

Top Military, Business and Education Leaders Graduate from Urban Superintendents Academy

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LOS ANGELES – Eleven senior military leaders, business executives and career educators nationwide have graduated from the 2007 Broad Superintendents Academy, and eight are already working in urban school districts to improve student achievement, The Broad Center for the Management of School Systems announced today.

The Broad (rhymes with “road”) Superintendents Academy is a 10-month executive management training program run by The Broad Center to prepare working CEOs and other top executives from business, non-profit, military, government and education sectors to lead urban public school systems. The Broad Superintendents Academy aims to place graduates into superintendent or senior cabinet-level positions within 18 months of graduation.

“In their current and future roles, these impressive leaders have the determination and training to turn around low-performing school districts,” said Eli Broad, philanthropist and founder of The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, which funds The Broad Center. “With their demonstrated leadership, track record of success and their passion to improve public education for all children, these executives are ready to be among our nation’s top superintendents. Many of them are already making a difference in public education.”

A complete list of this year’s class follows, and full biographies can be found at http://broadacademy.org/fellows/category.php?category_id=15.

This marks the sixth class to graduate from The Broad Superintendents Academy. Nearly two-thirds of the graduates of the first five classes have been hired around the country as superintendents or school district executives or have been promoted into those positions, and three-quarters of them are still working in the same, similar, or higher positions. Of all large, urban school districts that have conducted external searches for new superintendents during 2005 and 2006, one-quarter filled their positions with graduates of The Broad Superintendents Academy.

The program, founded in 2002, has in recent years seen an increase in the percentage of participants from military backgrounds – and this year, for the first time, a majority of the class consists of military leaders.

“Armed with best practices in improving school district performance, distinguished military leaders can play an important leadership role in setting school districts on a course for success,” Broad said.

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“They know what it takes to motivate large organizations to focus on a goal and to see results – and they have a true commitment to public service.”

The Broad Superintendents Academy has trained more working superintendents than any other training program. Graduates of the program currently work as superintendents in 20 states in the following cities:

Andover, Kan.	Elizabeth, N.J.	Oakland, Calif.	Prince George’s
Antioch, Calif.	Fort Bend, Texas	Oklahoma City, Okla.	County, Md.
Arlington, Mass.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Paterson, N.J.	Providence, R.I.
Aurora, Colo.	Fort Worth, Texas	Philadelphia	San Diego County,
Charleston, S.C.	Highline, Wash.	Pittsburgh	Calif.
Charlotte-Mecklenburg, N.C.	Houston	Pomona, Calif.	San Juan Capistrano, Calif.
Christina (Wilmington), Del.	Lorain, Ohio	Portsmouth, R.I.	Seattle
Durham, N.C.	Marlborough, Mass.	Prince Edward County, Va.	Swampscott, Mass.
	Montgomery, Ala.		Utica, Mich
	North Allegheny, Pa.		

Based on analysis of student achievement data for Broad Superintendents Academy graduates who have served as superintendents for two or more testing cycles:

- The majority has improved student achievement in reading and math at all grade levels: elementary, middle and high school.
- Nine out of 10 have improved student achievement in reading and math in 83 percent of grade levels tested.
- On state achievement exams, five out of six have outperformed: the state-wide average, other districts led by new superintendents and demographically similar districts in reducing the percentage of students at the lowest proficiency levels.

Participants in The Broad Superintendents Academy attend seven extended-weekend training sessions that cover CEO-level skills in finance, management, operations, organizational systems and education. They study best practices and lessons learned from current and historical reform efforts in numerous, large, urban school districts across the country to improve student achievement and close achievement gaps.

Only 5 percent of applicants to the 2007 class were accepted into the program. The 2008 class will be announced in February. For more information, or to apply, go to www.broadcenter.org.

The Broad Center for the Management of School Systems is funded by The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, a national venture philanthropy established by entrepreneur and philanthropist Eli Broad to advance entrepreneurship for the public good in education, science and the arts. The Broad Foundation’s education work is focused on dramatically improving urban K-12 public education through better governance, management, labor relations and competition. The Broad Foundation’s Internet address is www.broadfoundation.org.

The Broad Center for the Management of School Systems
2007 Broad Superintendents Academy graduates

Name	Current Title/(Former Title)	Current Organization
Jean-Claude Brizard	senior executive for policy and sustainability (former NYCDOE regional superintendent)	New York City Department of Education, New York City
Randolph Bynum, Sr.	chief academic officer (former area assistant superintendent, Cobb County School District, Ga., U.S. Army, Retired)	Charleston County School District S.C.
Ingrid J. Carney, Ph.D.	deputy superintendent for clusters and school leaders (former senior executive director, Chicago Leadership Academies for Supporting Success)	Boston Public Schools Mass.
Paul F. Gill	senior vice president, regional operations (colonel, U.S. Air Force, Retired)	American Dental Partners Riverside , Calif.
Alan J. Ingram, Ed.D	chief accountability officer (former executive director of federal programs, Oklahoma City Public Schools, chief master sergeant, U.S. Air Force, Retired)	Oklahoma City Public Schools Okla.
Christine Knighton	chief, leader development division (colonel, U.S. Army)	Army Human Resources Command Alexandria , Va.
Veleter M. B. Mazyck	general counsel (former general counsel, D.C. Public Schools, former solicitor and assistant secretary, Pittsburgh Board of Education)	Atlanta Public Schools Ga.
John W. Scanlan II	chief operating officer (Captain, U.S. Navy, Retired former commanding officer, Fleet Readiness Center Southeast)	Oklahoma City Public Schools Okla.
Terrence L. Stecz	president and CEO (former president, Consumer Healthcare, Americas, for Pharmacia)	Edison Schools, Inc. New York City
Stephen M. Wilkins	chief of operations, Military Police (colonel, U.S. Army)	Headquarters Department of the Army The Pentagon , Va.
Bennie E. Williams	chief of staff (major general, U.S. Army, Retired former chief operating officer, Defense Logistics Agency)	Baltimore City Public School System Md.