



## **Dr. Steve Perry**

*Founder, Capital Preparatory Magnet School & CNN Contributor*

Dr. Perry is in a hurry to transform the educational experience for all children. Born into poverty, he believes that success in life is determined by where you end, not where you start. It's this philosophy that inspired him early on to transform the lives of poor and minority children by providing them with access to a college education and, more recently, has inspired him to bring his ideas and passion to children everywhere, no matter their socioeconomic or academic background.

In 1998 Dr. Perry founded ConnCAP, the Connecticut Collegiate Awareness Program, at Capital Community College. For a period of six years, the program sent 100% of its low income first-generation graduates to four-year colleges. Then in 2004 Capital Preparatory Magnet School was established in Hartford's lowest performing district; since its inception that school too has sent 100% of its graduates to four-year colleges.

Capital Prep has been recognized by *US News & World Report* as one of America's Best High Schools. Dr. Perry's uncompromising, no-excuses approach to designing the ideal educational experience for children led to his being featured on CNN's documentary *Black in America* and from there to an official role as a weekly education contributor to the network. His "Perry's Principles" and other reportage, regularly seen on both *Anderson Cooper 360* and *American Morning*, tackles the most contentious issues being debated in American education.

Dr. Perry is a columnist for *Essence* magazine, and the author of the best-selling self-published book *Man Up!* He is also a nationally sought-after speaker who has appeared on hundreds of radio and television broadcasts and at education and cultural forums around the country.

In his forthcoming *Push Has Come to Shove*, Perry will spare no sacred cows in describing what steps need to be taken to ensure that all American schools, whether urban or suburban, deliver a first-rate education to our kids—the kind of schooling that will return the United States to the top of the global education rankings.

### **Topics:**

- Push Has Come to Shove: Getting Our Kids the Education They Deserve
- Man Up! Nobody Is Coming to Save Us