Haynes Boone Announces New Partnership with United to Learn to Improve Educational Outcomes

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Haynes Boone is proud to announce a new partnership with United to Learn (U2L) allowing the firm to expand its education volunteer efforts to the elementary school level.

For more than seven years, Haynes Boone has collaborated with Dallas ISD's L.G. Pinkston High School through career days, interview prep and lawyers regularly teaching courses along with other volunteer opportunities.

Now, through its collaboration with U2L, the firm will support C.F. Carr Elementary School as well. The new volunteer expansion means Haynes Boone will work with current and future students of Pinkston High School, which sits minutes away from the firm's downtown Dallas office, starting at the pre-kindergarten level.

"We've seen a clear impact from our work with Pinkston High School, and we're excited about the chance to expand to the Pre-K and elementary level where there's a significant need for support," said Laura Whitley, a U2L board member and partner in Haynes Boone's Finance Practice Group. "U2L has a proven track record of using community partnerships to help students and teachers thrive. By investing in Carr Elementary and Pinkston High, Haynes Boone is investing in the future of Dallas."

United to Learn works with 75 Dallas ISD elementary schools to help support student achievement and erase systemic inequities. Like most Dallas ISD schools, Carr Elementary is part of an underserved community. According to state data, 97.5% of the school's students and 85% of DISD students are economically disadvantaged and qualify for free or reduced lunch, far above the state average.

"United to Learn Partners like Haynes Boone are the engine to our mission of transforming the relationship between schools and communities," Chief Marketing Officer Emily Wilson said. "Together we step in where public dollars stop, we bridge opportunity gaps, and we create thriving campuses where students benefit from high-quality instructional materials, vibrant learning environments, and inspirational visitors! Never has it been more apparent that education on a government level is underfunded. Never has it been more critical for corporate and community partners to support our city's youngest learners--our future workforce."

Haynes Boone's partnership kicked off with several interactive student and teacher events, including a teacher appreciation lunch, a student hot chocolate and movie party and a campus visit from Santa Claus and Olaf from the Disney movie "Frozen".

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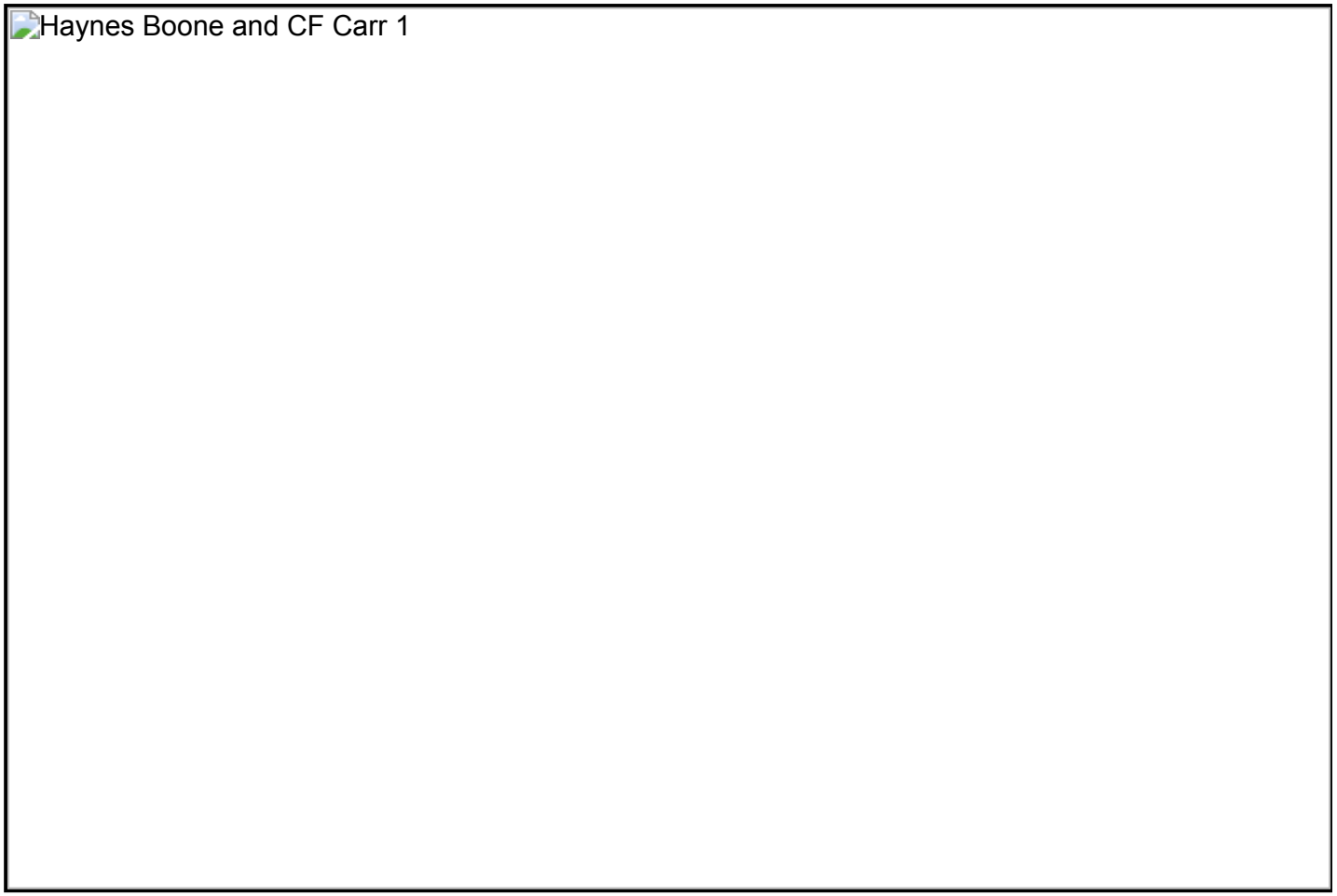

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