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### **KATZ DALSEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL DEDICATES MEMORIAL GARDEN TO LEWIS KATZ AND MARCY DALSEY**

**(Camden, NJ)** –In observance of the one-year anniversary of Lewis Katz and Marcy Dalsey’s passing, Katz Dalsey Academy Charter School (Katz Dalsey) will dedicate a special memorial garden to the school’s two co-founders. On **Friday, May 29 from 9:30- 11:00 a.m.**, students from Katz Dalsey’s Rosedale campus will help plant a number of flowers, encompassing an entire plot in front of the school building.

After viewing a list of flowers that commonly attract butterflies, the students were asked to vote on the types of flowers they would like to plant in the garden, earlier in the week. Of that assortment, the students selected aster, phlox, coneflower, astilbe, and butterfly bushes.

“Creating this butterfly garden with our students truly symbolizes what our founders stood for; to be the change you want to see; to be free to express yourself fully; and to have fun and joyous times together,” board of trustees president Zulma Lombardo said.

Both Katz and Dalsey passed away on May 31, 2014 when a private jet carrying them and five others crashed. Leading up to their passing, both Katz and Dalsey remained heavily involved in the school the two had built together. Katz not only remained a staple figure at Katz Dalsey, but also throughout Camden’s Charter School Network. Just four years ago, Katz had awarded each graduating senior of the Network’s Camden Academy Charter High School a \$1,000 scholarship.

Dalsey was also a familiar face in Katz Dalsey, serving as the board of trustees president up to her untimely passing.

Katz Dalsey’s Rosedale campus is located at **3098A Pleasant Street in Camden**. This event is a private school ceremony, but is open to all media. For special accommodations or requests, please contact Shannon Sadler at (856) 365-1000, ext. 606 or via email at [ssadler@camdencsn.org](mailto:ssadler@camdencsn.org).

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**About Katz Dalsey Academy Charter School:** Katz Dalsey Academy Charter School (Katz Dalsey) is a public, non-denominational, coeducational, independent elementary school of choice for more than 300 students in grades K through fourth in Camden, NJ. Katz Dalsey is comprised of two campuses, located in Camden's Parkside area and in the Rosedale area. Formerly known as Knowledge A to Z (KATZ) Academy Charter School, Katz Dalsey was renamed in October of 2014 to honor the school's two co-founders, Lewis Katz and Marcy Dalsey, following their untimely passing. Katz Dalsey is one of four schools that operate under Camden's Charter School Network (CCSN), a charter management organization dedicated to providing viable educational opportunities for students and their families. For more information, please visit [www.camdensn.org](http://www.camdensn.org)

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