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.

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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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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.

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