



OPERATION BREAKING STEREOTYPES

“We had led completely different lives up until this point, yet we were so much alike it was scary.”

— OBS student

--- Challenging perceptions, changing lives ---

Who is OBS?

Operation Breaking Stereotypes (OBS) is a non-profit, service-based organization working with schools in Maine and New York City to help students address ethnic, socio-economic, gender, and racial stereotypes through writing, reading, music, photography, and personal connections. Since its founding in 2002, **OBS** has worked with more than **4500** Maine, Boston, and New York City middle and high school students, facilitating exchanges between diverse groups of learners.

WHAT DOES OBS DO?

OBS lifts barriers to unite youth in their quest for knowledge and social justice. **OBS** builds compassionate community for students and teachers, grades 6-12, through:

- **Service learning**
- **Diversity**
- **Literacy**
- **Performing arts**
- **Aspirations**

IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES AT YOUR SCHOOL

Become an Operation Breaking Stereotypes school now by contacting us at:

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Through the work of **OBS 4500** kids now see a different world...

- 1** *didn't know what the heck dew was, and now they do.*
- 24** *didn't know that they could be so welcomed into the home of someone they didn't know, and now they want to learn more about each others' families.*
- 36** *didn't know they had friends in their neighboring communities, and now they do.*
- 420** *had never spent the night in Brooklyn, and now they have.*
- 650** *had never started their school day walking through a metal detector, and now they have.*
- 1100** *had never been to the Bronx, and now they have.*
- 638** *never thought of going to college, and now they do.*
- 910** *never knew that Maine stars could be so bright, and now they do.*
- 875** *had never had a friend of a different ethnicity, and now they do.*
- 1800** *thought they didn't have any stereotypes, and now they know better.*
- 1750** *had never appreciated their communities, and now they want them to thrive.*
- 4500** *feared differences, and now they embrace them.*

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