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NEWS & Views



\$377,759 Raised for Scholarships

The 2012 Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament and Banquet held in early April at the Club Pelican Bay had 132 benefactors supporting the cause. Local students received college scholarships as a result of the fundraising success which netted \$377,759 at final count.

The event included a day of golf, cocktails, dinner and a live auction. The 245 banquet attendees were ready to bid as auctioneer Scott Robertson got the party started with his humor and alluring descriptions of the wide array of auction items. With an energized crowd, the live auction brought in over \$140,000 alone.

“Since the organization was founded in 1991, the only goal has been to fund scholarships,” says Sue McNaghten, Past Founders Fund President. “And after months of effort, the Founders Fund trustees and the Club Pelican Bay produced a record breaking benefit for our student scholars. The evening was fast paced and exciting as the auctioneer created enthusiasm for the live auction trips and gourmet dinner offerings. The generosity of our benefactors and sponsors has created the opportunity for all students selected this spring to receive a \$2500 scholarship rather than \$2000. What an incredible gift for these talented, but financially challenged, graduates of the class of 2012.”



*Kelly Collins, Judy Brennan, Nancy O'Donnell
and Jim Brennan*



*Sue McNaghten
swings the club*

Mollie Moffat



A Student Success Story - Hugo Gijon

I graduated from Immokalee High School in 2006 with a 4.0 GPA and then went on to graduate from Florida Gulf Coast University in the spring of 2010. Since then, I have been working as a Health Advocate for Community Health Partners as my main job. In addition to that, I have also been the head cross country coach at Immokalee High School for the past three years.

Prior to my graduation from Immokalee High, I was very fortunate to receive the Founders Fund scholarship to help me pay for my college education. Not only that, but Mr. Jake O'Donnell, Mr. George Phillips and Mr. Skip Mang took me under their wing and encouraged me every step of the way through my collegiate career. There is no doubt in my mind that without the help of the Founders Found and the guidance from these great individuals, I would not have been able to accomplish this great task nor have been able to continue to

inspire, not only my family members, but also other members of my community to accomplish their goals.

Thank you all for what you do! Rest assured that your scholarships do make a huge difference! “I may not change the world, but I will help spark the brains that will change the world.”

God Bless, Hugo Gijon

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Tom Lear



As the Founders Fund moves into its third decade, we can look back at the first twenty years with great pride. Since its inception, The Founders Fund, with the assistance of so many generous people and organizations in Collier County, has provided scholarships to almost 500 students for post secondary schooling. The support for last spring's event pushed us to even greater heights. With that effort, 29 students became Named Scholars receiving \$2500 each.

The bar has been raised and we must continue to hold it high for the sake of future scholarship recipients.

My goal as the new Chair of the Founders Fund is to continue the success achieved by my predecessors so that deserving young people in our high schools have the opportunity to fulfill their potential.

Last May, I was able to attend the Scholarship Awards Reception for the first time. It was indeed a rewarding experience meeting our scholarship winners and their families. Hearing their stories only makes you want to do more. How amazing it was to hear a mother, who works picking crops, say that she does not let her children work during the school year. She stressed that their job is to study so they can be the first in their family to go to college.

If you have supported the Founders Fund in the past, please continue that support so lives can be changed forever. For those of you new to Pelican Bay or the Founders Fund, please check our website or speak to a Board member to learn how you can play an important role in the lives of these deserving students.



Northern Trust

Northern Trust is honored to once again be a participating sponsor of The Founders Fund to help further the education and the futures of Collier County's worthy students. Northern Trust's

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2012 Scholarships Awarded at May Reception Congratulations to our SCHOLARS!



2012/13 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Barron Collier High School:

Brooke Saurbier - Karla and Frank Albanese Scholarship
Austin Adams - M&I Wealth Management Scholarship

Community School:

Andrea Moreno - Mercedes-Benz of Naples Scholarship
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Gulf Coast High School:

Holly Weinstein - PNC Scholarship
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Fatima Soto - Joan and George Thomas Scholarship

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Linda Jean-Pierre - Maureen and Jon Homstad Scholarship

Lely High School:

Gary Hardy - Northern Trust Scholarship

Stephanie Wolf - Josie and Geoff Gibson Scholarship

Lorenzo Walker:

Daniela Salazar - Juliana and George Phillips Scholarship

Shakira Minor - George and Elsa Gibson Scholarship

Naples High School:

Kyle Talko - Morgan Stanley Scholarship

Devin Scott - Jean and Bill Harford Scholarship

Anthony DeLuca - Tim and Sharon Ubben Scholarship

Palmetto Ridge High School:

Michael Azu - Ed Brennan Scholarship

St. John Neumann:

Amanda Alty - John and Katie Ogden Scholarship

Cassandra Fernandez - Clara and Ron Marks Scholarship



2012 Golf Tournament

Great Success

Golf Tournament



Bill Gorman, Dick Censits, Ed Kerr, Joe Tavolacci



Jane Kerr, Lea Smith, Kay Drolet, Mary Osborn



Bill Umphred and Joan Manierre



Mary Ann Ferguson at the putting contest



Richard and Donna Ward



A Mercedes for a hole in one!



Rick and Pat Ermler with Sandy and Vin Sarni



Maureen O'Gorman at the raffle table



Maureen Homstad puts in the contest



Barney and Joanne Dougherty with Gail Rothenberg and John Levy

nt and Banquet Event

, Great Fun!



Cocktail Hour & Banquet



Sue McNaghten, Scott Robertson
and Coe Gutowsky



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Curtiss Alden, Tom Butz, Sandi Cossarini
with Anno and Gene Murphy



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Connie Moody and
Ned Omalia



Keith Daubmann, Judy Brennan
and Amie Daubmann



Dessert prepared to match the theme of the
evening – the Starfish!



The golf tournament is named after the late Ed Brennan – supporting the fundraising
event were EJ Brennan, Kathy Waters, Judy Brennan, Kelly Collins, Debbie Collins,
Nancy O'Donnell, Jake O'Donnell - Seated L to R: Marilu and Jim Brennan



We Have E-Mail



I've started my senior year and although it is much tougher than before, it's also been more fun. I had a rare chance of attending a Michelle Obama grassroots event and was selected to sit behind her on stage! I also had the chance to attend the FSU vs. Clemson game. I was so glad my Noles won and

I'm so sad this season is my last. Overall, senior year looks like it's going to be a blast; I love college so much I've decided to apply to grad school.

Renee Gonzalez, Florida State University

Everything is good here at UNF, just working and studying. Just wanted to let you know that I'm currently the Marketing Assistant for the University of North Florida Student Union, Collegiate Ambassador for Monster Energy at my campus, the Communications Chair for the First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and I'm also running for Senate within the UNF Student Government.

Nickolas Pantner, UNF - Marketing Major



My year has been incredible! I'm taking an ethical issues class that has inspired me to further develop my character as I enter the social work field. As I meet new people, I am learning about who I am as an individual. Thank you for giving me this opportunity!

Amanda Alty, Florida Gulf Coast University

To say the least, college is a completely foreign world, but I love it. I have realized that, while I was hard working and self motivated in high school, it's so much easier to achieve high grades there than in college. However, it is satisfying to see my hard work pay off. I love living in the dorm and it's wonderful to be in a place where everyone is determined to be a high achiever and is so friendly and helpful.

Stephanie Wolf, Florida Gulf Coast University – Nursing Major

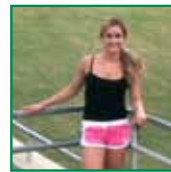


School life is going great. I'm a senior now and I can honestly say I've enjoyed every minute of college life. I am very involved on campus serving as a University Ambassador and holding Secretary and Vice President executive board positions for different organizations. I still maintain a GPA above 3.0 and this fall I am taking 12 credit hours. My favorite class this semester is Health Promotion since I'm majoring in that and Exercise Science with a minor in Health Administration.

Marjorie Eldira, Florida Atlantic University

School is going really well, I enjoy all of my classes and love the atmosphere. I'm self-motivated and just want to get the best out of my college experience.

Devin Scott, University of Pikeville



I have had the best experience this fall and I have learned what being a Seminole is all about. I have attended a few football games and I had the best experience ever with all of my friends from FSU. All of my classes are great; I have very good professors including my teacher for college algebra. My class has more than 300 students. I also live in a scholarship house with another 29 other girls where I have had so much fun.

Daniela Salazar, Florida State University

I just finished midterms and earned all A's and B's. I've been really busy this semester carrying 15 credits and being a member of the FAU marching band. But, I'm still keeping my grades up. I'm also in the process of applying for the Accounting Scholars Program on campus so I can graduate in a total of five years with my Masters degree in Accounting.

Christopher LaCivita, Florida Atlantic University



My fall semester here at UCF is going great so far! I am really starting to enjoy my courses and am doing well. There are many activities to do on campus; I'm currently involved in intramural flag football and am interested in joining a club as well. I'll be very excited to see everyone at the next Founders Fund event!

Austin Adams, University Central Florida

The last four years, I have learned so much at Stetson University. It sometimes amazes me that I was able to really conquer the world of Mathematics and Physics. At this point, I am very proud to say that I have helped many students with their studies too. I'm very honored to share that I am the founder of the Men's Club Soccer team here at Stetson, and even though it has been a rough start, this team has taught me how to handle multiple personalities. The education I have received at Stetson has been amazing and I truly feel that I could have not received a better one anywhere. Founders Fund, you have made my experience here possible. Thank you for all you have done.

Daniel Marulanda, Stetson Men's Club Soccer Founder/President Undergraduate in Mathematics at Stetson University



I studied abroad in Mannheim, Germany last spring semester as part of an exchange program and decided to continue with my German studies once I returned home. I now really enjoy my German language course first thing each day. The German language is so complex, yet I find it immensely enjoyable. Overall, university life has been going great.

Alexis Schlaupitz, University of Florida

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 investing in the lives
 of Collier County
 students!*

Named Scholar Sponsor Shares Experience

By Lee and Graeme Dayton

When the Named Scholarship Sponsor opportunity was announced, Graeme and I saw it as a way to connect with a specific scholarship winner. To us this makes it much more personal and gives us a student that we can meet and then follow their progress through college. And the extra \$500 the student receives can be a big help to them. In many charitable opportunities, you don't know who the recipients are; here you know who you helped, where they plan to attend college, and ultimately, how they did. You know explicitly that you made a difference.





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— COLLEGES 2012/2013 —

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- Duke University
- Edison State College
- Emory University
- Flagler College
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida International University
- Florida State University
- Hope College
- North Carolina State University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Ringling College of Art & Design
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- University of Central Florida
- University of Florida
- University of Miami
- University of North Florida
- University of Pikeville
- University of South Florida
- University of Tampa
- Yale University

2012/13 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



2012/13 Founders Fund Scholarship Recipients
Front Row: Juan Ortiz, Ruby Mendez, Erica Martinez, Cassandra Fernandez, Andrea Moreno, Brianna Daniels, Amanda Alty, Holly Weinstein **Second Row:** Sergio Alvarez, Meggan Harrington, Stephanie Wolf, Shakira Minor, Claudia Hernandez, Claudia Anez-Zabala, Brooke Saurbier, Linda Jean-Pierre, Fatima Soto, Clara Herrera, Ashley Joseph **Back Row:** Austin Adams, Daniel Evans, Devin Scott, Gary Hardy, Anthony DeLuca, and Kyle Talko (not photographed – Adline Metayer, Revenel Metayer, Daniela Salazar and Michael Azu)