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June 2013

Congratulations, Class of 2013!



This month, Achievement First Amistad High's fourth graduating class and Achievement First Brooklyn High's first graduating class will earn their diplomas and head off to college! For the fourth year in a row, 100% of our seniors have been accepted to college, including great schools like UConn, Franklin & Marshall, Williams, Morehouse and Brown! We couldn't be prouder of them. Take a closer look at Senior Signing Day in this [article](#).

Join us as we congratulate the Achievement First Class of 2013!

AF is Named Broad Finalist



Achievement First has been named as a 2013 finalist for The Broad Prize for Public Charter Schools. We are so thrilled that our students, teachers and schools have been recognized!

The Broad Prize is "an annual award to honor the urban public charter school system that has demonstrated the most outstanding overall student performance and improvement in the nation in recent years while reducing achievement gaps for poor and minority students." The winner will be announced on July 2 in Washington,

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Academics and Character



From an early age, Achievement First students learn how strong character and academic skills can help them achieve success. Read how character and academics align at Achievement First Brownsville Elementary [here](#).

Featured Opportunity

2013-14 Dean of School Culture

Start Date: June 2013

Location: New York and Rhode Island

The deans of school culture at our schools exemplify our REACH values and guide their students to promote these values as well. The dean has a vision of excellence and leads the school in building and maintaining a positive, high-standards, achievement-oriented school culture where students flourish. In addition to serving on the school's leadership team, the dean coaches a portfolio of teachers, takes leadership of a particular subject or grade level,

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Use Our Teaching Resources

The school year is rapidly coming to a close and it's time to reflect on our achievements as well as our areas of growth. Use the resources below as you think about your students' accomplishments.

Assess how your high school students' writing has developed using this [interactive rubric](#).

Evaluate your elementary students' expository writing skills using this [rubric](#).

Visit our [resources page](#) to view videos with tips for how to reflect on your teaching practice.



Data at Achievement First



We are committed to researching and developing innovative methods for analyzing student assessment data to inform our planning and instruction. In 2007, we launched AF Athena™ to help teachers identify patterns in their classrooms and ensure

that each student receives the support that he or she needs to be successful.

Learn about AF Athena™ and Achievement First's approach to data [here](#).

Meet us on the Road

Throughout the year, our team visits cities across the country in search of teachers and school leaders who are passionate about creating high-quality experiences for urban students. Below are cities we'll be visiting soon; please [email](#) us to learn more.



June 11 – Atlanta, GA

teaches one to two sections of students and facilitates high-impact professional development for staff.

Learn more about leadership opportunities at Achievement First and apply [here](#).

Network Support Featured Opportunity

**Associate Director of ELA
Achievement, Grades 5-12**

Start Date: Immediate

Location: Brooklyn, NY or New Haven, CT

The associate director of ELA achievement is an integral part of the middle and high school ELA team who works with principals, academic deans and teachers to craft and drive the vision behind an exemplary literacy program. The associate director coordinates core literacy program systems, facilitates professional development and develops a rigorous ELA curriculum aligned to the Common Core State Standards. Learn more about this opportunity and apply [here](#).

We are always looking for talented individuals to join our Network Support team. View current Achievement First Network Support opportunities [here](#).

Our Mission

The mission of Achievement First is to deliver on the promise of equal educational opportunity for all of America's children. We believe that all children, regardless of race or economic status, can succeed if they have access to a great education.

Achievement First schools will provide all of our students with the academic and character skills they need to graduate from top colleges, to succeed in a competitive world and to serve as the next generation of leaders for our communities.

June 20 – New Haven, CT - Breakthrough New Haven

June 30 – Washington, DC

July 24 – Chicago, IL

Share the REACH Out

If your friends or colleagues would be interested in using our resources and following Achievement First's news, encourage them to sign up to receive our monthly newsletter on this [website](#). See the bottom left-hand side of the page.

Other Ways to Learn More

Check out our calendar of upcoming events [here](#).

Follow us on Facebook [here](#).

Watch Achievement First videos [here](#).

Read our blog, The Chalkboard, [here](#).

To view previous newsletters, click [here](#).

Diversity & Inclusiveness

At Achievement First, we believe that closing the achievement gap is an economic and moral imperative. It is the civil rights issue of our time. In carrying out our mission, Achievement First must ensure that our team is composed of individuals who, through their talent, commitment and understanding of both student needs and effective teaching, can ensure all of our students succeed in accomplishing these big dreams. Diversity and inclusiveness are critical to our mission.

Read why Achievement First has named diversity and inclusiveness one of our top five priorities for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years [here](#).

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