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

LAKELAND, FL (October 22, 2015) - The Achievement Academy's Annual Board and Staff meeting was held on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Regal Automotive Community Room. New board members Mike Brossart, Finance Director for the City of Lakeland, and Courtney Wade, owner of J Burns' Pizza were installed. The John F. Schneider Outstanding Service Award was awarded to Jim and Kim Wilbanks 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 Indie-Atlantic Films and WONN, WPCV, WLKF and WWRZ, known as "the Big 4 Radio Stations".

*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 the children and their families in their natural environment.*