



**The Prichard Committee**

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# Raimondo Award



Pictured from left at the award presentation are Sue Christian of Owsley County, Richardson, author Anne Henderson, Suzetta Creech of the Prichard Committee, and Brigitte Blom.

## EASTERN KENTUCKY PARENT RECEIVES RAIMONDO AWARD

A dedicated parent voice for schools and leader in nurturing individual skills and economic growth in rural Owsley County was honored with the Prichard Committee's 2023 Beverly Nickell Raimondo Leadership Award. JoAnne Richardson, a 2014 fellow of the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership, was recognized for more than a decade of promoting parent involvement in schools. Richardson, who currently serves on the Kentucky Collaborative for Families and Schools Advisory Council, was a school council member at her daughter's high school and remained a regular school volunteer.

She continues to be involved in promoting local schools and encouraging parent participation, as well as leading local programs to restore a local theater and to build the job skills of working parents. The award is named for the late Beverly Raimondo, who launched the Prichard Committee's Commonwealth Institute and guided its growth. Brigitte Blom, the Prichard CEO, shared comments from Richardson's nomination in presenting the award to Richardson in June: "She has taken the need for all students to feel cared for, successful, and supported to heart and has made that her life's mission."