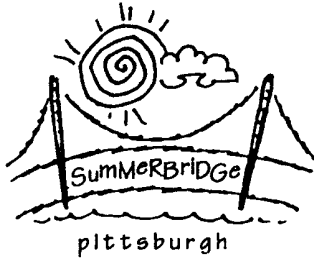


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**(SEWICKLEY, PA)** – On National Summer Learning Day – Monday, June 21, 2010 – Summerbridge Pittsburgh kicks off the 17<sup>th</sup> year of its summer program, aimed at inspiring and empowering at-risk youth in the greater Pittsburgh area.

Launched in 1994, Summerbridge Pittsburgh – a tuition-free program – is the city’s premier academic enrichment program that provides under-served middle school and high school students with the skills they need to be successful in middle school, excel in high school, and matriculate to a competitive four-year college. It is Pittsburgh’s most established and long-standing program of its kind and was nationally recognized in 2007 by the Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Education for its excellence in summer learning.

Summerbridge also provides talented high school and college-aged students, many of whom come from topflight universities nationwide, with the opportunity to teach in its summer program. Consistently featured as a Top Ten Internship by the Princeton Review, Summerbridge’s “Students Teaching Students” model partners middle school students with college and high school students who serve as teachers, role models and mentors, providing real-life examples that it’s “cool to be smart.” “The Summerbridge Pittsburgh experience often inspires and motivates our teachers to pursue careers in education, and it is our hope that one day they will inspire and motivate students of their own,” says Executive Director Bill Gellman. “This program transforms the lives of both our students and our teachers.”

Summerbridge Pittsburgh’s summer program is composed of four core academic offerings each morning: math, science, literature, and a foreign language. Following morning classes, all students are provided a nutritious lunch. In the afternoon, students have a “study buddy” session with an assigned teacher, followed by either an academic or non-academic elective course. The day ends with afterschool activities involving sports, computer club, fitness training, dance, and a host of other fun activities.

*Summerbridge Pittsburgh is a program of Sewickley Academy and affiliated with the Breakthrough Collaborative, a national organization that aids underserved students throughout the US, in order to improve their educational trajectory. Summerbridge Pittsburgh is one of 27 sites that comprise the Breakthrough Collaborative and operates on a 12-month basis. For more information, visit [www.sewickley.org](http://www.sewickley.org) (under the Programs tab) or [www.breakthroughcollaborative.org](http://www.breakthroughcollaborative.org).*

*Founded in 1838, Sewickley Academy is Pittsburgh’s oldest independent school. A premier coeducational, college-preparatory day school, Sewickley Academy enrolls 800 students in prekindergarten through grade 12. For more information, visit [www.sewickley.org](http://www.sewickley.org).*

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