

YES PREP RECEIVES GRANT FROM SPECTRA ENERGY FOR ALUMNI FELLOW PROGRAM

HOUSTON (November 2, 2011) –YES Prep Public Schools today announces a \$65,000 contribution from Spectra Energy to launch the Spectra Energy Alumni Fellows Program for recruiting, developing and supporting a corps of college-level Alumni Fellows who will increase YES Prep alumni’s on-campus engagement and utilization of support services at public colleges and universities throughout Texas.

“YES Prep has college persistence and graduation rates much higher than the national average, with a goal of 90 percent earning their bachelor’s degree in 4-6 years,” said Jason Bernal, president of YES Prep. “Programs such as the Spectra Energy Alumni Fellows Program enables our team to help those facing obstacles in the college system stay the course.”

Fellows will be responsible for:

- Connecting with and building relationships with YES Prep alumni on their respective campuses.
- Educating alumni about on-campus support services, resources, social events, and happenings.
- Serving as a link/voice between alumni and Alumni Program staff, particularly in the event that individualized support or intervention is needed.

Alumni Fellows will participate in a yearlong, intensive, curriculum-based leadership training program, which will require Fellows to attend professional development workshops and participate in webinars that will provide them with meaningful interactions with YES Prep staff and external community partners, such as Spectra Energy.

Regan Kasman, Spectra Energy’s Manager of Community Relations noted, “This is really a win-win program. YES Prep is developing mentorship and leadership capabilities in their alumni before students graduate from college—these Fellows will be a real asset to their future employers, and at the same time, the younger students who are the mentees will have great benefit with the support they are receiving.”

Workshops have been designed to prepare Fellows for success in their new and challenging roles and to foster significant personal growth.

By 2017, YES Prep hopes to triple the number of low-income Houstonians who graduate from college annually and will be the largest producer of economically disadvantaged college graduates in the region, playing a direct role in preparing the next generation of Houston’s civic and business leaders. Nearly 80 percent of YES Prep alumni return to live and work in Houston

after earning a college degree.

Spectra Energy has been a premier supporter of YES Prep since its inception including support for the Spectra Energy Teaching Excellence Program to train teachers.

YES Prep exists to increase the number of low-income Houstonians who graduate from a four-year college prepared to compete in the global marketplace and committed to improving disadvantaged communities. YES Prep is currently serving 5,400 students at ten campuses across Houston and has a waiting list of 9,000. In order to meet this demand, YES Prep is growing to serve 10,000 students.

Spectra Energy Corp (NYSE: SE), a FORTUNE 500 company, is one of North America's premier natural gas infrastructure companies serving three key links in the natural gas value chain: gathering and processing, transmission and storage, and distribution. For more than a century, Spectra Energy and its predecessor companies have developed critically important pipelines and related infrastructure connecting natural gas supply sources to premium markets. Based in Houston, Texas, the company's operations in the United States and Canada include approximately 19,100 miles of transmission pipeline, more than 305 billion cubic feet of storage, as well as natural gas gathering and processing, natural gas liquids operations and local distribution assets. The company also has a 50 percent ownership in DCP Midstream, one of the largest natural gas gatherers and processors in the United States. Spectra Energy is a member of the Dow Jones Sustainability World and North America Indexes and the U.S. S&P 500 Carbon Disclosure Project's Carbon Disclosure Leadership Index. For more information, visit www.spectraenergy.com <<http://www.spectraenergy.com/>> .

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