



"It was really helpful the way Uplift paired me with a mentor who was working in the career field I want to pursue. He was able to talk to me about what classes to take to prepare for a career path as a pharmacist and review my scholarship applications, college applications and essays."

-Tony Paul, Peak Prep Class of 2010

BE A HERO FOR A COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT

What is involved in being a HERO mentor?

- Submit to a background check (required for all Uplift volunteers).
- Attend an in-person training session. We host several training sessions at each Uplift campus, or we can come to your company/organization if you have 10 or more mentors.
- Attend at least four HERO special events with your student each year to help them with specific activities such as resume development, essay writing, career development or community service projects.
- Visit with your student at least once a month to work through monthly college prep goals (e.g., proofread college and scholarship applications, answer questions about college selection and future careers, etc.).
- Attend our College Signing Day and graduation during the spring of your student's senior year.
- Stay connected to the HERO program on Facebook and through its monthly e-newsletter.

How do I sign up?

Return the enclosed application form to **Cassie Hubbert, Road to College Coordinator**

e-mail chubbert@uplifteducation.org phone 903-815-7527

Visit www.uplifteducation.org and complete the online application under Join > Volunteer as a HERO mentor.

ARE YOU READY TO BE A

H.E.R.O.?



Higher Education Reality Operation

Help guide an Uplift Education high school student through their journey preparing for college, applying to schools and obtaining scholarships to finance their education. Be a H.E.R.O. today!



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WHO IS UPLIFT EDUCATION?

Uplift Education is a free, college-preparatory, public charter school network in the Dallas area. We serve 5,700 students in grades K-12. Our mission is centered on preparing our students to enter and be successful in college, regardless of what community they grow up in.

Five of our nine campuses currently include high schools with graduating seniors: Hampton Preparatory, North Hills Preparatory, Peak Preparatory, Summit International Preparatory and Williams Preparatory. North Hills Prep and Peak Prep are rated the 10th and 11th best public high schools in America by *The Washington Post*.

Our students participate in a rigorous curriculum including International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement classes. They spend more time on task through extended school days and a Summer Leadership Academy making them prepared for college.

"My HERO mentor was a big help with picking out which schools to apply to and editing my college application essays. I am the oldest child in my family, so my parents didn't know much about the college process. My HERO made sure I knew what resources were out there, stayed on top of me to fill out the FAFSA for financial aid, and helped me know what to expect in college."

-John Sole, Peak Prep Class of 2010

OUR STUDENTS ARE TOMORROW'S LEADERS

The majority of our students are the first in their family to attend college. Our students come from a wide variety of ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, but all share the resolve that college is their next step.

- Uplift Education students are **inquisitive, tenacious scholars** who thrive in a rigorous academic environment.
- They are leaders outside the classroom with each participating in more than **100 hours of community service** during high school.



THE ROAD TO COLLEGE

"As a mentor, I could definitely see the impact I had on making the high school to college process easier for my mentee. We talked a lot about his future and what the college to career trajectory might look like for him, and also making sure he was thinking about keeping his grades up and internships. I also recruited 10 coworkers to be HERO mentors so they too could have a significant influence on a child's life."

-Tiffany Abdullahi, Bain & Co., mentor of John Sole

Uplift's Road to College Program is an **in-classroom curriculum** and a selection of **field experiences** for grades 6-12 to help inspire and equip our students to enter and be successful in college – through the college application process and once they are on campus.

- Starting in 6th grade, and continuing through 12th grade, our students **visit more than 25 colleges** close to home and around the country to understand what type of college will be the best fit for them.
- Our **annual College Fairs** host more than 50 universities from across the country to facilitate networking between our students and university admissions office representatives.
- Our **Alumni Support** team continues to provide support to our students once they have entered college to ensure they are successful and graduate within four years.
- Our **HERO mentor program** pairs community leaders with our high school juniors and seniors to support them through their summer internship, college application, and scholarship application processes.

It isn't a question of whether they will go to college. It is simply a question of where they will go to college.