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For his overall efforts, Dr. Conner was recognized by the Network Journal as a “Top 40 Under 40” recipient. He was recognized by the Connecticut NAACP in 2018 and 2021 (100 Most Influential Blacks in Connecticut), Middlesex NAACP (Education Award), Eleven28 Entertainment (100 Men of Color Award), Cross Street African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (Rev. George E. Battle Senior Education Award), Middlesex United Way (Community Leadership Award), and DECA Inc. (National Administrator of the Year). Under his leadership, Middletown Public Schools was recognized as a 2018 - 2019 AASA/SPN National Innovation and Transformational District, which only seventeen districts nationally received this distinction. Dr. Conner’s vision and design for the Innovative Lab at Beman Middle School (Middletown, CT) was selected as a New England Finalist for Innovative Space of the Year by Tech and Learning Magazine. Also, Middletown Public Schools received the honor as a 2019 - 2020 and 2020 - 2021 National Innovative District by the International Center for Leadership in Education. Most recently, Dr. Conner was recognized at the Education 2.0 Conference for the Most Outstanding Leadership Award in Education as well as the Agile Evolutionary Group being recognized for Most Outstanding Organization Award. Dr. Conner will be honored in Dubai where he will receive the Visionaries Award for the Disruptive Excellence Framework in education.