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**TWO WILLIAMS PREP SENIORS WHO VISITED SENDAI IN 2009  
LEAD SCHOOL EFFORTS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR JAPAN RELIEF**

**WHO:**

Jacqueline Perez and Consuelo Gutierrez, seniors at Uplift Education's Williams Prep campus, visited Sendai, Japan, in August 2009 as part of the Japan-America Society of Dallas-Fort Worth's (JASDFW) Young Ambassador's program. They spent two weeks living with host families in Sendai and have remained in close contact with their host families' children via Facebook, email and annually exchanging Christmas gifts.

After the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami hit Sendai, both girls were immediately scared for the safety of their host families. Jacqueline was able to connect with her host family about two days after the tsunami once power was restored, but Consuelo has not been able to connect with her host family yet.



**Jacqueline Perez:** Jacqueline is president of the Williams Prep student council and also plays on the school's soccer and volleyball teams. Her favorite subject is Math. She has been accepted to the University of Denver, Loyola, UNT Dallas, Ripon College, College of St. Benedict, Salem College, St. John's University, Stephen F. Austin, and Texas Tech. She has been awarded \$326,000 in scholarships. She will be the first in her family to attend college.



**Consuelo Gutierrez:** Consuelo is involved with student council, volleyball, soccer, track and field, yearbook, and her church choir. Her favorite class is Literature. She has been accepted to the University of Houston, McDaniel College, Ripon College, College of St. Benedict, Stephen F. Austin, Texas State, and Texas Tech. She has received \$182,000 in scholarships. She will be the first in her family to attend college.

**WHAT:**

To encourage the students at their school to support Japan relief efforts, Jacqueline and Consuelo are teaching students to make origami that is then being sold through JASDFW events. They are also creating beaded bracelets that they are selling at school for \$1 to help raise awareness and funds to donate to Japan relief efforts.

**WHEN:**

Students work on the origami and bracelets MTThF 3:05 pm-3:40 pm and Wed. 1:30-2:00 pm  
Jacqueline and Consuelo are also available for morning show bookings upon request.

**WHERE:**

Williams Preparatory, 1750 Viceroy, Dallas, TX 75235

**About Uplift Education:**

Uplift Education schools provide a rigorous, multi-disciplinary curriculum, with an emphasis on college preparation. 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 seniors graduate and are accepted to college. Uplift educates 4,600 students on seven campuses: Hampton Preparatory, Heights Preparatory, Laureate Preparatory, North Hills Preparatory, Peak Preparatory, Summit International Preparatory and Williams Preparatory. Uplift Education is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, visit <http://www.uplifteducation.org>.