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St. Andrew Goes Full STEAM Ahead With A Grant From Bird Brain Technologies

Orlando, FL – The Finches have landed! The Finches have landed!

Bird Brain Technologies, a Pittsburgh based tech firm, is committed to advancing Science, Technology, Engineering, Art Design and Mathematics (STEAM) education across America. Each year the company selects up to 20 schools and education organizations as partners to achieve this goal. We are excited to announce that St. Andrew Catholic School has been selected as a 2016 recipient of this grant.

Due to the boom in technology, educators and economists have stressed the importance of incorporating STEAM education into our schools in order for our nation to compete in the global market and to cultivate innovation. At the Second Annual White House Science Fair, President Obama talked about the importance of the success of STEAM education and reflected on how the innovation of our forefathers built this great nation. He stated, "...they were constantly curious about the world around them and trying to figure out how they can help to shape that environment so that people's lives are better." He then charged students to continue this great tradition.

This partnership will allow us to lead that charge for our students and will deepen their STEAM knowledge well beyond our current Hour of Code program. Each grantee is provided a set number of finch robots and instructional support materials for a 3 month period. Students will receive specialized instruction to write code that will make the finches come to life. At the end of the instruction period, students will showcase what has been learned to family and friends at a special assembly scheduled for Spring 2016. Be part of the St. Andrew experience and register today. For more information, call our registrar at (407) 295-4230.

St. Andrew Catholic School, A Notre Dame ACE Academy, is committed to academic excellence and to developing our student's spirituality and creativity in order to be Disciples of Christ in the 21st century. Our goals are simple: College and Heaven. For over 50 years, we have served the community of Pine Hills and Greater Orlando. St. Andrew is more than a school, we are a family of believers committed to the great tradition of Catholic Education.