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Author Andrea White Visits Uplift Education's Pinnacle Preparatory

Dallas, Texas (October 3, 2011) – Novelist Andrea White visited first graders at Uplift Education's Pinnacle Preparatory on Monday, October 3. Mrs. White is the wife of Bill White, the former Mayor of Houston and 2010 gubernatorial candidate. The author shared her story of how she became an author, read from one of her books, and answered students' questions about writing novels.

Pinnacle Prep opened in August 2011 to provide families in the Oak Cliff neighborhood of Dallas with access to a college-preparatory education. It is one of the newest schools to the Uplift Education network of public charter schools. Pinnacle Prep opened with approximately 100 scholars in grades K-1 for the 2011- 2012. It will grow to be a full K-5 primary school that feeds into Uplift Education's Laureate Preparatory downtown for middle and high school.

Uplift Education manages 20 high-performing charter schools in North Texas. Together, these schools educate nearly 6,000 students from a predominantly minority (90%) and low-income (60%) student body. The majority are the first in their family to pursue a college education. Uplift schools provide a rigorous curriculum combined with a culture of high expectations and college-going mind-set – 100% of Uplift Education graduates are accepted to college.

For more information about Pinnacle Preparatory, visit www.pinnaclepreparatory.org. Spots for 1st grade students are still available for the 2011-12 school year.

About Uplift Education:

Uplift Education is a network of tuition-free, college-preparatory, public charter schools that provide a rigorous, multi-disciplinary curriculum, with an emphasis on college preparation – **100% of graduates are accepted to college**. Uplift educates more than 5,700 students across its 20 schools in Dallas, Arlington and Irving. Uplift Education is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Its two oldest campuses, North Hills Preparatory and Peak Preparatory, are ranked the 10th and 11th best public high schools in America by the Washington Post.

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