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# **Step Up For Students Congratulates St. Andrew Catholic School On Blue Ribbon Honor**

When a school is named a Blue Ribbon School, it is singled out as one of the nation's finest. As such, the Step Up For Students scholarship program congratulates St. Andrew Catholic School for its selection to this honor.

St. Andrew, in Orlando, was named as one of only 12 public and private schools in Florida to receive the distinction this year. The U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors elementary, middle and high schools that are either academically superior or that show dramatic gains in achievement among disadvantaged students.

The Blue Ribbon is a mark of excellence, and one that has a unique impact on the 117 students from low-income families who receive Step Up Scholarships to attend St. Andrew Catholic. Our program serves Florida's most economically disadvantaged families. Because they were able to choose St. Andrew for their children, and because the school opened its doors to them, they now have access to an education program that meets their needs.

"We are so grateful that an excellent school such as St. Andrew Catholic would reach out and help Step Up students," said John Kirtley, chairman of Step Up For Students. "Low-income parents need to be able to access the school that best fits their children's unique needs."

### **About Step Up For Students**

Step Up For Students is an initiative of the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program, which last year provided K-12 scholarships for 23,400 low-income students to attend a private school or out-of-district public school. Step Up For Students scholarships are funded by corporations that redirect up to 75 percent of their corporate state income tax or insurance premium tax liability to a qualified scholarship funding organization in exchange for a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. For more information, visit [www.stepupforstudents.org](http://www.stepupforstudents.org).

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