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ALGIERS CHARTER SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP UPDATES
ACSA names new board members and appoints central services, school leadership

New Orleans, La —The Algiers Charter Schools Association (ACSA) welcomes three new board members to its Board of Trustees. On Thursday, June 24, 2010, ACSA’s Board of Trustees nominated and voted in **Dr. Gizelle P. Richard, John Edwards, and Dee Fuchs** as members.

Dr. Richard is a life-long resident of the Algiers community and has had a dental practice in Algiers for the last 25 years. “Education is the key to the future of Algiers; and as a board member I will remain focused on supporting programs that will encourage student achievement, parental involvement and professional growth, and training for teachers.” Dr. Richard served as a board member for Mercy Academy from 1990 until the school closed in 1992. She is a member of the Algiers Economic Development Foundation (AEDF).

Edwards is the Chief Business Development Officer for Corporate Mechanical Contractors (CMC) Inc., a commercial and industrial firm based in Baton Rouge, LA. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Tuskegee University in Aerospace Science Engineering and has served as a Commercial Sales Engineer for United Technologies Corporation. Edwards is currently pursuing a Masters in public administration at Louisiana State University. “In serving on this board, I hope to be a vessel and help create a continued channel of resources that will enable the students of ACSA schools to compete in a global society.”

Fuchs is a life-long resident of New Orleans and has lived in the Algiers community for the past 14 years. She is the past President and CEO of Healthy Lifestyle Choices (HLC), based in New Orleans, LA. Through her career in corporate communications with Entergy and as a consultant at her marketing firm, Fuchs has over 25 years’ experience in strategic planning, marketing, and corporate communications. “I am excited to serve on this board in hopes of playing a vital role in helping to provide quality education for the students in ACSA schools. As a board member, I will look to see how we can use best practices in the association and bridge the gap between middle school and elementary school performance.” Fuchs is a past board member of *Travelers Aid* and *STRIVE*.

Dr. Richard, Edwards, and Fuchs will replace Donna St. Louis, Elsie Rose, and Stephanie Bridges and will join board president Charles Rice, Cassandra Bookman, Mark McNamara and Missy Duhon on the seven-member board. The outgoing board members' terms will end June 30, 2010. "Donna, Stephanie, and Ms. Rose have all given their hearts to this board and the children and employees of ACSA, and we're saddened to lose them as board members," said Rice. "We welcome the new board members and we look forward to working together for the students, parents, and employees of ACSA."

The board also nominated and voted that Rice continue as board president and that Bookman take on the role of vice president/secretary.

During the board meeting, ACSA's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Andrea Thomas-Reynolds announced the appointment of new administrators at six of the nine ACSA network schools:

- **Mashandra Hall** will serve as principal and **Shelita Jones** will serve as an assistant principal at McDonogh #32 Literacy Charter School, joining current assistant principal **Jeremy Geary**;
- **Wylene Soraparou** will serve as principal and **James Alexis** will serve as assistant principal at Harriet Ross Tubman Charter School;
- **Hattie Sam** has been named as an assistant principal at Dwight D. Eisenhower Academy of Global Studies, joining current principal **Monica Boudouin** and assistant principal **Rolanda Green**;
- **Pamela Marshall** and **Kim Keith** have been named assistant principals at William J. Fischer Accelerated Academy, joining current principal **Dahme Bolden**;
- **Gwen Stephens** has been named as an assistant principal at Alice M. Harte Charter School, joining current principal **Jamar McNeely**; and
- **Margaret Leaf** has been named as an assistant principal at Edna Karr Charter High School, joining current principal **John Hiser**.

Rene Lewis-Carter will remain as principal and **Brian Young** and **Cherie Goins** as assistant principals at Martin Behrman Charter Academy of Creative Arts and Sciences;

Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr. and **Mavia Marsalis** will remain as principal and assistant principal of Algiers Technology Academy; and

Mary L. H. Laurie will remain as principal with **Brian Gibson**, **Mark Bailey**, and **Taisha Williams-Payne** continuing as assistant principals at O. Perry Walker College and Career Preparatory High School and Community Center.

Additionally, three principals in ACSA network schools have assumed additional responsibilities, along with their duties as principals:

- **Lewis-Carter** will also serve as Director of Principals for kindergarten through 8th grade ACSA network schools;
- **Laurie** will also serve as Director of Principals for high schools; and
- **Hiser** will also serve as Director of Post-Secondary Education for the three ACSA network high schools.

Kim Hypolite, who has served as ACSA's Director of Assessments, will now serve as Director of Special Projects.

These new positions center on the association's top three efforts for the upcoming school year: achievement for all students, the implementation of TAP: The System for Teacher and Student Advancement, and post-secondary opportunities for our students. "We are proud of the accomplishments and hard work of all ACSA staff members. The leadership in all schools throughout

ACSA are committed to our students and parents and we look forward to continuing our academic progress as an association,” said Dr. Thomas-Reynolds.

During the recent board meeting, Dr. Thomas-Reynolds also congratulated President Rice on his recent promotion to President and CEO of Entergy New Orleans.

For more information about ACSA, new Board Members, or School Leadership, visit www.AlgiersCharterSchools.org.

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