

MEDIA ALERT

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**FUTURE SCHOOL LEADERS FOR NEW HAVEN, HARTFORD, BRIDGEPORT AND ACHIEVEMENT FIRST
TO BE HONORED AT RESIDENCY PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP GRADUATION**

Event Details

Who: Graduates include 11 future district principals and school leaders for New Haven, Hartford and Bridgeport, and leaders from Achievement First; past residency program graduates now serving as traditional district school leaders; New Haven Mayor Toni Harp

What: The Residency Program for School Leadership, a groundbreaking collaboration between Achievement First, a growing, non-profit network of 25 high-performing, college-preparatory, K to 12 public charter schools, and traditional public school districts in New Haven, Hartford and Bridgeport to recruit, train and support a corps of future leaders for traditional public schools, will hold its first graduation ceremony. The program has been in existence for three years; this year marks its first formal graduation ceremony. Future principals and school leaders will be honored, and New Haven Mayor Toni Harp will speak.

When: Wednesday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Yale School of Management
165 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, Conn.

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About The Residency Program for School Leadership

Achievement First and New Haven Public Schools co-designed the Residency Program for School Leadership to recruit, train and support a corps of future leaders for New Haven Public Schools. The program has now expanded to prepare future leaders for Hartford Public Schools and Bridgeport Public Schools. The Residency Program is a unique opportunity for talented teachers and school leaders to learn and leverage best practices from both the public charter school and traditional district school sectors. The program follows a medical school rotation model and includes experiential residencies, cutting-edge workshops and intense individualized coaching. Residents receive full salary and benefits during the program year, and they are deemed placement-ready upon successful completion of the residency year for leadership roles in the highest-need schools throughout New Haven, Hartford and Bridgeport to drive breakthrough student achievement. The Residency Program for School Leadership is guided by leaders in both the Achievement First network and its partner school districts.

The program works from the belief that truly transformational leadership changes in schools can impact our national crisis in education. We believe, and research shows, that principals are one of the most important levers for impacting student achievement. The mission of the program is to select and train future school leaders with the mindset and skill sets to drive deep adaptive change in public schools in our communities. We believe that our unique immersion in both high-performing public charter and district residencies, while building change leadership competencies, prepares our residents to make this transformational impact.