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## **Achievement Academy Announces New Board Members and Award Recipients at Annual Meeting**

**LAKELAND, FL (October 31, 2016)** - The Achievement Academy's Annual Board and Staff meeting was held on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at Regal Automotive Community Room. New board members Luke Markham, a Lakeland attorney practicing in the area of residential and commercial real estate, and Karli Hughes, Parent Board representative, were announced. The John F. Schneider Outstanding Service Award was presented to Tina and Tim Calhoon, Box Max and The Wade Family for their tremendous support of the Achievement Academy. The Doris Trohn Award is presented to a business or organization for their commitment in creating brighter futures for children with special needs and was presented to Vogel Brothers Building Company, Rich Loomis & Pepsi Bottling Company and Libertore Fund for Children. Several staff members were also recognized for their years of service to Achievement Academy: Karen Ivankovich – 5 years, Kathy Box – 10 years, Wendy Dow – 10 years, Carmen Matias-Roth – 10 years, Debra Stephens – 35 years.



Tina Calhoon (right) receives the John F. Schneider Outstanding Service Award presented by Board President Janice Jones.



Bob Max receives the John F. Schneider Outstanding Service Award presented by Board President Janice Jones.



The Wade Family receives the John F. Schneider Outstanding Service Award presented by Board President Janice Jones.



The Vogel Brothers receive the Doris Trohn Award presented by Board President, Janice Jones.



Rich Loomis & Pepsi Bottling Company receive the Doris Trohn Award presented by Board President, Janice Jones.

*The Achievement Academy serves children from birth through age five with various developmental delays and disabilities. The Achievement Academy offers two programs, each provided at no cost to the child or family. The first program is a **Charter School** that offers specialized instruction by certified teachers; small class sizes; individual speech, occupational and physical therapies; and assistive technologies that enable each student to reach his or her full potential at one of the Achievement Academy's three campus locations (Lakeland, Winter Haven and Bartow). The second is a "**Birth to Three Program**" that provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers who are "at-risk" for developmental delays and/or have been identified with a specific delay. Professional Early Interventionists serve these children and their families. More than half of the Birth to Three Program's budget is funded by a generous allocation from the United Way of Central Florida.*

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