



UPLIFT EDUCATION

Community Based College Preparatory Public Schools

HAMPTON PREPARATORY PARENT NAMED “HERO FOR CHILDREN” BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DALLAS, TEXAS – OCTOBER 2009 – Felicia Washington, a Hampton Preparatory parent, was one of 15 volunteers honored by the State Board of Education September 18th for their dedication and commitment as volunteers in Texas public schools.

Mrs. Washington, who was described as “fantastic,” was named a **Hero for Children** for her work at HP. She is known to give her time, knowledge and resources tirelessly in every way possible to benefit the students at Hampton Preparatory. Over the past four years, she has been the founding parent of Hampton Involved Parents (HIP), has chaired many of the school’s fundraisers, coordinated numerous Scholastic Book Fairs, coordinated refreshments for athletic events, participated in and attended the Coalition for Effective Charters meetings and has advocated for increased charter school funding before the Texas Legislature. She has also coordinated several staff appreciation events, coordinated the parent newsletter and communications and assisted with various school office tasks.

The State Board of Education established the Heroes for Children award program in 1994. Individuals who volunteer time, effort, and support to public schools and students, and who advocate for students and public education in Texas, are eligible for these awards. The awards are given annually in recognition of outstanding service and dedication to helping provide each Texas student with a meaningful, positive learning experience in school. Educational employees and elected government officials are not eligible to be nominated for this award. Also, organizations are not eligible to be nominated for this award. To learn more about next year’s nomination process please visit: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4140>

To view the TEA’s press release, click here.
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=6405>

About Uplift

Uplift Education is dedicated to operating schools that provide a quality education by raising and continually maintaining high expectations for its students and staff. Uplift schools provide a rigorous, multi-disciplinary curriculum, with an emphasis on college preparation. Uplift currently operates five campuses across the metroplex: Hampton Preparatory, North Hills Preparatory, Peak Preparatory, Summit International Preparatory and Williams Preparatory. It is Uplift’s goal to dramatically increase the number of students from all backgrounds who are provided a high quality public education.

For more information please contact Deborah Bigham, Chief Development Officer at DBigham@uplifteducation.org .