

**Dr. Steve Perry**'s heart pumps passion and produces positive change. His career has taken him from directing a grassroots organization in Chester, PA to a full scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work, back to his hometown of Middletown where he ran a homeless shelter, became a candidate for state representative and published his first of four books...then he turned 26.

Dr. Perry is in a hurry to transform the community. He was born into his family's third generation of poverty on his mother's 16th birth. He believes that the success of a life is determined by where you end, not where you start. It is this philosophy that inspired him to transform the lives of poor and minority children by providing them with access to a college education.

In 1998 Dr. Steve Perry founded ConnCAP, the Connecticut Collegiate Awareness Program, at Capital Community College. The program sent 100% of its low-income first generation graduates to four-year colleges for six years. Then in 2004 Capital Prep was born and since its inception it too has sent 100% of its graduates to four year colleges for three consecutive years! Perry courageously forged a path into starting a public middle and high school in the state's lowest performing district, Hartford. Today, Capital Prep has become one of the nation's most successful public middle/high schools.

The Capital Preparatory Magnet School has been recognized by the Hartford Courant and US News & World Reports as one of America's Best High Schools. This summer Dr. Steve Perry was featured on CNN's documentary Black in America as one of Black America's solutions to solving the education gap.

Dr. Perry is the CNN Education Contributor and Essence Best Selling auth...

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