



T E A K
F E L L O W S H I P
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

MISSION

The TEAK Fellowship believes that motivation and potential, not economic circumstances, should determine a student's future. TEAK unlocks access to an outstanding education and transformative experiences for exceptional NYC students, who use these opportunities to change their lives and the world around them.

ABOUT TEAK

Established in 1998, The TEAK Fellowship is a free 10-year middle school, high school, and college prep, access, and success program in New York City. TEAK empowers exceptional students from low-income families to achieve their potential regardless of their economic circumstances. TEAK's robust support system ensures that students thrive in top independent and selective high schools, and graduate from college, ready to pursue their professional goals and positively impact the world.

Since 1998, **every single Fellow has matriculated to four-year colleges; of these, 89% have entered top-tier schools, averaging 30% into the Ivy League each year.** Of the students who have completed the Fellowship, 90% are college graduates and leaders in multiple professions. Building on these accomplishments, TEAK has begun working to serve even more youth who need our help to gain acceptance into top schools and colleges.

DISCOVERING FUTURE LEADERS: ADMISSION INTO TEAK

TEAK's six-month admission process starts in 6th grade. We seek out exceptionally talented students from all across New York City who have the potential to become leaders in their schools and communities. After a highly selective process, TEAK admits a cohort of 45 students each spring.

TEAK ACCEPTED STUDENTS

Serving youth ages 11-22, of those **84% are first generation in their family to attend and graduate college** and are from historically underserved communities.

- 33% Asian American
- 33% Black/African American
- 27% Latinx/Hispanic
- 3% Multiracial/Multiethnic
- 3% White



- 52% Female
- 47% Male
- 1% Nonbinary
- 310+ Current Fellows
- 300+ Alumni



TEAK's 300+ Alumni pursue careers in various industries.

- 25% Finance & Business
- 20% Media/Advertising/Journalism
- 16% Engineering/Tech/Medicine
- 13% Media/Advertising/Journalism
- 12% Law
- 12% Nonprofit/Education/Policy
- 15% Pursuing or Obtained Grad Degree



DR. DENISE BROWN-ALLEN began her tenure as Executive Director in July 2021, and brings 25 years of experience as an educator and administrator at Montclair Kimberly Academic, The Pingry School, and National Cathedral School. Throughout her career in education, she has been committed to gender and racial equity in education, a leader in the development and implementation of strategic plans, a champion for service learning opportunities, a proponent of the thoughtful integration of technology into the classroom, and ever seeking excellence in her professional pursuits and new opportunities for learning.

THE JOURNEY BEGINS: MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY

In addition to attending their public middle schools throughout the academic year, TEAK students complete advanced course work two days per week at one of our three sites located in Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx. They also attend TEAK's Summer Institute (an intense 6-week academic enrichment program) for three consecutive summers, intended to fill any educational gaps in preparation for the rigor of competitive high schools. TEAK enriches a student's life in the classroom and beyond with offerings like a Shakespeare class, an overnight stay at a boarding school, exposure to the arts, and field trips to museums and cultural institutions. Additionally, TEAK pairs each student with a volunteer adult mentor to offer support and guidance throughout their journey.



77% of Fellows have at least one immigrant parent

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT & HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Beginning in 8th grade, TEAK helps guide students through the high school admissions process. Once students matriculate, TEAK ensures their success by providing services such as tutoring, one-on-one advisement and social-emotional support, and SAT prep. During the summers, TEAK students have access to transformational experiences such as serving a community at a non-profit, traveling abroad, finding their voice in a college-level creative writing course, and career immersion internships.



92% of college tuition was covered for the Class of 2025 through financial awards

A BRIGHT FUTURE AWAITS: COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM

TEAK helps students and their families navigate the college application process every step of the way, from identifying best-fit schools to completing complicated financial aid forms. TEAK continues its commitment to students' well-being and success throughout their college years. The College Success Program includes mid semester check-ins and visits, course load planning, as well as academic and financial aid counseling. TEAK supports student's professional pursuits through career panels, resume review, interview preparation, and a series of workshops on networking, personal branding, transitioning from college to career, and managing finances. TEAK also connects College Fellows with volunteer Professional Coaches. As students prepare and start to explore career paths, TEAK helps them become aware of varying industries, companies, and organizations, develop networks to gain early professional experience, discover career-path options and understand the applications of academic learning in the real world.

A CONNECTED COMMUNITY: TEAK ALUMNI PROGRAM

TEAK Alumni, over 300 strong, are pursuing careers in a wide variety of industries; many have chosen to give back to the TEAK Community by serving as mentors, volunteers and on the Next Generation Board and Board of Directors.



TEAK Class of 2022 reported an average of **3.27 GPA** for their first semester of college

RECENT SUCCESSES

This past spring, **TEAK placed 100% of high school seniors at four-year colleges and universities**, where they collectively earned over **\$7.2 million in need-based scholarships and financial aid** over four years, covering 92% of college costs. These students earned admission to esteemed schools, including: Boston University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Harvard University, Haverford College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, Tufts University, and University of Pennsylvania.






TEAK placed 100% of graduating middle school students at selective high schools where they were awarded **\$8 million in need-based financial aid** over four years, representing 91% of their total school expenses. Schools include: Deerfield Academy, Peddie School, Friends Seminary, Horace Mann School, The Lawrenceville School, Regis High School, and Stuyvesant High School.



84% of Fellows will be the first in their family to graduate from college

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