

Councilmember Carter  
Congratulates Students and Teachers of Algiers Charter Schools  
On their Outstanding Achievements

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New Orleans, LA - February 2, 2009 - Councilmember James Carter celebrates the outstanding achievement gains made by the students of the Algiers Charter Schools and congratulates the teachers on their performance awards.

At a media event held today at Fischer Charter School, teachers and administrators were presented with awards honoring their professional growth and accomplishment.

Six of the Algiers Charter Schools achieved significant academic growth in the past year - Martin Behrman, Alice M. Harte, William J. Fischer, Edna Karr, O.P. Walker and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"I am proud of academic growth of the Algiers Charter Schools Association," said Councilman James Carter.

He continued, "The recovery of our City made a tremendous step forward today, telling the world that we are putting education and our children first."

The Algiers Charter Schools have embraced the Teacher Advancement Program, which places the professional improvement of teachers and administrators at the center of school improvement efforts.

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