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## **ACHIEVEMENT FIRST TO DEDICATE NEW COMMUNITY BASKETBALL COURT DURING SPRING FESTIVAL**

*Donated Court Results from Partnership Between Achievement First and the Dwight Community*

### **Event Details**

**Who:** Residents of the Dwight community, members of the Achievement First community and city officials.

**What:** Achievement First will dedicate a new community basketball court during Saturday's Spring Festival.

**Where:** Corner of Chapel and Day Streets, New Haven

**When:** Saturday, June 8, 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN, CONN. – Achievement First, a high-performing network of 22 non-profit, college-preparatory public charter schools in Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island, is proud to dedicate a new basketball court to be used by the Dwight community.

Two years ago, in partnership with the Dwight community, Achievement First renovated and expanded the Dwight School to create a new home for our flagship school, Amistad Academy. As a result of the renovation, Achievement First continues to provide a high-quality education to children from the Dwight community and across New Haven. Through its partnership with the Dwight community, Achievement First also donated funds to the City of New Haven to build a safe, updated community basketball court on the corner of Chapel and Day Streets. The court is now ready for use, and Achievement First will hold a dedication ceremony to celebrate the opening of the court and our ongoing partnership with the Dwight community.

To learn more about this event, or Achievement First's relationship with the Dwight community, contact Amanda Pinto at [amandapinto@achievementfirst.org](mailto:amandapinto@achievementfirst.org).

### **About Achievement First**

Achievement First, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, currently operates 22 public charter schools in Brooklyn and Connecticut, with an additional school opening in Rhode Island in August 2013. The mission of Achievement First is to close the achievement gap and deliver on the promise of equal educational opportunity for all children, regardless of race, economic status or zip code. With its college-preparatory focus, the Achievement First approach is attaining breakthrough academic gains throughout its network of 22 public charter schools. In the 2012-13 academic year, Achievement First is educating



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more than 7,000 students in historically low-performing and underserved neighborhoods in Connecticut and New York (with Rhode Island opening in August 2013).

Achievement First's approach to teaching and learning enables every student to succeed at the highest levels. This involves:

- Providing students with more time on task and intense intervention when they are struggling so that no child falls through the cracks;
- Recruiting and developing successful teachers and school leaders and empowering them to use student data to strategically drive instruction;
- Creating a joyful school culture where it is "cool to be smart" that emphasizes character education and focuses students on college.

For more information, please visit <http://www.AchievementFirst.org>.

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