

# I champion Albany public schools because...

## **The opportunity:**

"The City School District of Albany offers more Advanced Placement (AP) courses than any other district in the region. AP courses give high school students a chance to challenge themselves, to gain additional knowledge about specific subject areas, to build confidence in their ability to handle college-level course work, to stand out in the college admissions process and to obtain college credits.

"With AP classes in topics ranging from economics to French literature, from American history to music theory, Albany High School provides opportunities for a wide variety of students to explore what is interesting and important to them."

## **The achievement:**

"Thirteen percent of Albany High seniors graduate with passing AP Exam scores, and those scores often translate into college credits. Students can save both time and money in college by taking advantage of the myriad AP offerings at Albany High School.

"Albany public schools set the foundation for students to reach their higher education goals. This reflects the State Education Department P-16 efforts, which aim to better prepare students for post-secondary education and the workforce, and to increase collaboration with parents, employers, community leaders and educators."

**Dr. William Cromie is an internationally recognized pediatric urologist who led CDPHP, one of the Capital Region's largest health maintenance organizations, from 2001 to 2008. Serving nearly 400,000 people in 29 counties throughout New York state, CDPHP won numerous honors and awards under Dr. Cromie's leadership.**

**Dr. Cromie was one of the founding board members of CDPHP, serving as vice chairman, and also presiding on the executive and finance committees. Previously, he held the post of vice chairman of the department of surgery at the University of Chicago, and was also professor of surgery and pediatrics at the university. Before that, he served as assistant chief of urology at Bethesda Naval Hospital, associate professor at the University of Pennsylvania, and professor of surgery and pediatrics at Albany Medical College.**

**A downtown Albany resident, Dr. Cromie and his wife, Cynthia, have five grown children, all graduates of the Albany public schools.**



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