



Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Fund is turning 15 years old

Today, we're excited to share a commentary from Step Up For Students Founder and Chairman John Kirtley as he takes a look back at the program he fostered, and looks forward to its future. Additionally, you'll hear from Travis Blanks, who graduated as a Step Up scholar and went on to earn a degree from Clemson University and a chance at the NFL. He is now settling comfortably into his career as a mortgage officer and his new marriage.

As we reflect on 15 years of the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program, we feel humbled and honored to have met so many students along the way and see how they've blossomed in schools they never could have afforded on their own. And we are so very thankful to all of our supporters who ensure this program not only exists, but flourishes. We ask you to join us in celebrating this remarkable program and in saying Happy Birthday, Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program and congratulations to all of our Step Up scholars, past, present and future.

For more information Please go to

www.stepupforstudents.org

2017 Election Results

President: Harriett Wynn

Treasurer: Denise Sasiain

Congratulations !!

FSFAPA Membership

We encourage you to join FSFAPA and together we will continue our mission of supporting foster and adoptive parents arming for the children in our system of care. We believe your experience will make you a valuable member of this association. Through our Regional Vice Presidents we work to support DCF, CBC's, and local FAPA's in each Region. Through collaboration with QPO, GAL, Judges and all partners we strive to have better outcomes for our families.

Legislative updates:

Child's Best Hope Law..... was passed in 2016 to change the adoption intervention concerns
Florida's Foster Parent Appreciation Week was passed and will be celebrated in February 2017
Free passes to all State Parks is a bill in collaboration with GAL we are looking forward to passing in 2017

Education & Networking:

June is our Annual Education Conference
Quarterly we have Membership Meetings and Mini Conferences around the state.
FAST, Foster Allegation Support Team:

Training is available to local FAPA's and CBC's.
Support and Information line: Our 800 number is available to answer a variety of questions 24/7

Dues paid members have the benefit of running for a Board position and voting privileges.

Individual Membership is \$10.00 a year
Family Membership is \$15.00 a year
Check out our website: www.floridafapa.org for the membership application

We hope you will join us as we advocate, support and network for our families and the children in our care.

We Have a New Address

FSFAPA or Florida State Foster Adoptive Parent Association

P. O. Box 970384
Miami, Fl 33197



**FSFAPA
Winter Mini
Conference
&
Quarterly Meeting**

**February 11, 2017
Crestview!**

See anything that interested you? Join FSFAPA and become a part of positive change.

Your RVP's

Suncoast Region - Melissa Schol

Central East Region - Lynda Thompson

Southeast Region - Dorothy Alvarez

Northeast Region - Lillie Blackshear

Central Region - Melanie Stimmell

South Central - Harry Dubia

Southern Region - Trudy Petkovich

Southwest Region - Anne Whiteside

Northwest Region - Thomas Croom

North Central Region - Amanda Williams

Panhandle Region - Kara Elliott-Jordan

Rally in Tally

January 10 & 11, 2017

Sponsored by Florida Coalition for Children

An opportunity to walk the halls of the capitol with CBC and provider leadership.
Meeting to introduce ourselves and our children to new legislators.

QPI Quarterly Florida Meeting

January 17, 2017, 10 am - 4 pm

Polk State College, Bartow, Fl.

Topics: Foster Family Investigations, Adoptions & Co-Parenting

Florida's Adoption Information Center

St. Petersburg, Fl.

Adoptive Parent Track

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Florida Foster Parent Appreciate Week

2nd Week of February, 2017

All Pro Dad Event

February 25, 2017

University of Miami

Children's Week - Tallahassee

March 27 & 28, 2017

Dinner tickets on Sale now

www.childrensweek.org

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