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## **Breakthrough Silicon Valley Named Nonprofit of the Year by San Jose Chamber of Commerce**

San Jose, January 30, 2024 – Breakthrough Silicon Valley, a leading nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities for historically excluded youth, proudly announces it has been honored with the [Nonprofit of the Year award by the San Jose Chamber of Commerce](#). This prestigious accolade recognizes Breakthrough Silicon Valley's remarkable contributions to the community, unwavering commitment to innovation, and over 20 years of dedicated service in the field of education.

"We are honored to receive the Nonprofit of the Year award, a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff, board, volunteers, and the students and families we serve," says John Hiester, Executive Director at Breakthrough Silicon Valley. "This recognition reaffirms Breakthrough Silicon Valley's commitment to creating a lasting impact on the lives of students and the community as a whole."

Over the past two decades, Breakthrough Silicon Valley has been at the forefront of fostering innovation and leadership in education. By providing high-impact educational opportunities, students from diverse backgrounds are empowered to overcome educational barriers, access higher education, and become leaders in their communities.

"I have personally experienced the extraordinary impact of Breakthrough. As a former Breakthrough student, this organization played a pivotal role in shaping my academic journey and personal growth. Now, as a board member, it fills me with pride to see Breakthrough acknowledged as the Nonprofit of the Year. This award highlights the transformative programs we offer and the positive change we bring to the lives of those we serve," says Ramon Garcia Gomez.

### **Celebrating Over 20 Years of Impact:**

The award comes as Breakthrough Silicon Valley celebrates over 20 years of dedicated service. Two decades of empowering highly-motivated students to become first-generation college graduates and inspiring emerging leaders to be the next generation of educators and advocates for equity.

## **Empowering Future Leaders:**

Breakthrough Silicon Valley's impact extends beyond the classroom, with alumni making significant contributions as entrepreneurs and leaders in various companies across San Jose. The organization takes pride in nurturing the next generation of innovators who are driving positive change in their communities.

For more information about Breakthrough Silicon Valley and its programs, visit <https://breakthroughsv.org/>.

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