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UPLIFT EDUCATION JOINS WITH EDUCATION PIONEERS AS FOUNDING PARTNER FOR DALLAS MARKET

Four graduate school Fellows from across the country join Uplift team for 10-week internship

DALLAS (June 22) – Dallas-based, public charter school operator, Uplift Education, has welcomed four graduate school interns to its central office team through a partnership with Education Pioneers, a national non-profit network of leaders and entrepreneurs committed to improving public education leadership. Each intern is pursuing a Master’s degree and will spend 10 weeks at Uplift supporting human resources, finance, operations, and college preparation efforts.

Through its Graduate School and Analyst Fellowship programs, Education Pioneers provides top graduate students and early-career professionals with an opportunity to embark upon a career in K-12 education through partnerships and internships with public schools like Uplift Education. Fellows come from top graduate schools, with previous careers in law, business or public policy backgrounds. While Education Pioneers’ partnership with Uplift Education marks its founding partnership in the Dallas market, the network is well established within education reform-minded cities, including partnerships in the Bay Area, Chicago, Boston, Washington D.C., Houston, Los Angeles, and New York.

“We are thrilled to partner with Uplift Education and expand Education Pioneers’ presence to Dallas,” said Scott Morgan, founder and CEO of Education Pioneers. “It is critical that top education organizations, such as Uplift Education, have access to talent to advance their work to improve outcomes with students.”

The rigorous application and selection process to become an Education Pioneer Fellow brings top talent into public education leadership. Nationally, the admissions rate into the summer Graduate School Fellowship program is less than 15 percent. Education Pioneers’ entry to the Dallas market comes at a particularly important time, as schools in Texas are facing state budget cuts, especially for public charter schools, which already receive less state funding per student.

“Uplift prides itself on being a mechanism for change in public education,” said CEO Yasmin Bhatia. “As Education Pioneers’ entry into the Dallas market stands to be one more way that we can help advance effective and efficient methods for improving student achievement throughout the city. Their highly selective process means that we are able to bring in some of the best of the next generation of education leadership into Uplift and strengthen the strategies use to continue our legacy of 100 percent college acceptance.”

Uplift Education’s four Education Pioneers Fellows for 2011 are (left to right in photo):

Stephanie Snyder is getting her Masters’ in Business Administration from the Thunderbird School of Global Management. She received her undergraduate degree from East Tennessee State University. Prior

to attending Thunderbird, she was a Senior Financial Analyst at Allstate Insurance. Stephanie will be working with Uplift Education's finance team.

April Bowman is getting her Master's in Learning and Organizational Change from Northwestern University. She received her undergraduate degree from University of Washington. Prior to attending Northwestern, April was a College Prep Advisor for the College Success Foundation. April will be working with Uplift Education's Road to College team.

Michaela Wintrich is getting her Master's in Public Policy from Harvard. She received her undergraduate degree from Leuphana University in Germany. Prior to attending Harvard, Michaela worked for the Leuphana University and the German Federal Foreign Ministry. Michaela will be working with the Uplift Education's new schools/operations team.

Parul Shah is currently getting her Master's in Business Administration from the Tuck School at Dartmouth. She received her undergraduate degree from Boston University. Prior to attending Dartmouth, she worked at the Boston Consulting Group. Parul will be working with Uplift Education's human resources team.



About Uplift Education

Uplift Education is dedicated to operating schools that provide a quality education by raising and continually maintaining high expectations for students and staff. Its schools provide a rigorous, multi-disciplinary curriculum, with an emphasis on college preparation for 5,700 students. It is Uplift's goal to dramatically increase the number of students from all backgrounds who are provided a high quality public education – 100% of its graduates are accepted to college. Uplift Education is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information on Uplift Education, visit www.uplifteducation.org or www.facebook.com/uplifteducation.

About Education Pioneers

Education Pioneers mobilizes and prepares a national network of talented leaders and entrepreneurs to transform our education system into one that equips all students with the skills they need to thrive in college, career, and life. Through the organization's Fellowship and Alumni leadership programs, Education Pioneers increases the talent supply of top leaders in education and improves leadership capacity in key organizations—such as school districts, charter school organizations, and nonprofits—in the education sector. More information about Education Pioneers can be found at www.educationpioneers.org.