



The Founders Fund Inc.

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The Founders Fund, Inc. holds 2015 High School Counselors Breakfast

(Naples, FL – January 29, 2014) The Founders Fund, Inc., a Naples based non-profit organization that grants scholarships to Collier County students, recently held its annual *High School Counselors Breakfast* at the Club Pelican Bay on January 28. There were 12 Collier County high schools represented at the annual informational breakfast along with several Founders Fund board members.

The Founders Fund and counselors meet each year to discuss student needs, economic trends, number of graduating students and the scholarship process. The meeting better prepares the counselors with information so they can best prepare students for the upcoming scholarship application process.

Karen Pulte, Founders Fund Scholarship Committee Chair, along with Joan Thomas, the Founders Fund Board Chair, reviewed the scholarship requirements with the counselors and talked about the ever-increasing needs of financial assistance to local students. They also reviewed scholarship requirements as well as reminded counselors that recipients are selected based on academic merit along with financial need.

With education costs on the rise and over 2,000 Collier County students graduating in just a few months, the need for scholarships appears to be a growing concern for students, families and their high school counselors alike.

The Founders Fund, Inc., founded in 1991, is a non-profit/tax-exempt charitable organization. Since its inception, 565 students have been awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships. Last spring, 28 Collier County students were awarded \$8,000 scholarships for college and post high school education. The renewable scholarships are given in the amount of \$2,000 each year to students maintaining a B average or better in their college studies.

Collier County high schools participating in the Founders Fund scholarship program are: Barron Collier, Community School, Everglades, Golden Gate, Gulf Coast, Immokalee, Lely, Lorenzo Walker Institute, Naples High, Palmetto Ridge, and St. John Neumann.

Counselors who attended the breakfast included Terry Kalten of Barron Collier High School; Diana Martin of Community School; Glenna Potter of Everglades High School; Connie Perrin of Gulf Coast High School; Audrey Moss of Immokalee High School; Amanda Armocida and Pam Berryman of Naples High School; Laura Roszkowski of St. John Neumann; Peg Reale of Palmetto Ridge High School; Connie Pollina of Golden Gate High School; and Lorie Cox of Lely High School.

For more information about scholarships, sponsorships, or participating in the fundraising event, contact Sue Davenport at 239-593-0124 or 597-2244 or visit www.thefoundersfundinc.org.

