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**American Paradigm Schools Celebrates Legacy Award for CEO Ashley Redfearn and Charter School of the Year for Tacony Academy**

**Philadelphia, PA – Sept. 29, 2025** – American Paradigm Schools (APS) is proud to announce two distinguished honors from the Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools (PCPCS). Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS, received the prestigious Legacy Award, and Tacony Academy Charter School (TACS), part of the APS network, earned recognition as Charter School of the Year.

The Legacy Award celebrates Redfearn’s leadership and commitment to advancing charter education across Pennsylvania, and Tacony Academy is lauded for its exceptional academic performance, innovative programming, and strong community engagement.

This year, TACS is celebrated for its groundbreaking Medical and Technical Skills Institute, which provides students with industry certifications in high-demand fields. These opportunities directly address the region’s workforce needs while preparing graduates for both college and career pathways. In addition, TACS was nationally recognized for achieving Level 3 status on the NFHS Honor Roll, becoming the first high school in the country to do so. Its middle school also earned Level 1 status, underscoring comprehensive excellence in athletics across all grade levels. Further cementing its reputation, TACS is one of only 40 schools nationwide awarded the Quality Program Assessment Award for athletics.

“These honors represent the heart of our mission at APS — to empower students with opportunity, innovation, and connection to their communities,” said Ashley Redfearn, CEO of American Paradigm Schools. “I am humbled to be recognized personally, and I am incredibly proud of Tacony Academy for showing what is possible when a school and its community thrive together.”

Both awards will be presented during the PCPCS conference, “20 Years of Choice: Honoring Innovation, Celebrating Resilience, and Inspiring a Bright Future,” on October 19, 2025, at the Lehigh Valley School of Performing Arts in Bethlehem, PA.

**About American Paradigm Schools**

American Paradigm Schools (APS) is a nonprofit charter management organization that supports and serves four charter schools in North and Northeast Philadelphia. These schools are: First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School; Lindley Academy Charter School; Memphis Street Academy; and Tacony Academy Charter School. For more information, visit [www.ap-schools.org](http://www.ap-schools.org).

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