

## Summer Dates

JUNE 16, 2025-  
AUGUST 6, 2025

## Past Host Family Testimonial

*"Being a host family was a wonderful experience and helped our children to see the importance of giving back, and to learn valuable lessons from the college students for whom we hosted. Through the years, many St. Margaret's families like ours have opened up their home for Breakthrough."*

- Claire Frahm,  
Executive Assistant to  
St. Margaret's Head of School



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# HOST A TEACHING FELLOW IN YOUR HOME THIS SUMMER



Our Teaching Fellows are outstanding college students recruited from top universities—including Yale, Dartmouth, UCLA, and Stanford—to teach in our middle school summer program at St. Margaret's Episcopal School. By hosting a Teaching Fellow, you help us attract future educators from across the country.

- ✓ **THOROUGH VETTING:** Extensive background checks by AmeriCorps and St. Margaret's.
- ✓ **FLEXIBLE HOUSING:** Options for partial or full summer, adaptable to travel plans.
- ✓ **ENHANCE COLLEGE READINESS:** Foster early college exposure for your children.
- ✓ **HASSLE-FREE LOGISTICS:** Meals and transportation are provided by Breakthrough.
- ✓ **TAX BENEFITS:** Receive an in-kind tax-deductible letter.
- ✓ **GIVING BACK:** Make a difference and show your kids the effects of giving back.
- ✓ **CUSTOM MATCHES:** Survey-based, compatible fellow-host pairings.
- ✓ **EFFORTLESS COORDINATION:** Includes pre-homestay meetings and scheduled move-ins.
- ✓ **COMMITTED SUPPORT:** Ongoing communication and regular check-ins with the assistant director.

## About Us

**Breakthrough San Juan Capistrano** is a community-based program that empowers motivated students with backgrounds underrepresented in higher education to achieve academic success from middle school through college graduation.

Are you curious about how we empower first-generation students to reach their highest potential in college access? Watch Breakthrough be featured on ABC 7 News, showcasing the essence of our summer program, by visiting <https://bit.ly/btsjnews>.

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## FAQs

### **WHO ARE BREAKTHROUGH TEACHING FELLOWS?**

Breakthrough Teaching Fellows are outstanding college students from across the nation who have been selected from a rigorous application process to teach BT middle school students during the summer program. In order to attract top college students from around the nation, we look for homestays every year.

### **WHEN WILL THE TEACHING FELLOW BE STAYING WITH US?**

Teachers arrive in Orange County on June 16th and Teacher Orientation will begin on June 18th. Our last day with teachers is August 6th.

### **WHAT ARE THEIR WORK HOURS LIKE?**

During the 7 weeks, Breakthrough teachers will be on the St. Margaret's campus from around 7:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

### **WHAT IS THE SUMMER PROGRAM?**

A 6-week summer program to support educational and leadership growth for our middle school BT students. Our students show a 90% improvement in assessments during our middle school 2023 summer program.

### **WHAT SHOULD WE PROVIDE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER?**

Please provide a comfortable place to sleep, shower, and work. We ask that you also provide access to food and laundry facilities.

### **DO WE HAVE TO PREPARE MEALS FOR OUR HOST TEACHING FELLOW?**

You do not need to prepare meals for your host son/daughter, however, we ask that you provide access to food. Teachers will receive breakfast and lunch during the program days but will need dinner on weeknights and all meals on weekends.

### **HOW WILL OUR TEACHING FELLOW GET TO AND FROM BREAKTHROUGH?**

Breakthrough will provide transportation to the St. Margaret's campus. We organize carpools.

### **WHAT IF WE'VE PLANNED A SUMMER VACATION?**

We are still interested in your help! Contact us and we will work with you on placement while you're away.

DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT WITH  
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

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