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## **Achievement Academy Board of Directors Induction**

**LAKELAND, FL (August 24, 2018)** - The Achievement Academy announces the election of a new member to its Board of Directors, as well as the full slate of officers and board members.

Joining the Board of Directors is John Weber. John is a partner with Crowe LLP. He has extensive experience in providing assurance and consulting services to the public sector including state and local government, higher education and non-profit organizations.

### **Officers (elected to two-year terms):**

**President**-Chandra Frederick, Polk Board of County Commissioners (BoCC)

**First Vice President**-Jamie Sturgill, Lakeland Regional Health

**Second Vice President**-Luke Markham, Attorney

**Secretary**-Karli Hughes, Parent of Former Student

**Treasurer**-Michael Brossart, City of Lakeland

**Immediate Past President**-Sam Houghton, Houghton PA.

### **Re-elected Board Members:**

Stephanie Colon, Citizens Bank (three-year term)

Steve Earley, Retired (Mosaic) (three-year term)

Janice Jones, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (two-year term)

Michael Peeples, Southern Homes (three-year term)

Courtney Wade (two-year term)

"Our organization benefits tremendously from an engaged and experienced Board who are all passionately committed to our children and their families," said John Burton, Achievement Academy's Executive Director. "We look forward to working with this outstanding group in meeting the challenges of the future."

### **About the Achievement Academy**

*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.*