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Celebrating the Best of Education Reform: E.L. Haynes Public Charter School

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CityBridge Foundation, Acumen Solutions, and E.L. Haynes Public Charter School are pleased to announce and celebrate two unique partnerships working to further education reform in Washington, DC and across the nation.

On June 8, 2010, CityBridge Foundation and Acumen Solutions came together to host “Celebrating the Best of Education Reform: E.L. Haynes Public Charter School’s Impact,” a festive evening honoring E.L. Haynes and its commitment to academic achievement and its broader impact on public education across the city. The evening, hosted at Long View Gallery, a unique contemporary art gallery in the Shaw neighborhood of Washington, DC, brought together individuals from the philanthropic, technology and corporate worlds to learn more about the school and its impressive achievements. At the event, CityBridge Foundation announced E.L. Haynes Public Charter School as the first CityBridge Foundation *Strong Schools Award* recipient, and pledged a gift of \$200,000 for its unwavering focus on student academic achievement and their broader impact on public education across the city. Katherine Bradley, President and Founder of CityBridge Foundation, said, “CityBridge Foundation is thrilled to name E.L. Haynes Public Charter School as the first *Strong Schools Award* recipient. Since its inception in 2004, the school has committed to ensuring that every student is college and career ready, regardless of their race or socioeconomic status. This tireless commitment, along with the school’s significant contribution to improving public education across the city, is what makes E.L. Haynes the CityBridge Foundation 2011 Strong Schools Award recipient.” E. L. Haynes Founder and Head of School, Jennifer C. Niles, said, “We are extremely proud to be the first recipient of the *Strong Schools Award* and are grateful for this transformational gift to E.L. Haynes.”

In addition to this announcement, Acumen Solutions unveiled SchoolForce, a dynamic learning platform piloted at E.L. Haynes in 2010, which puts the student at the center of her or his education. Through the platform, the student will have an active understanding of his or her performance on academic standards and other measures like attendance, behavior, and homework completion through continuously updated data. In addition, the platform in a future release will allow the student to set goals and track progress and prepare for college by benchmarking their “profile” against indicators that influence college acceptance, among other tools for academic

success. The results of this innovative program will be shared across the education community on a local and national level, leading to a better understanding of what works for using data to influence student achievement.

“We commend both CityBridge for creating this award and E.L. Haynes, for exhibiting cutting edge leadership in education reform which led to their being chosen for this honor,” said David Joubran, CEO Acumen Solutions. “E.L. Haynes has been an instrumental advisor to our firm in the creation of SchoolForce, a K-12 performance management technology solution, so not only are they leading in their community with their contribution to education but they also are leading nationally with their contribution to this technology.”

About CityBridge Foundation

CityBridge Foundation, a nonprofit enterprise created in 1994 by Katherine Bradley and her husband, entrepreneur and magazine publisher, David G. Bradley, marshals intellectual, financial, and social capital to help build a high performing public education system in the District of Columbia. In 2010 the Foundation launched the *Strong Schools Award* program to celebrate and reward a deserving DC public school.

About E.L. Haynes

E.L. Haynes Public Charter School demonstrates what a public school could, and should, be. The school was founded in 2004 and has a program based on nationally recognized best practices for advancing student achievement. E.L. Haynes’ mission is that every student of every race, socioeconomic status, and home language will reach high levels of academic achievement and be prepared to succeed at the college of his or her choice. E.L. Haynes is moving steadily toward achieving this mission; in 2010, 69% of students scored proficient or advanced in math on the DC-CAS and 67% scored proficient or advanced in reading.

In 2010-2011, E.L. Haynes serves 600 students in grades Pre-K through 8 and will grow, adding a grade each year, until it serves students in grades Pre-K through 12. The school is the first year-round public school in Washington, DC and is named for Dr. Euphemia Lofton Haynes, the first African-American woman to receive a doctorate in mathematics, a teacher in the District of Columbia's school system for 47 years, and the first woman to serve as President of the District of Columbia Board of Education. In April 2008, E.L. Haynes was chosen from DC’s 56 charter schools as the winner of Fight for Children’s first-ever Quality Schools Initiative Award. In both 2008 and 2009, E.L. Haynes was named a Silver Award winning school in through New Leaders for New Schools’ Effective Practice grant program, ranking as a top school among a consortium of 144 charter schools nationwide. For more information, visit www.elhaynes.org

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