

celebrating

20 YEARS

of excellence in
education



annual report 2016



uplifteducation

1997



2004



2007



2010



2011



2012



2013



2014



2015



FROM ONE CAMPUS TO SEVENTEEN CAMPUSES

TWO DECADES OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

ON OUR COVER



Lily Ngaruiya, Uplift Summit International Preparatory Road To College Counselor, is a 2011 graduate of Uplift Summit International Preparatory. Read more about Lily's story on the next page.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.
-Margaret Mead

Dear Friends,

The above quote perfectly illustrates what happened 20 years ago when a small group of people decided to start Uplift Education. Led by Rosemary Perlmeter, these visionaries were granted one of the first authorizations to open a charter school in Texas. Their goal was to establish a school of character, excellence, and innovation, and thus The North Hills School (later renamed Uplift North Hills Preparatory) opened its doors the following year in 1997.

In 2004, the founders decided to expand on their initial success to form Uplift Education and with a generous gift from the Communities Foundation of Texas, opened their first inner city school, Peak Preparatory (later renamed Uplift Peak Preparatory). From that point, Uplift Education has grown to be the largest public charter district in North Texas, and has continued on that path towards building character, excellence, and innovation. Our graduates are not only accepted to college, but are having huge success in college, earning degrees, and giving back as globally-focused citizens.

One such example is Lily Ngaruiya, featured on the cover of this year's annual report with some of our scholars representing our Pre-K-12th grade continuum. Lily graduated from Uplift Summit International in 2011, attended Vassar College, earned her degree, and has now returned to the Uplift family, working as a Road To College Counselor at her alma mater. When asked why she wanted to work for Uplift, Lily said, "I thought there was no better way to start my career than to be able to give back to a place that has given so much to me. I would have never known about the college I attended, been able to be a part of so many amazing opportunities, nor pushed myself out of my comfort zone if it were not for my Road To College counselor. To be able to offer even just a fraction of that to others motivates me every day."

As Lily pays homage to her roots, so do we. Our founder had a clear vision, but also knew the importance of remaining nimble. As we have grown, we have kept looking forward and have adjusted our course to meet the needs at hand. As our founder was not satisfied with the status quo, nor are we today. We have bold plans for expansion and continue to champion the causes of education reform.

Just as we did in 1996, Uplift Education will continue to look forward with our scholars in mind. Join us as we take a look back over the past 20 years and honor those who made us who we are....then and now.

Yasmin Bhatia



Yasmin Bhatia, CEO



Some of the early staff members at The North Hills School took on a variety of roles. Sharice Williams (center) is still teaching art at Uplift North Hills today.



This year I was so proud to greet over 1,500 teachers and staff at our back-to-school Convocation at the Music Hall at Fair Park.

NETWORK NOTABLES

2016



1997:
60 scholars



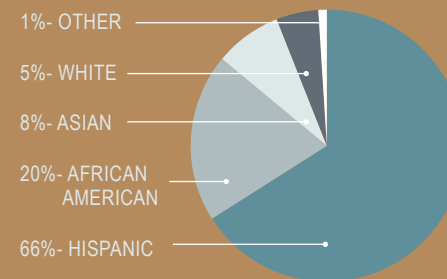
2016:
16,000
scholars

and just as many
waiting for the
opportunity to
attend an Uplift
school

74%
of our scholars
are on free/
reduced lunch

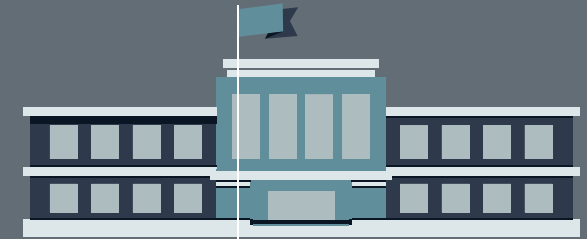


SCHOLAR DEMOGRAPHICS FOR 2016



1997:
1
school
(6th & 7th grades)

2016:
17 **36**
campuses schools
(Pre-K thru 12th grades)



MAJOR MILESTONES

2016 Uplift Education celebrates 20 years and forms a strategic plan of growth for the future.

2015 Uplift forms innovative partnership with Grand Prairie ISD, Education Energized, changing Charter-ISD landscape in D/FW.

2007 Uplift receives funding from major partners to expand and open Uplift Hampton, Uplift Summit International and Uplift Williams.

2004 Uplift Peak Preparatory opens in east Dallas. Uplift Charter Management Organization (CMO) forms.

1997 Uplift North Hills Preparatory opens in Irving, Texas with 6th and 7th grades, led by Rosemary Perlmeter.

1996 Texas approves formation of charter schools. TEA grants charter to Uplift North Hills.



1997:
9
faculty members

2016:
1,500
teachers, administrators
and support personnel

HORSES IN PERPETUITY

An interview with Uplift Education founder, Rosemary Perlmeter

Anyone who visits Uplift North Hills in Irving will see a beautiful, sprawling campus filled with 1,500 happy, college-bound scholars. What many don't know is the history of that campus and some of the other challenges that Uplift Education founder, Rosemary Perlmeter, faced to start that first school. We interviewed Rosemary to find out more:

What was the driving force behind starting Uplift North Hills?

A group of parents, of which I was one, had a strong desire to start a school that provided an alternative to traditional public schools and incorporated the character and values we saw in many private schools. A professor at The University of North Texas educated me on the new charter school laws that had just gone into effect in Texas, and we decided to pursue that route. Our charter was granted, but we waited a year before opening to make sure we did it right. I stepped out of my career as a corporate lawyer to be the principal of the school and into a whole new world of public school administration.

What challenges did you and your team face in those first few years?

The challenges were many, but mainly revolved around building codes, deed restrictions and the rules of public education. After a couple of years in temporary facilities, we found our current property. It was the Las Colinas Equestrian Center, owned by the city and listed as a "white elephant" property deemed too expensive to maintain. When I saw the property, I immediately thought it would make a perfect school. One problem though—the deed restricted the property's residents to "horses in perpetuity." I had just met a real estate developer, Grady "Buddy" Jordan Jr., who was willing to buy the equestrian center from the city and get the deed restrictions changed, then sell part of the land and buildings to us in small increments. We raised money through tax-exempt bonds. We were the first charter school in the nation to sell tax-exempt bonds, so we worked with the state to develop that protocol.

When did you know that your success was worth duplicating?

After a few years, we realized that other communities could use the same opportunities for school choice that we had established. We formed a task force, nicknamed "Project Gemini," to research the possibility of expanding into south Irving. In the middle of our exploration, the Communities Foundation of Texas contacted us and asked to tour Uplift North Hills. They let us know that the support existed for us to open a school in east Dallas, so we changed course and began the process to open Uplift Peak Preparatory. When we opened Uplift North Hills, we weren't sure how many students would show up that first year. When we opened Uplift Peak, we had parents waiting with tears in their eyes for this opportunity for their children. We knew that this was just the first step toward our future of providing educational choice for under-served communities.

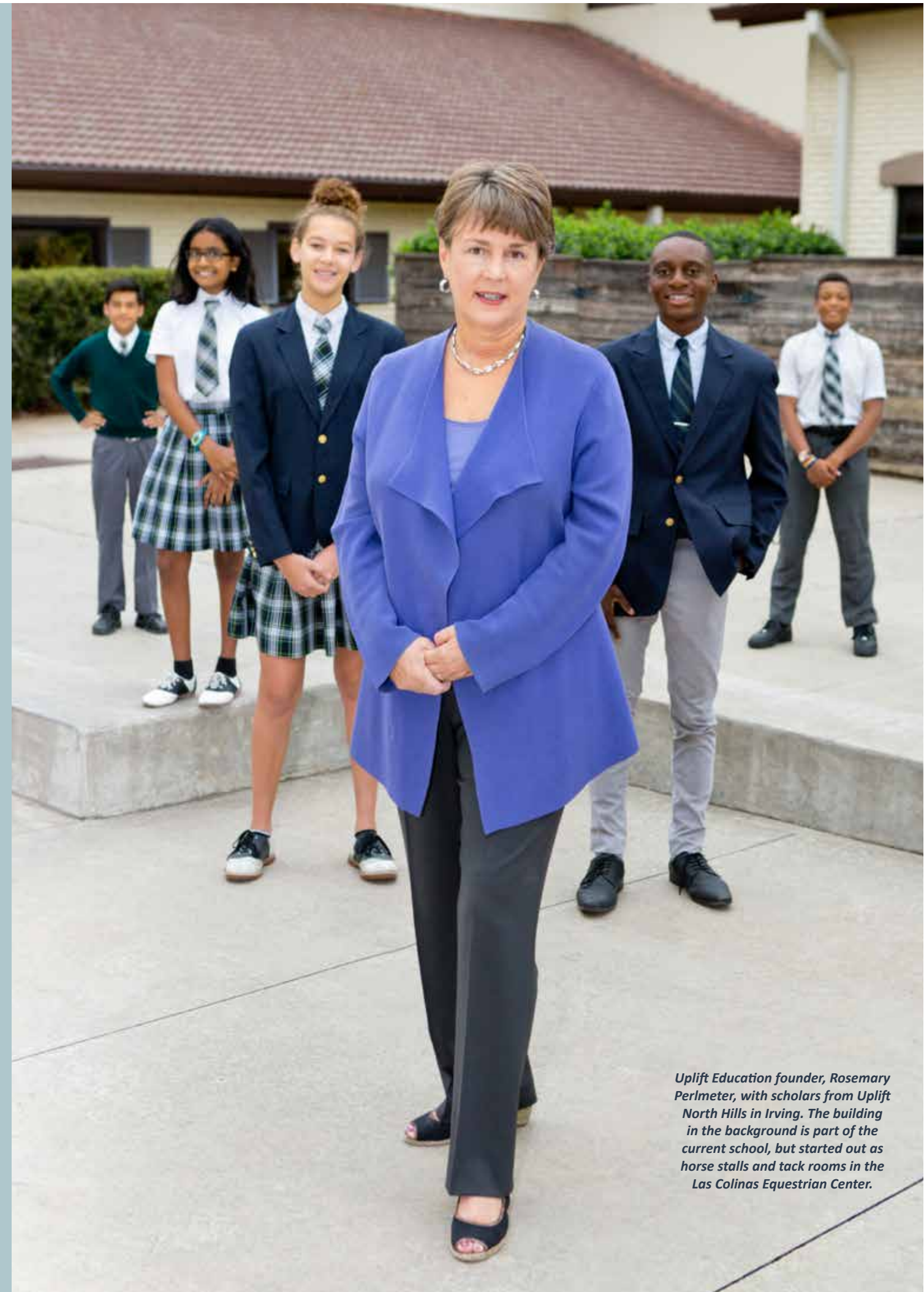
What are you most proud of, and what is your hope for the future of Uplift Education?

From that first year with two grades and fewer than a dozen staff members, I am so proud to see how we have grown. More importantly than the size of our network, I am proud that we have maintained the vision that we started with two decades ago—a vision that incorporates the hard edges of a rigorous education with the soft edges of character, ethics, compassion and global awareness. I was proud of what we built at Uplift North Hills all those years ago, and I would be just as proud for my grandchildren to attend any one of the Uplift schools today. If only they lived in the D/FW area!

Now, more than ever, there is a need for high quality education choices, regardless of zip code. My hope is that Uplift Education will continue to grow and meet that need. I know they are up for the task.

Rosemary is no longer involved with daily operations of Uplift Education, but continues her work in education reform by developing entrepreneurial educators committed to transformational change essential to eliminating the achievement gap in urban public schools.

View our full interview with Rosemary Perlmeter at youtube.com/uplifteducationvideos



Uplift Education founder, Rosemary Perlmeter, with scholars from Uplift North Hills in Irving. The building in the background is part of the current school, but started out as horse stalls and tack rooms in the Las Colinas Equestrian Center.

CLASS OF 2016

revealing their super powers



100% COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE FOR THE 8TH YEAR IN A ROW

464

graduates across six high schools

\$54

million earned in scholarships & grants

75%

first generation college attendees*

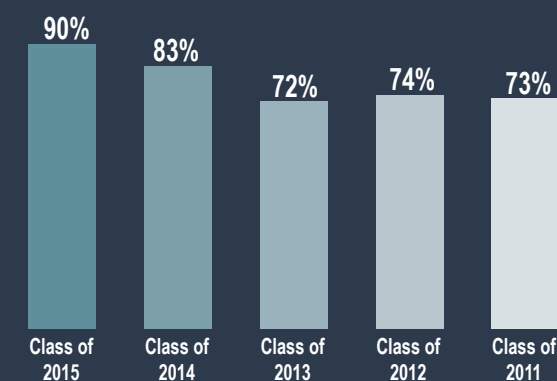
94%

college attendance in the fall

* urban schools

COLLEGE PERSISTENCE RATE

Our graduates continue to persist in college, and now we are seeing the culmination of that effort as our alumni earn their degrees. **The chart to the right shows the percentage of scholars from each of our past five graduating classes who are either persisting toward a degree or who have completed a higher education degree.**



Uplift Luna Preparatory celebrated its first graduating class in 2016. The class of 35 seniors, many of whom had been at the school since its inception, were all accepted to college and earned \$7.6 million in scholarships and grants. 81% of the class were the first in their family to attend college.

PARTNERS WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE

An interview with Todd and Abby Williams of The Todd and Abby Williams Family Foundation

The growth of Uplift Education and our ability to make a difference in so many lives would not have been possible without key partnerships along the way. Todd and Abby Williams are staunch advocates for public education in the D/FW metroplex. A decade ago they learned about Uplift Education and realized that our vision matched theirs, which led to the establishment of Uplift Williams Preparatory. We interviewed the Williams' to learn more about their motivation:

What made you decide to get involved in public education?

Both of our lives were transformed by access to a quality, public school education and a college education that was 100% financed through scholarships and loans. We both realized that were we to grow up today, both of those components would be much harder to come by. We couldn't stand by while the ladder to living the American Dream was being pulled away for many, many families.

What motivated you to help start Uplift Williams?

Knowing the incredible difference that a quality education had played in our personal lives, we were honored to invest with Uplift and together help create a school that would provide similar life-changing opportunities for our community's children.

What was your vision for Uplift Williams?

We envisioned that Uplift Williams would be a school reflecting a familial environment of high expectations where each student would be known, encouraged, and challenged to reach his or her highest potential.

How do you involve your family in your philanthropic work?

We are active philanthropists, wanting to contribute both our financial resources as well as our "sweat equity," and we feel blessed to have had a small but active role in the planning and creation of Uplift Williams Preparatory in its earliest years. Still today, almost ten years later, members of our family stay engaged by serving on the local advisory council, the Uplift Board of Directors and as volunteers in the classroom.

Tell us a little about how your family is investing their efforts in public education. We know you are doing a lot more than just supporting Uplift Education.

We helped bring Teach for America and Urban Teachers to D/FW to meet our critical need for quality teaching pipelines. We also founded and are leading the Commit Partnership, which today serves as a backbone for our region's collective impact work supporting age 0-22 education in Dallas County.

What vision do you have for public education in Dallas?

We have a vision that Dallas can be a city where all students of various races and income levels attend public school together and receive a transformative public education where their talents are honored. We want our educational environment to be one that sets students up to be successful in life and maximizes their potential. Dallas can be a city where the American Dream is alive and well and exists for every child in our city, regardless of zip code.

The Todd and Abby Williams Family Foundation supports a variety of educational causes in Dallas. If you would like more information on partnering with Uplift Education to promote public education choice, please contact Deborah Bigham (dbigham@uplifteducation.org).

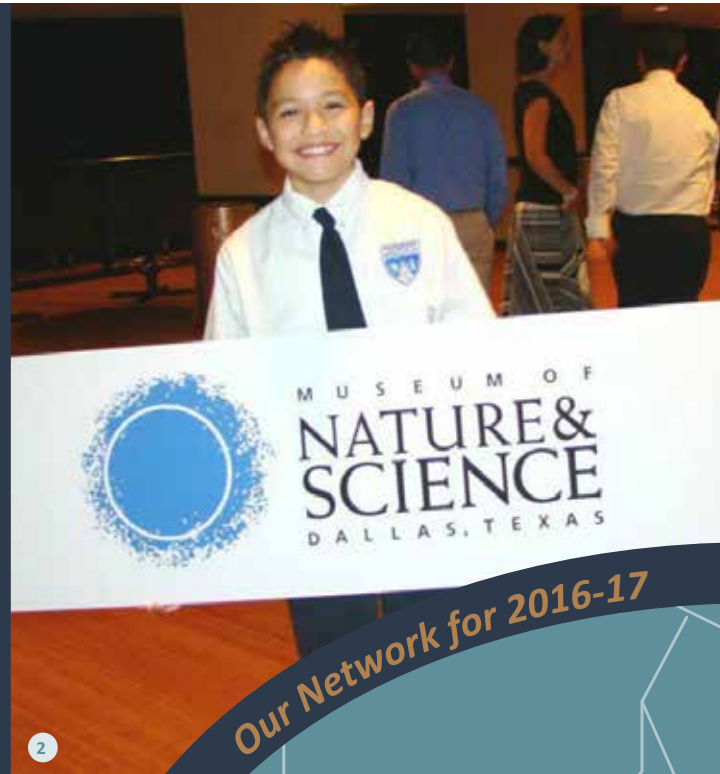


Todd and Abby Williams, founders of The Todd and Abby Williams Family Foundation and key partners in the establishment of Uplift Williams Preparatory.

A LOOK BACK



1



2



7



8



3



9



10



4



5



11



12



6

- 1) Honoring a valuable partner, friend, and founding board chairman, Phil Montgomery, at Uplift Peak Preparatory – 2011.
- 2) Uplift Luna partners with Perot Museum of Nature and Science – 2012.
- 3) Scholars on a college visit – 2011.
- 4) Uplift Pinnacle ribbon cutting – 2011.
- 5) Dallas Cowboys help build Uplift Williams playground – 2011.

- 6) Groundbreaking in Fort Worth – 2012.
- 7) IB Diplomas granted to Uplift North Hills seniors – 2010.
- 8) Uplift Heights construction – 2010.
- 9) First College March at Uplift Peak – 2014.
- 10) Parent advocacy group in Austin – 2011.
- 11) Uplift North Hills graduation – 2010.
- 12) College Fair at Uplift Hampton – 2011.

OUR HIGHLIGHTS

2016



Once again, our high schools earned national recognition.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR 2016

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT BEST HIGH SCHOOLS GOLD MEDAL



THE WASHINGTON POST AMERICA'S MOST CHALLENGING HIGH SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED

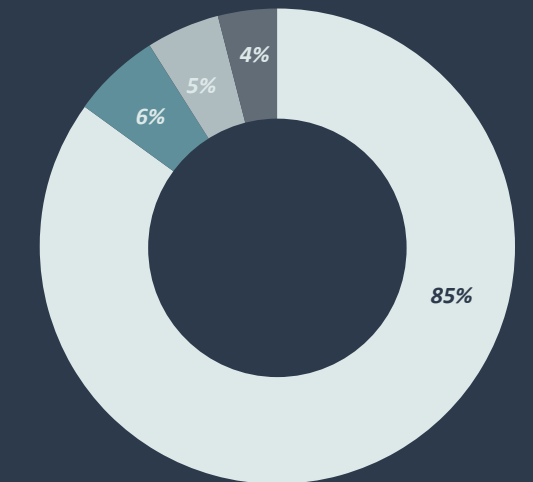


NEWSWEEK AMERICA'S TOP HIGH SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED



As in years past, Uplift maintains its investment-grade rating and continues to find innovative ways to bridge the funding gap created by state policies for charter schools.

REVENUE



- State Foundation School Funding
- Private Philanthropic Donations
- Federal Funding
- National School Lunch & Breakfast Program

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

75% of Uplift graduates are enrolled in college or have earned a higher education degree.

21.7 is the average ACT score for Uplift juniors and seniors. A score of 21 is considered a "college-ready" benchmark.

47% of Uplift graduates are considered college-ready based on their ACT scores.



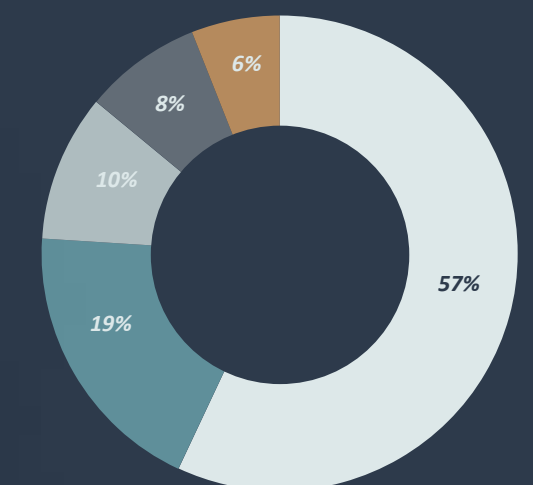
IB FOR ALL

87% of Uplift primary schools are either PYP authorized or PYP candidate schools.

91% of Uplift secondary schools are either MYP authorized or MYP candidate schools.

100% of Uplift high schools are on track for IB Diploma Programme authorization.

EXPENSES



- School Salaries & Benefits
- Other School Operating Expenses
- CMO Staff & Operating Expenses
- Interest on Debt & Bonds
- Depreciation & Amortization

Note: Not final audited numbers. Final audit will be available in January, 2017.

FAMILY TRADITION

For the Sierra family, Uplift Williams is their home away from home.

When Beatriz Sierra was seeking a school for her two daughters, Jessica (6th grade) and Nancy (5th grade), she decided to take a chance on a brand new school she had heard about in the area. That was nine years ago, and the school was Williams Preparatory (later renamed Uplift Williams Preparatory).

Now those two daughters have earned their high school degrees from Uplift Williams and are both attending college on full scholarships. Jessica is in her second year at Emory College in Atlanta, Georgia, while Nancy is in her first year at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. But the Sierra family is not done yet! Her two sons also attend Uplift Williams; Roberto is currently a sophomore and Jesus is in 1st grade.

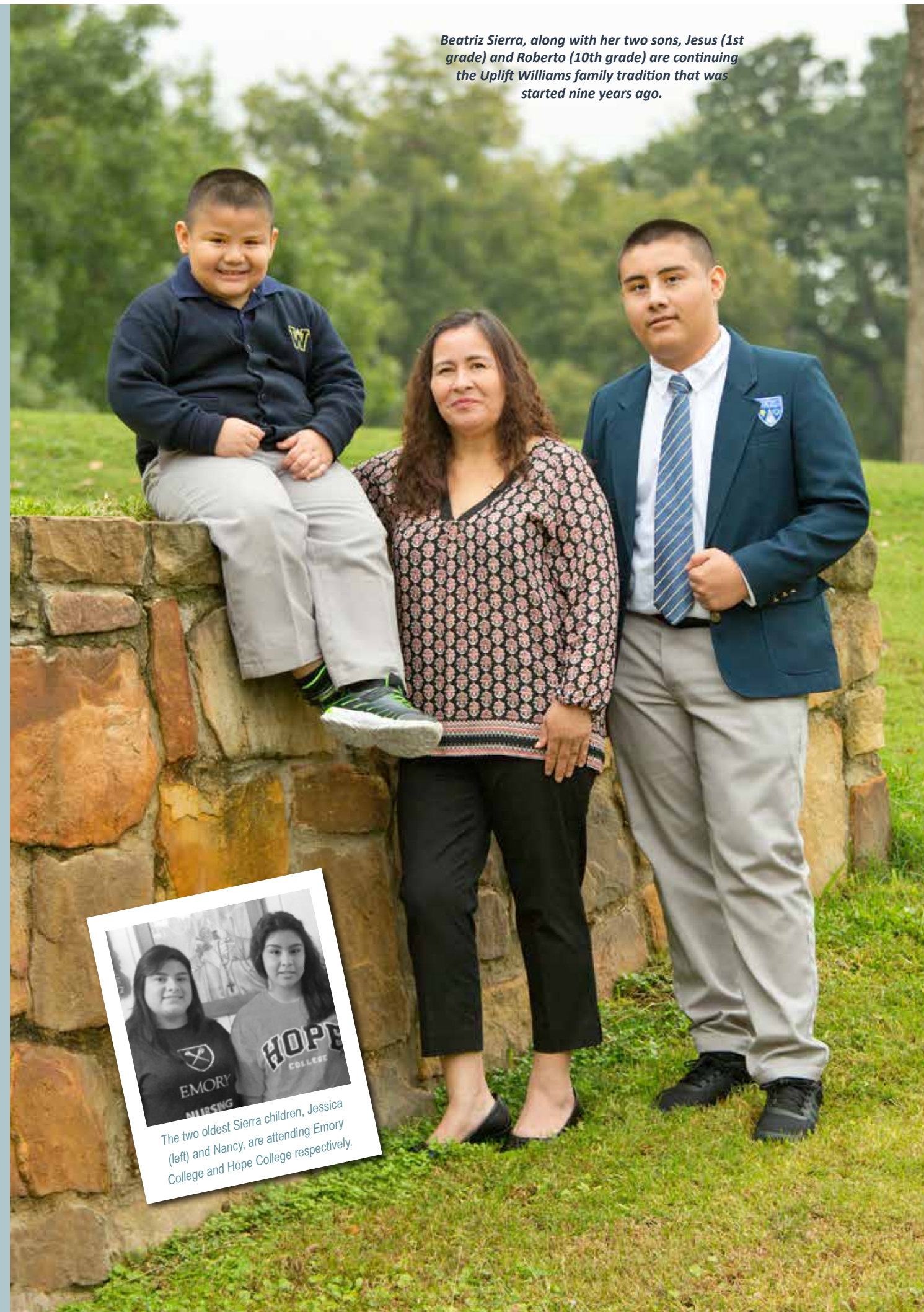
Beatriz Sierra chose Uplift Williams nearly a decade ago because she loved what she heard about students, teachers, and parents being in partnership to ensure academic success. She also felt confident that the school would help her children be college-ready. Although Beatriz and her husband never attended college, they knew that they wanted that for their children. Beatriz worried about the affordability of college as well, but knew that academic persistence was the key. She also credits the Road To College program at Uplift Williams for finding the right college home for her daughters.

Uplift Education has always been about family. While academic excellence is our primary goal, we know that it can't be achieved without the involvement of parents and family members. Currently more than 5,000 of our Uplift families have two or more children in an Uplift school. We understand the importance of offering a K-12 continuum, hosting family-centered events, and being involved in the community as a whole. We see the value in partnering with other organizations to provide our families with opportunities to help enrich their personal lives, such as parenting classes, GED classes, and financial literacy classes.

Just as Uplift started 20 years ago with a few dedicated families, we are committed to continuing that family tradition.

View the Sierra family's full story and video on our blog, upliftvoices.wordpress.com

Beatriz Sierra, along with her two sons, Jesus (1st grade) and Roberto (10th grade) are continuing the Uplift Williams family tradition that was started nine years ago.



The two oldest Sierra children, Jessica (left) and Nancy, are attending Emory College and Hope College respectively.

A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

2016-2021



Uplift Education has a clear plan for our future based on our 20 years of experience in public education. Our two-pronged approach includes investing in our network to ensure excellence, and investing in growth to be able to serve more scholars.

NETWORK INNOVATION



HIGH SCHOOL

- Juniors and seniors strive to achieve college-ready ACT score
- Road To College counselors help scholars find colleges that match their personal and academic needs



MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 40% of our scholars strive to achieve advanced scores on state exams
- Help scholars develop strong social and emotional skills



PRIMARY SCHOOL

- 40% of our scholars strive to achieve advanced scores on state exams
- Double the number of scholars in the top 20% nationally in reading and math

Our Goal:
70%
will earn a
college degree
in six years



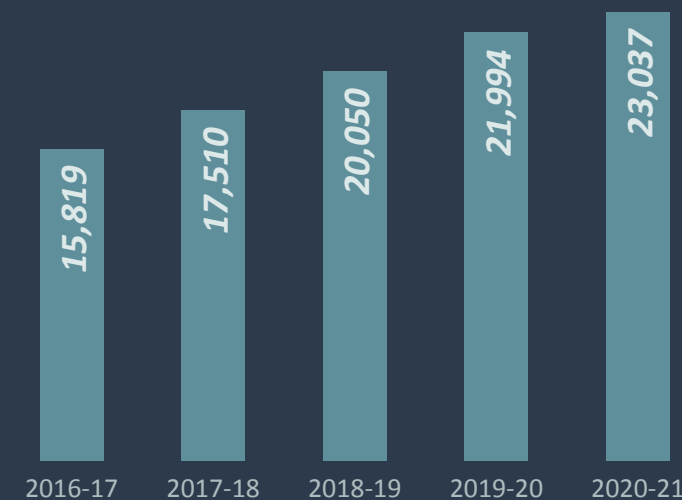
GROWTH INVESTMENT

Adding 7,000 seats for scholars in North Texas communities is no small task, but we are up for the challenge. Over the next five years we plan to build out existing schools, develop feeder schools, explore new public ISD partnerships, and start seven new schools in the city of Fort Worth.



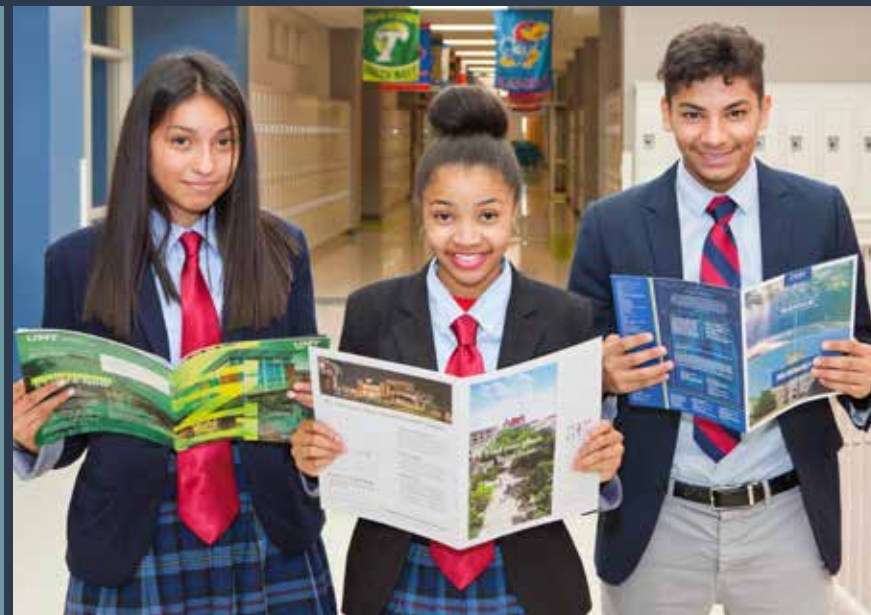
PROJECTED GROWTH

In two short decades we have grown from a single school with two grades to a network of nearly 16,000 scholars. Over the next five years, we plan to replicate our model of excellence in education and grow our network to serve over 23,000 scholars.



91%

of the Uplift Class of 2015 matriculated to college, compared to 64% U.S. average and 45% U.S. low income average



BOARD & DONORS

We thank our Board of Directors for the 2016–17 school year who will help guide the strategic direction of our network.

Melissa McNeil* <i>Chairwoman of the Board Community Volunteer</i>	Kenneth Govan <i>Area Manager, Oncor Electric</i>
Ryan Moss* <i>Vice Chairman of the Board Chief Financial Officer, Lucid Energy Group</i>	Joi Kidd-Stamps <i>JKS Financial, LLC</i>
Kay Allen <i>Certified Financial Planner, Aspen Wealth Management</i>	Dawn Mann* <i>Director of Advertising, Alpha Business Images, LLC</i>
Cristina Barbosa <i>Community Volunteer</i>	Amy Messersmith <i>Chief People Officer, Pizza Hut</i>
Kevin Bryant <i>Chief Counsel, Crow Holdings</i>	Carol Proffer <i>Partner, Capstone</i>
W. Carey Carter <i>Retired Partner, Deloitte & Touche, LLP</i>	Stuart Ravnik <i>Ph.D., Associate Dean, Graduate School of Biomedical Science, UT Southwestern</i>
Cullum Clark <i>President, Prothro Clark Company</i>	Randall Ray* <i>Partner, Munck Wilson & Mandala, LLP</i>
George Conant <i>Partner, Tortilis Partners</i>	Brice Tarzwell <i>Retired, Community Volunteer</i>
Cathleen Crews <i>Banker, JP Morgan Private Bank</i>	Ed Tauriac <i>Partner, Deloitte & Touche, LLP</i>
Tony Dona <i>Co-Founder, Thackeray Partners</i>	Josh Terry* <i>Community Volunteer</i>
Catherine Estrada <i>Community Volunteer</i>	Bruce Ware <i>Director, Davita Healthcare Partners</i>
Angela Farley <i>Senior Vice President, Dallas Regional Chamber of Commerce</i>	Mary Ellen Weber <i>Managing Director, Stellar Associates</i>
Ossa Fisher <i>Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer, Istation</i>	Jack Wensinger* <i>President, Will Max Capital</i>
Richard Frapart* <i>Community Volunteer</i>	Michelle Wheeler <i>President and COO, Jackson Shaw</i>
Christine Frary <i>Community Volunteer</i>	Donell Wiggins* <i>Community Volunteer</i>
Dexter Freeman, Jr. <i>Director of Intelligence, Innovation & Education, Greater Irving-Las Colinas - Chamber of Commerce</i>	Marnie Wildenthal <i>Community Volunteer</i>
Ardo Fuentes* <i>Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch & Co.</i>	Abigail Williams <i>Community Volunteer</i>

*designates the voting Board of Governors

Ms. Heloise Beauchamp	Mr. Sagar Desai
Belmont Foundation	Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dona
Mr. Selwin Belofsky	Mr. Mike Doramus
Ms. Christi Berger	Ms. Michelle Dunlap
Ms. Amanda Betancur	Educate Texas
Mr. and Mrs. Vik Bhatia	Ms. Pam Ellerman
Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bigham	Ms. Anne Erickson
Blessings in a Backpack	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Estrada
Mr. Daniel Blier	Mr. Collin Evans
Ms. Cindy Brown	The Roy Gene and Pamela Evans Foundation
Ms. Jennifer Brown	Mr. and Mrs. Travis Farley
M & A Brown Family Foundation	Ms. Paige Farragut
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Bryant	Mr. Christopher Finley
Mr. Roger Burk	FIRST in Texas Foundation
Rep. Cindy Burkett	Mr. and Mrs. Andersen Fisher
Ms. Roxanne Burluson	Ms. Catharine Flagg
Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy	Mr. Patrick Flood
Ms. Janice Bywaters	Ms. Shelby Foster
Ms. Janet Calkins	Mr. Joseph Fox
Capital For Kids	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frapart
Capital One Bank	Mr. and Mrs. James Frary
Amon G. Carter Foundation	Mr. Dexter Freeman II
Mr. and Mrs. W. Carey Carter	Mr. and Mrs. Ardo Fuentes
Celanese Foundation	Mr. Ricardo Garcia
CFP Foundation	The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Charter School Growth Fund, Inc	Mr. Charles Glover
Ms. Ashley Chellgren	Goldman Sachs
A.L. Chilton Foundation	Mr. Larry Good
Ms. Jung Cho	Mr. Eric Goodloe
Mr. and Mrs. Cullum Clark	Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Govan
Mr. Nathan Cobos	Mr. Joe Goywe
Colleyville Rotary Foundation, Inc.	Gradus
Ms. Dorothy Collins Torbert	Grand Bank of Texas
Communities Foundation of Texas	Ms. Jacqueline Greer
Compass Professional Health Services	Mr. Tyler Grisham
Mr. and Mrs. George Conant	Mrs. Mary Hager
Kimberly Conner	Mr. John Hallam
Council of Education Facility Planners International	Mr. Edward Hamilton
Mr. Adam Cox	Hamon Charitable Foundation
Creative Arts Center of Dallas	Mr. Matthew Hare
Ms. Cathleen Crews	Ms. Katherine Harris
Mr. Robert Crews	Mr. Patrick Haugh
Ms. Cathleen Crews	Hawn Foundation, Inc.
Mr. Harlan Crow	Mr. Peter Hayes
Dallas Women's Foundation	Ms. Jennifer Hedges
Mr. Christopher Davis	Ms. Barbara Heil
Ms. Tiffany Davis	Mr. Jeffrey Helfrich
	Ms. Martha Hellman

Mr. Edward Henry III
Mr. John Henry
Ms. Brittany Hernandez
Lyda Hill Foundation
Hillcrest Foundation
Mr. Don Hinton
HKS Architects, Inc.
Mr. Lee Hobson
Mr. Michael Hood
Mr. William Hornberger
Mr. Adam Hyman
Mr. Edwin Jenevein Jr.
Stephen Johnson
Mr. D. Craig Joyner
Ms. Barbara Jane Kaplan
Ms. Kelsie Keathley
Kleinheinz Family Foundation for Arts and Education
Ms. Megan Kneipp
Mr. Jake Kurz
Mr. Stephen Lamure
Ms. Julie Lasseter
Mr. Stacy Lawrence
Mr. Daniel Lawson
Mr. Jared Leiderman
Mr. John Levy
The Litman Foundation
Mr. William Litton
Lindsay Loughlin
Mr. Matt Luth
Ms. Jessica Mabry
Ms. Shaelyn Macedonio
Mr. Korey Mack
Make It Count Family Foundation
Ms. Dawn Mann
Mr. George Manning
Matejek Family Foundation
Dr. Tom Mayer
Ms. Demetria McCain

Mr. and Mrs. Barry McNeil
Ms. Amy Messersmith
Ms. Diana Meyer
The Miles Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Miller
Mr. Robert Mills
Modern Contractors, Inc.
Ms. Ruth Ann Montgomery
Ms. Yuritza Morales
Mr. Greg Morgan
Harry S. Moss Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Moss
Ms. Alice Murray
National Association of Charter School Authorizers
Ms. Erin Nealy Cox
Ms. Susan Ness
Network for Good
Mr. Mike Nolan
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Nolen
Ms. Linda Northcutt
NorthPark Center
Mr. Erle Nye
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Olson
Mrs. Lyssa Orchid
Ms. Sara Ortega
Mr. James Parsons
Ms. Hannah Paul
Mr. Robert Penn
Pepsico Foundation
Ms. Mela Perez
Perot Foundation
Mr. Thomas Perryman
The Plumlee Family
Mr. Jeff Porter
Mr. Tracy Ponders
Mr. Mickey Powell
Ms. Carol Proffer

Project Lead The Way
The Rainwater Charitable Foundation
Mr. Carson Ransford
Dr. and Mrs. Stu Ravnik
Mr. Randy Ray and Mr. Victor Ray
Ms. Amy Reames
Mr. Tyler Reames
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Regions Bank
Mr. Carl Reyes
Sid W. Richardson Foundation
Ms. Britan Robertson
Ms. Kari Rose
Ms. Lizzie Routman
Ms. Alison Rowe
Rowling Foundation
Ms. Laura Ryan
Sabre
Ms. Melissa Sandoval
Mr. Patrick Sargent
Mr. Michael Schimberg
Richard and Erika Schulze Foundation
Schusterman Family Foundation
Mr. Andrew Scripps
Ms. Carol Sharp
Ms. Ann Shaw
Shell Oil Company Foundation
The Harold Simmons Foundation
Mr. Steven Smart
Miss Melissa Smith
SNAP! Event Productions
Ms. Joi Kidd-Stamps
Ms. Ann Stevenson
Mr. Frank Stevenson II
Summit Financial Group, Inc.
Ms. Megan Sun
Ebby Halliday Realtors

Mr. Brice Tarzwell
Mr. Ed Tauriac
Mr. and Mrs. Josh Terry
Texas A&M University
Texas Health Resources
Mr. Jere Thompson, Jr.
Ms. Nicole Tietz
Tres Aguilas Management, LLC
Truist Comprehensive Distribution
United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
Mr. Ben Van Maanen
Mr. Jerrod Vaughan
Ms. Jade Venditte
Mr. James Voelker
Mr. and Mrs. Burch Waldron
Mr. Austin Walker
Ms. Jaclyn Walker
Mr. David Wallenstein
Ms. Keva Ward
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ware
Dr. Mary Ellen Weber
Ms. Loryn Weddle
Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wensinger
Ms. Michele Wheeler
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wiggins
Mr. Randall Wilkins
Mr. Greg Wilkinson
Todd and Abby Williams Family Foundation
Mr. Welcome Wilson, Jr.
Mr. James Yoder
Mr. Michael Young
Ms. Tracy Young

Without the generosity of our donors, Uplift would not be able to provide an education for the 16,000 scholars enrolled in 2016–17. We extend a heartfelt thank you to the following donors for their generous 2015–16 gifts and lifetime donations over \$25K to support Uplift's mission.

7th Generation Foundation	America's Charities
Mr. John Adams	Mr. Joshua Angle
Ms. Kelsey Adams	Mr. John Bailey
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Agnich	Baird Foundation, Inc
Ms. Kay Allen	Ms. Alejandra Barbosa



GLOBALY-MINDED
PARTNERSHIPS
EXPANSION

Scholars

Carrying
GROWTH
Collaboration
Strategic
PERSISTENCE
Inspire
IMPACT

ORTH TEXAS
Innovation
QUALITY
Inclusion
Teachers
College-ready
Excellence
Sustainability
Investment



INVEST IN THEIR FUTURE

Just as the 20 words and phrases on the facing page illustrate, investing in Uplift Education accomplishes more than just opening new schools! We work to develop globally-minded scholars who are college-ready, and who stay on track to earn a college degree. While we have an amazing core of teachers and support staff, we also know that our goal cannot be reached without the support of community partners and volunteers.



Uplift has a variety of opportunities to work with our schools and scholars, whether you simply spend 30 minutes reading to a child or share your life experience as a mentor to a high school scholar. We hope you will consider not only sharing your time and talent but also consider investing financially into Uplift. Your dollars will be used to continue to develop new practices to further increase scholar achievement and, best of all, we will share those results with others so the impact can multiply. Annually, Uplift receives 20,000 applications for 2,500 spots. Your dollars will provide access to high quality education for North Texas' highest need families.



To volunteer, contact:
Cassie Hubbert
Development Manager
volunteer@uplifteducation.org
or (469) 398-0084

For corporate gifts and partnership opportunities, contact:
Deborah Bigham
Chief Development Officer
dbigham@uplifteducation.org
or (469) 621-8493

To donate to Uplift Education, please visit:
www.uplifteducation.org/donate

*Be a part of our mission.
Be a part of the next 20 years of excellence in education.*





uplifteducation

1825 Market Center Blvd., Suite 500

Dallas, Texas 75207

www.uplifteducation.org