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Six seniors and one junior from Summit International Prep earn AP Scholar Awards *Charter school to celebrate first graduating class in 2011 with goal for 100% college acceptance*

ARLINGTON (October 15) – Seven students at Uplift Education’s Summit International Preparatory have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams. The class of 2011 will be Summit International Prep’s first graduating class, and they share the Uplift Education goal of having 100% of seniors accepted to college. As a tuition-free, college-preparatory charter school, Summit International Prep students encourages all students to participate in a rigorous curriculum including AP classes. The class of 2011 includes 22 seniors, with most taking at least three AP classes.

The College Board’s Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the nearly 1.7 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

Two Summit International Prep students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Abel Isidro and Ricardo Morales.

Five Summit International Prep students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Emily Carlson, Jovana Cruz, Karole Mena, Lily Ngaruiya and Alexandar Woodhouse.

Through more than 30 different college-level courses and exams, AP provides students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admissions process. More than 90 percent of four-year colleges in the United States provide credit and/or placement for qualifying exam grades. Research shows that AP students who score a 3 or higher on AP Exams (based on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest) typically experience greater academic success in college and higher graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP.

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. Uplift educates 4,600 students on seven campuses in Dallas, Arlington and Irving. Our 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 Education is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, visit <http://www.uplifteducation.org>.