for students east of I-35. Kids from Austin's low-income communities continue to be disproportionately impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 crisis - academically, financially, and emotionally. Without intervention, these barriers threaten to derail many of these students' hopes and dreams of becoming the first in their family to graduate from college.

That is where the education nonprofit Breakthrough Central Texas comes in.

Since 2002, Breakthrough Central Texas has worked tirelessly to help students get to the finish line- college acceptance and graduation. The organization makes a 12-year commitment to help kids get through the process of applying for, enrolling in, and completing college.

During a normal year, Breakthrough Central Texas supports students from sixth grade through college graduation by providing one-on-one advising, academic support and leadership skills. When COVID-19 hit, Breakthrough answered the call and helped families keep their lights on so students could keep studying through the darkest days of the pandemic. Advisors worked to quickly get emergency financial assistance to families for housing, food, utilities, and technology. They were able to provide ongoing virtual support to meet their students' academic, social and emotional needs.

While students everywhere have faced innumerable challenges these past 18 months, Breakthrough has addressed these needs in a corner of our city where equal access to technology, classroom materials, and basic commodities like food and shelter are not guaranteed.

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Nearly 200 students have already achieved the milestone of college graduation, and as mothers, that is a mission we are proud to support. We want the best in education and life for our children and will always advocate that others be given equal opportunity for those same pursuits.

That's why our families are proud to support Breakthrough Central Texas. As we begin another school year, let's remember all the children in our community so they can reach their goals and get to college. Austin will be better for it.

You can learn more about getting involved at BreakthroughCTX.org.

BREAKTHROUGH CENTRAL TEXAS BY THE NUMBERS



12 years of support beginning in 6th grade



2,300 students from Austin, Manor and Del Valle ISDs



98% of students graduate high school on time



90% enroll directly in college



200 college grads (and counting!) contributing to Austin's professional workforce



\$280,000 in COVID-19 emergency support







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