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# NEWS & Views



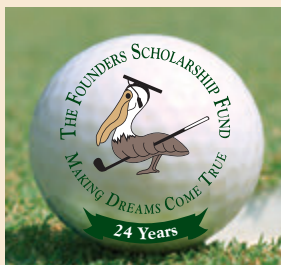
## Save the Date for “EVENT” 2016

We hope you will join us this coming spring for our HUGE fundraising event. As you may remember, we have our Founders Fund major fundraising golf event every other year and 2016 is the year!

The exciting Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament and Banquet will be held on Monday, April 4th and will prove to be bigger than ever including a great day of golf, lunch, cocktails, dinner and auctions. Our goals are set high and with your help we know we can reach them with ease.

Our 2014 event brought in over \$375,000 for scholarships and we hope to surpass that amount this coming year. With each dollar raised, more students will have the opportunity to receive a Founders Fund scholarships and it's all about scholarships and helping deserving students in Collier County. We hope you will be as excited about the Event as we are. We're always in need of corporate sponsorships and auction items. If you can suggest a sponsor or know of a unique auction item please let us know. Mark your calendars and save the date!

More information will be mailed to you soon.



## The Founders Fund Awarded 27 New Scholarships for 2015/16

Scholarships were awarded to 27 Collier County students on April 23rd by The Founders Fund. The scholarship awards were announced at the annual ice cream social to honor scholarship recipients and their families at the Club Pelican Bay. Each student was presented with a four-year renewal scholarship in the amount of \$8,000.

This year's additional 27 recipients, plus the 83 students already in the Founders Fund program, brings the total to 110 students who will receive

scholarships this fall. The annual budget needed to distribute scholarships is over \$220,000 each year.

Money needed to fund the scholarships is raised through a fundraising golf event held every other year, donations from Club members, and the generous support of local businesses.

The Founders Fund has awarded over \$3 million in scholarships to more than 600 local students since its founding.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Joan Thomas



This past May, The Founders Fund awarded college scholarships to 27 Collier County high school seniors. Each student is now receiving \$2,000 per year, or \$8,000 over four years, provided he or she maintains a "B" average in college.

As in past years, these most recent scholarship recipients were the "best of the best" students, selected from dozens of applicants interviewed by the Founders Fund Board of Trustees. Every year we are amazed and touched by the talent and effort displayed by these young people, all of whom are trying to overcome the financial odds against them.

The members of The Club Pelican Bay can take pride in the fact that over the past 20 years they have collectively provided significant financial support for 100 deserving college students each year. Collier County high schools are doing an excellent job educating these young men and women and preparing them for college. The members of the Board of Trustees feel privileged to have the opportunity to visit these schools each year, interview the students and select those who will receive scholarships. It is the highlight of our year and the main reason we are willing to serve on the Board.

As you probably know, our major fund-raising event, The Ed Brennan Golf Tournament and Auction, takes place every other year, with the next one scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2016. As in past years, there will be a golf tournament, silent and live auctions, and a fabulous dinner produced by our own Chef Joe.

Your support, plus the support of our many faithful community sponsors, has given us the ability to continue this wonderful scholarship program for so many years.

We hope to see all of you on April 4th!

## THANKS AND WELCOMES

The Board is sorry to say goodbye to Gene Murphy and Pidge Weir, two six-year Board veterans. We thank them for their years of service to the Founders Fund.

We are pleased to welcome two new Board members, Jean Ensley and Meg Tyre and look forward to working with them.



**Mission:** The Founders Fund, Inc. of the Club Pelican Bay has stayed true to its mission, for the past 24 years, to provide financial assistance to young men and women from Collier County in their pursuit of post high school education and training.

Over three million dollars have been awarded to more than 600 local students from Collier County high schools who have demonstrated both the need and the outstanding merit required to receive the scholarship award from The Founders Fund.

The Founders Fund was created in 1991 by the Golf Members of The Club Pelican Bay, a private golf club, and is classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization.

The Founders Fund, Inc. is supported by Golf and Social Members of The Club, as well as many corporate sponsors which include prominent local and national businesses. Fundraising activities support annual scholarship grants of approximately \$200,000 per year.

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The scholarship fund, originally set up to help the children of the Club Pelican Bay employees, has expanded over the years to include Collier County high schools. Employees of the Club Pelican Bay and their families are also eligible for scholarships. This year, one employee and two children of employees were chosen to receive scholarships.

## WELCOME 2015 Scholarship Recipients:

### Barron Collier High School:

Isis Gomez, Brianna Holmes, Sydney Luciana, Sean Nash

### Everglades High:

Mark Brown Jr., Savana Oglesby

### Golden Gate High School:

Melissa Alamo

### Gulf Coast High School:

Elizabeth Roux

### Immokalee High School:

Lesly Alvarado, Edwin Herard, Leslie Mancilla,  
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Anatalie Dantes, Kenny Igarza, Kevin Lopez

### Lorenzo Walker:

Jennifer Castaneda

### Naples High School:

Eavan Donovan, Michael Luthringer,  
Hunter McDaniel, Jilian Sansone

### Palmetto Ridge High School:

Coralie Antoine, Nedgie Paul, Cecilia Silvia

### St. John Neumann:

Brian Davenport, Jake Duran

### Club Pelican Bay:

Justin Martin

This special *Thank You* from a new scholarship recipient was sent to several Trustees... Sean graduated from Barron Collier this past spring.

Dear Mrs Thomas,

Thank you for choosing me as a recipient of the 2015 Founders Fund Scholarship. Your generosity helps my family and me tremendously and it is greatly appreciated. I am eager to begin my college journey and look forward to sharing some accomplishments with you at the luncheon in December!

Sincerely,

*Sean Nash*

Thank You 

# We Have Mail

It all started out like summer camp - new friends, mentors, and plenty of extracurricular activities. And then the first deadline came around; that's when it got tough. My participation in the Symphonic Band, student government, dance groups and student work seemed, at times, to be overwhelming. But through the helpful guidance of my professors and the career center I was able to manage my time and even earn a two week externship in Salt Lake City Utah shadowing a bank executive over the winter break. I am so grateful for everyone who has supported my education, and continues to be dedicated to the students in our community. Thank you for all that you do!

~Eavan Donovan, Carleton College, Class of 2019

I am currently finishing my second co-op work rotation with Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation in Savannah, Georgia. This semester has been a fantastic experience working in their Acoustics and Vibration department. I've learned so much more applicable content that I could've imagined in the classroom. At the same time, I am very excited to get back to school in the spring and continue to excel in my academics.

~Carson Brial  
The Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering  
Georgia Institute of Technology Class of 2018

Florida State University is an incredible school with so many great things going on and so many wonderful opportunities for students of all interests. The College of Music, where I am studying Music Composition, is incredible and I've already been included in many great projects. I've made so many friends with similar interests by living in the Music Living-Learning Community dormitory. My grades have remained high, even though the amount of academic work has surely increased throughout the semester. Probably the biggest challenge that I've faced is refining my time-management skills; since there are so many great opportunities and events going on around campus. I've had to work on prioritizing my academic work before extra-curricular. I've also joined FSU's all-male "a cappella" group called Reverb. Kind regards,

~Hunter McDaniel, Florida State University



Hunter McDaniel



Eavan Donovan

Carson Brial



Dish prepared by future chef -  
Miles McMullen



Sarah Ciocca

I am currently in my second year at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. I'm getting good grades and love getting to study cuisines from all around the world (my favorite being South Korean!) For example this picture shows some homemade kimchi I got to make in Garde Manger class! Kimchi is a staple in South Korean diets and consists mainly of fermenting cabbage! Thank you all for your help in getting me this far and can't wait to bring kimchi back to Naples.

~Miles McMullen

I'm a third-year finance major. Within the business school, I've been very dedicated to leadership and involvement. I'm serving as a mentor for Florida Leadership Academy, a program for the top 100 business students, and as a Peer Leader for Warrington Welcome, teaching a class to freshmen business students each week. This summer I am very excited to be interning with Comcast/NBC Universal's Finance Internship Program in Atlanta. I would love to thank the entire Founders Fund organization for their generosity and support!

~Sarah Ciocca, Warrington College of Business  
University of Florida

College has been amazing so far. People are so friendly and they come from all over the globe. My grades are very good; my course load in high school prepared me well for the transition. I've gotten involved in the business club here and plan to join a sorority and do some community service projects next semester. I'm having a great time and I am so thankful to be at the University of Richmond.

~*Brianna Holmes, University of Richmond*

I'm a junior and my major is Integrated Health Science. I've been enjoying classes regarding the nutrition and health of communities around the world. My current GPA is a 3.48 and I have all A's for this semester.

~*Nicole Garrabrant, Stetson University*

College life has added up to be more than I would've imagined it to be. I am excelling in my grades and maintaining a great GPA. My favorite part so far has been becoming a member of the Pegasus Mascot Team and being able to walk around with Pegasus during our home football games!

~*Davis Vertin, UCF*

College is full of extraordinary times and extraordinary people, and in such an environment I am constantly reminded of the humility with which I see this world and the opportunities thrown my way. I am involved in the running club and just returned from Nationals in Kentucky this past weekend, as well as volunteering with the cancer society and learning krav maga, a combative martial art. Classes are intuitive and challenging. Yet even more so I find my real growth in daily life, from the daily epiphanies walking across campus to late-night conversations with roommates that move mountains and call to the soul. These adventures have only begun!

~*Liz Roux, Harvard University, Class of 2019*



*Davis Vertin*



*Coralie Antoine*



*Brianna Holmes*



*Fatima Soto*



*Nicole Garrabrant*



*Liz Roux*

For the fall semester I enrolled in five courses. My professors and classmates have been absolutely fantastic but my greatest challenge was learning to study. In high school I would simply come to class and listen to my teacher lecture then take the test and pass. I realized in college that the material didn't come as easily to me as it did in high school. I now have to review the chapters before and after lectures, make flash cards, and watch videos to fully understand what the professor is teaching. My overall experience has been wonderful; I have managed to maintain my grades at an A and B average. My goal is to have a 4.0 GPA.

~*Coralie Antoine, Florida Southwestern State College*

As a senior at FGCU I have been extremely busy with a workload of homework and studying daily. During this semester I have been working on a research project with a professor as well as training hard to obtain my next belt in Hapkido. It's great to know that graduation is right around the corner. I'll keep striving to keep my grades up to par.

~*Fatima Soto, Florida Gulf Coast University*



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University of Central Florida - 2  
Florida SouthWestern State College - 2

**Out of State**

Alderson Broaddus University - 1  
American University - 1  
Columbia University - 1  
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Fayetteville State - 1  
Harvard University - 1  
St Mary's College - 1  
University of Miami - 1  
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SAVE THE DATE**

APRIL

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**The Ed Brennan  
Memorial Golf Tournament  
Monday • April 4, 2016  
The Club Pelican Bay**

