

The Prichard Committee

ANNUAL REPORT



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Committee**

Building a Groundswell
for a Big Bold Future

**BUILDING A BIG
BOLD FUTURE,
TOGETHER**

We are honored to present the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence's 2023 Annual Report. We hope as you read it you will celebrate all we have accomplished together. As leaders of the organization, it is exciting to reflect on the achievements, challenges, and impact the Prichard Committee has had on educational opportunity and attainment in the commonwealth.

Most notably, the Prichard Committee was awarded a 5-year \$47 million grant from the United States Department of Education, which has allowed us to embark on an exciting new chapter through the Kentucky Community Schools Initiative (KCSI). These funds will have direct local impact; \$30 million of the total award will go to communities and schools with the goal of improved education outcomes for students while in school and after high school graduation.

This model champions collaborative leadership over isolation, shifting from merely doing "to" families and communities to actively listening and working "with" them. It is about more than just implementing policies and programs; it is about people—parents, teachers, students, and neighbors—collectively shaping the future for our youngest learners and positioning themselves as the architects of transformation in Kentucky's educational landscape.

The Prichard Committee now houses the Center for Best Practice and Innovation and the Kentucky Collaborative



for Families and Schools. This structure was thoughtfully designed to bring local expertise together with data and research to position Kentucky as a beacon of leadership in education. This integrated approach is necessary to not just regain but surpass the educational losses we have experienced, both before and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Prichard Committee is resolute, nonpartisan, and always grounded in strategies that have solid evidence backing them. Its strength lies in relentless innovation, collaboration, and in each of you.

Together, we faced the challenges with the same tenacity that has carried the Prichard Committee for 40 years and together we can build a Big Bold Future.

Thank you,

W. Clay H. Ford, Board Chair
The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence

Brigitte Blom, President/CEO
The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence

2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total Assets

\$5,601,718

Total Current Assets

\$5,402,889

Total Property & Equipment

\$198,829

Total Current Liabilities

\$286,009

Total Current Liabilities & Capital

\$5,601,718

Revenue

\$3,884,133

Grants & Contracts

\$3,080,589

Contributions

\$146,659

Interest & Dividends

\$50,013

Misc.

\$74,239

Unrealized & Realized Gains on Investments

\$532,633

Expenses

\$3,099,458

Programs

\$2,671,212

Fundraising

\$154,973

Management & General

\$273,273

Note: Unaudited numbers as of 2/12/2024.

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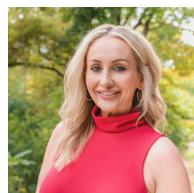
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*building a
path to a
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Prichard
Committee
MEMBERS

147

and

26

STAFF

Number of Certified
**FAMILY FRIENDLY
SCHOOLS**

52

100

ACTIVE CIPL
FELLOWS

12,960

SOCIAL MEDIA
FOLLOWERS

18

COMMUNITY
Conversations

1,077

GROUNDSWELL
MEMBERS

CURRENT
DONORS

250

40

Different schools
participating in the
KENTUCKY COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

DONOR STORIES

DIFFERENT WAYS TO SHOW UP

I think everyone should consider the different ways they can show up for the causes they care about, including and beyond financial contribution.

I appreciate the infrastructure role that the Prichard Committee plays in identifying, surfacing, analyzing, and communicating about issues facing our public schools. It's not free. Small support from thousands of Kentuckians is needed to fund and sustain that infrastructure, providing the foundation for a conversation about improving Kentucky's public schools.

While I can't always give my time or expertise to support the committee's work, my small monthly donation — the cost of packing instead of buying lunch one day — is my way of supporting the Prichard Committee's important mission. I donate because I'm thankful for the role it plays in strengthening our public schools.



SCAN HERE TO DONATE



Andrew Brennen is a first-year law student at Columbia University. He is a co-founder of the Kentucky Student Voice Team from his high school days in Lexington. He now serves as the group's board chair, and he also serves on the board of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority. Andrew has been a member of the Prichard Committee since 2013.

COMMITMENT OVER TIME



The Prichard Committee has stayed on the mission of improving education in Kentucky, and they don't go off on tangents. It has found a way to keep the doors open with perseverance — moving ahead and doing whatever it takes. My token contribution is a help in that direction.

I try to look at organizations that can make a difference and show commitment over time.

The Prichard Committee has made changes in direction, format, and leadership, but always stayed relevant through the issues it pursues.

In education now, I'm encouraged by the grant that has 20 districts around the state trying to be innovative to find local solutions that can make a difference. It's a huge step. Citizens, educators, and even students have to adapt to the times. In Kentucky we've slipped some in recent years, but I see the Prichard Committee still out front and focusing on how we can keep our workforce prepared.

Billy Harper of Paducah is the founder of Harper Industries, Inc., a multi-faceted commercial construction enterprise. He is graduate of the University of Kentucky and a member of the Kentucky Entrepreneur Hall of Fame. He was chair of the state Chamber of Commerce in 1990 when lawmakers passed the Kentucky Education Reform Act and has been a prominent champion for education ever since. He has been an active member of the Prichard Committee over the past 30 years.

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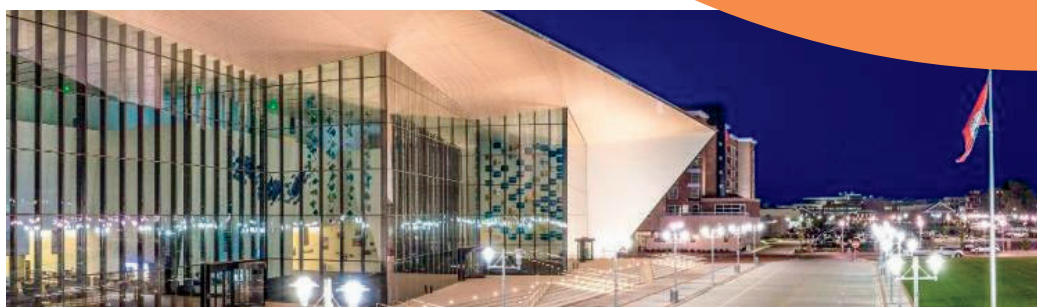


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