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Virtual Professional Development

Resume and Career Coaching

Experienced educators, new educators and curious job seekers: is your resume gathering cobwebs? Have you been working awhile and feel nervous about the process of transitioning to a new role?

If you're not sure where to start, join us for a virtual career and resume coaching session at 7:30 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, January 28 to learn best practices for your search, resume and interview preparation.

Click [here](#) to take part in this professional development opportunity, and join the conversation at #strongimpression, #edcareers and #strongresume.



Use Our Teaching Resources



Our students start climbing the mountain to college as soon as they

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Leadership Corner

Fatimah Barker, principal of Achievement First East New York Middle School, shares reflections on her rise from teacher to principal in [this video](#).

Our next leadership application deadline is January 15. Begin exploring your own path [here!](#)

AF Book List

Every year, our school leaders recommend great books to each other. Whether they're about instruction or management, or are just generally interesting, these books have all shaped our principals' thinking in one way or another.

Check out the book list [here](#).

Featured Opportunity

Elementary School Teachers

Start Date: July 2014

Location: New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island

We are looking for dedicated elementary school teachers to support our students as they begin their school careers. Our elementary teachers work hard to ensure that all of our students are on the road to college from the first day they enter the classroom.

enter school. Use our elementary school resources to challenge your youngest students throughout the year.

Support your third graders on their multiplication skills and the distributive property using this [lesson plan](#).

Develop your elementary students' social studies reading skills using this [toolkit](#).

Plan your elementary close reading lessons using this [lesson plan template](#).

Ensure your kindergarten math plans are aligned to the Common Core State Standards using this [scope and sequence](#).

To download more Achievement First resources in all subjects and grade levels, visit our [resources page](#).

From the Desk Of ...



Chief Information Officer

Harris Ferrell

"From the Desk Of ..." provides insider perspectives from some of the most high-performing leaders in ed reform. This month features Harris Ferrell, our chief information officer. Harris works to ensure that

Achievement First's data and information practices are effective across the network. When he's not thinking deeply about the information systems at AF, he can be found reading Harvard Business School blogs and listening to One Direction with his daughters.

Learn more about Harris's dedication to education [here](#).

Pass it Forward

"Pass it Forward" is a recurring column focused on Alexandria Blackwood, an Amistad Academy alumna and recent college graduate who decided to return to Achievement First as a second-grade teacher at AF Hartford Academy Elementary. We're checking in with her throughout the year as she works toward her goals and prepares her students for third grade.

Read more about Alexandria's experience in her first year of teaching at Achievement First [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

Achievement First supports this work with robust teacher professional development, ongoing planning sessions and weekly coaching meetings.

Learn more about our available teacher and leader roles [here](#).

Network Support Featured Opportunity

Regional Superintendent

Start Date: Immediate

Location: Brooklyn, NY

The regional superintendent will coach, support and develop school leaders to meet their ambitious school performance goals. The regional superintendent will drive strong talent practices at schools, train and supervise principals and deans to help develop leadership power skills, and provide organizational development support to both network and school staff. Learn more about this opportunity [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.

Diversity & Inclusiveness

At Achievement First, we believe

creating high-quality experiences for urban students. Below are cities we'll be visiting soon; please [email](#) us to learn more.

January 11 - Baltimore, MD

January 11 - Bridgeport, CT - TFA Opportunity Fair

February 19 - Atlanta, GA

Other Ways to Learn More

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

Follow us on Facebook [here](#).

Watch Achievement First videos [here](#).

Read the AF Chalkboard Blog [here](#).

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

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 2013-14 school year [here](#).

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