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Robertson Foundation Invests \$3 Million in Education Pioneers

Organization builds capacity of education system, will recruit and develop more than 1,100 skilled leaders for roles in school districts, charter schools and education nonprofits by 2012

Oakland, CA – The Robertson Foundation, a private foundation established in 1996 by Julian H. Robertson, Jr., Chairman of Tiger Management L.L.C., and his wife, Josie, will invest \$3 million in Education Pioneers, a national nonprofit that aims to build the capacity of the education system in the United States. The investment helps to ensure organizations that lead and administer education, such as school districts, charters schools and education nonprofits, have access to leaders with the skills needed to improve education and increase student achievement.

“We invest in organizations we believe have potential to deliver results,” said Phoebe Boyer, Executive Director of the Robertson Foundation. “Our investment in Education Pioneers reflects confidence that the organization will help bring the necessary talent that is urgently needed to the field of education.”

With the Robertson Foundation’s investment, Education Pioneers will recruit and develop more than 1,100 talented individuals for leadership roles in education organizations by 2012.

Education Pioneers currently operates in six urban centers across the country: Washington DC, New York City, Boston, Chicago, the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles. Education Pioneers aims to improve the capacity of organizations that lead and administer education by supplying them with skilled leaders. Education Pioneers recruits select graduate students in business, policy, law and education from top universities such as Harvard, Stanford and Columbia. Through a rigorous summer Fellowship Program, Education Pioneers encourages top students to launch careers in education and develops their knowledge base about the challenges of K-12 education. The organization currently supports a base of more than 600 alumni to advance into high-impact executive leadership roles in the field.

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“Seventy-two percent of our alumni work full time in the field of education,” said Scott Morgan, Education Pioneers’ founder and CEO. “This investment enables us to dramatically increase the number of exceptional leaders working to improve performance in urban school systems across the United States.”

By 2012, more than 150 organizations including school districts, charter school organizations, education nonprofits, and state and federal education agencies will benefit from the leadership capacity supplied by Education Pioneers through the Robertson Foundation’s investment.

“To improve education, it is critical that organizations have access to the best and brightest talent,” said Richard Brescia, Director of Human Resources Management for New York City Department of Education. “Education Pioneers provides a crucial resource for organizations like ours that need skilled leaders to increase student achievement.”

About Education Pioneers

Education Pioneers, a national nonprofit, improves the capacity of the education system by providing skilled talent to organizations such as school districts, charter schools and education nonprofits. Through the organization’s Fellowship and Alumni Programs, Education Pioneers recruits, develops and supports graduate students from fields like business, education, policy and law for leadership positions in education. Education Pioneers’ ultimate goal is to increase the pipeline of executive-level leaders working to transform urban education. More information about Education Pioneers can be found at www.educationpioneers.org.

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