



The Prichard Committee

Building a Groundswell for a Big Bold Future

Raimondo Award



Pictured from left at the award presentation are Kathleen "Penny" Christian, Laurel Raimondo Martin, and The Prichard Committee's Brigitte Blom.

PRICHARD COMMITTEE HONORS PENNY CHRISTIAN WITH BEVERLY NICKELL RAIMONDO LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence has honored Kathleen "Penny" Christian, Fayette County Public Schools board of education member, chair of the National PTA Family Engagement Committee, and Prichard Committee member, with the Beverly Nickell Raimondo Leadership Award.

The Raimondo Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in enhancing student achievement in Kentucky.

"Few individuals embody the spirit of family engagement and advocacy with the passion and purpose that Penny Christian brings to every role she undertakes," said Brigitte Blom, President and CEO of the Prichard Committee.

A fellow of the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership (CIPL), Christian has long championed

the belief that families are essential partners in education. Her work reflects the legacy of Beverly Raimondo herself: inspiring families to lead, participate, and believe in the power of education.

"Penny's leadership reminds us that when families are engaged and empowered, students thrive," Blom said. *"Her voice and vision continue to strengthen communities and advance educational excellence across the commonwealth."*

The Beverly Nickell Raimondo Leadership Award, named in honor of the Prichard Committee's former executive director, is presented annually to recognize extraordinary leadership that results in improved educational outcomes for Kentucky students.