**The Break Through Tech Effect**

**MARCH 2021 – MARCH 2024**

**ABOUT BREAK THROUGH TECH**

Break Through Tech accelerates gender equality in tech through innovative curriculum, increased access to career opportunities, and community-building.

**INCREASE OF WOMEN IN COMPUTING MAJORS**

- 70% of students accepted summer computing internships or jobs after participating in the Sprinternship™ program.
- 86.5% of summer bridge program participants planned to register for a computing course.
- Over 2,200 students have attended a Break Through Tech community program.
- 87% of students say they are likely or very likely to seek a computing major after completing a Break Through Tech signature program.
- The number of women in computing majors increased by **5 percentage points**.

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Break Through Tech gave me a great first look into the world of tech and made me feel a lot more confident in my coding skills, as well as my ability to find a full-time career in tech once I graduate.

— Guild 2023 participant
683 new women in computing majors

54% increase in women in computing majors

623 unique program completions

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

GUILD
A summer bridge program that offers a paid opportunity for students to explore tech and learn to code real-world, mission-driven applications with the help of industry mentors.

SPRINTERNSHIP™
A paid three-week micro-internship experience in tech where students work to find solutions for business challenges while immersed in a host organization.

CAREER LAUNCH
A “choose-your-own-adventure” program that provides résumé experience through a personal project and mentoring over three weeks and offers a stipend.

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My favorite part of the Sprinternship was getting a new and unique hands-on experience and working with students similar to me. It felt not only inclusive but also very exciting and productive to gain new skills in a field I didn't really touch before.

— 2023 Sprintern

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250+ industry mentors from 68 partner organizations

INDUSTRY PARTNERS

At the UMD site, Break Through Tech DC leverages its relationships with industry partners through the Iribe Initiative for Inclusion and Diversity in Computing.

Our industry partners can host micro-internships, mentor students in our summer bridge program, participate in student résumé reviews and more.

VARIETY OF SECTORS

A priority for Break Through Tech is exposing students to the variety of opportunities that await them in tech. That’s why we work with industry partners from a range of sectors—including financial technology, government consulting, nonprofits, startups and more.

"My Sprinternship not only provided a glimpse into what life in the technology field feels like but also served as a hands-on exploration of the development process. I had an amazing group of people who were always ready to answer our questions and work with us. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the organization’s mission and deepen my technical skills in a collaborative environment."

— 2024 Sprintern

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