

# Author, Television Host Dr. Steve Perry Serves As Keynote Speaker for Provost Academy Georgia Graduation, June 13<sup>th</sup>

## *Virtual Students Have Real Dreams for the Future*



Atlanta, GA (June 8, 2015) - Leading national education expert, CNN and MSNBC educational contributor, columnist and author Dr. Steve Perry will serve as the keynote speaker for Provost Academy Georgia's commencement exercises on June 13, at 2 pm at Agnes Scott College's Presser Hall. Approximately 155 students will graduate from PAGA and nearly 60 of those students will gather from across the state to participate in the charter high school's annual commencement exercises.

Dr. Perry gained national recognition after being spotlighted on CNN's critically acclaimed series *Black in America*. Perry is the founder and principal of one of the nation's top schools, according to U.S. News and World Report. Capital Preparatory Magnet, located in Hartford, Connecticut, boasts a 100% graduation and matriculation rates for the predominantly low-income and minority student population.

Perry, who also hosts TV One's *Save My Son* program, has a proven track record of helping students of various races, backgrounds, and situations succeed in and after high school. "Dr. Perry and the entire staff of Provost Academy Georgia believe that each student deserves the best opportunity to learn and thrive in an academic setting. His approach to reaching young minds is inspiring and enlightening to all who seek to help students of different backgrounds. We are excited to have him join us as this year's keynote speaker," said PAGA Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Monica Henson.

PAGA is a tuition free, statewide public charter high school district which is comprised of both a virtual learning program and blended learning centers.

For some of PAGA's virtual students, this will be their first time seeing their fellow classmates, advisors and teachers. "Graduation is always an exciting time for not only the students but the staff as well," said PAGA Chief Development Officer Gale Stein. "Throughout the year, the teachers and our virtual students primarily interface through various online portals and social digital platforms. Graduation is perhaps the first opportunity for us to put a face with the name."

"We are thrilled by the many accomplishments of our students and are proud to have played a role in their academic success," said Dr. Henson. "Graduation signifies the sheer dedication and determination of each of our students. We wish them well as many head on to exciting higher learning opportunities."

To find out more information on PAGA and its programs visit: [ga.provostacademy.com](http://ga.provostacademy.com), [www.GradGeorgia.com](http://www.GradGeorgia.com), or call 844-776-8678.

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