



Maegan and Mitchell Anderson

Trinity Christian Academy
Deltona, FL

Maegan Anderson is three minutes older and one-hundredth of a point higher than her brother Mitchell, but age and grade point average are not their only similarities. Five years after they first began receiving a Step Up For Students Scholarship, the twins walk across the stage at Trinity Christian Academy in Deltona on June 5 to receive a high school diploma that only begins to explain their achievement.

Maegan and Mitchell, GPAs of 4.2 and 4.19 respectively, will leave high school just two credits shy of an associate degree in college.

"They are simply amazing kids," says Trinity headmaster Dennis Robinson. "They are exemplary across the board."

Their academic feat owes in part to the dual enrollment agreement between Trinity and Daytona State College. They were allowed to take community college courses beginning in their sophomore year and fell short of earning the AA degree only because the science course schedule conflicted with their church commitments.

In fact, the twins never seem to take a break. Both played multiple varsity sports, with Mitchell landing a scholarship at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee to be a football kicker. Both were involved in church, with Maegan singing in the choir and Mitchell traveling on goodwill missions to places like Nassau. Both helped at a local day care center. This summer, Maegan is eager to finish her required science courses so that she might begin at the University of Central Florida this fall as a junior.

"They really do help each other in a lot of ways," says their mother, Elke Anderson. "They try to support each other."

Mrs. Anderson decided five years ago that her twins needed a different place to learn. She felt the public school they attended was too big and overcrowded, and that their academics could suffer without a more nurturing environment. They ended up ultimately at Trinity, with a total K-12 enrollment of about 450 students and an expansive program that includes dual enrollment and a full array of extracurricular activities. She says the teachers always make themselves available to students, even after school is out. About 110 students at the school are on a Step Up scholarship.

About Trinity Christian Academy

Trinity Christian Academy, at 875 Elkcam Boulevard in Deltona, is an interdenominational school opened in 1986. It currently serves about 450 students in grades K-12, of whom about 110 are on a Step Up scholarship. The high school tuition in 2008-09 was \$4,650. The school uses a blend of curricula, depending on the subject and age of the student, and offers extensive dual enrollment opportunities in high school. It also offers a full array of extracurricular activities including nine high school varsity sports. The school administers the Stanford 10 Achievement Test.