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## **The Founders Fund, Inc. Holds Annual High School Counselor Breakfast**

*(Naples, FL – February 3, 2010)* The Founders Fund, Inc. held its High School Counselor Breakfast on Wednesday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> at The Club Pelican Bay. Attending the annual event were 11 Collier County High School guidance counselors.

The Founders Fund members in attendance were informed about the current standings of the schools' senior class from those people most involved with the students – their guidance counselors. Sue McNaghten, Founders Fund Scholarship Committee Chairperson, encouraged them to share their knowledge on the sizes of the graduating class, the anticipated financial need of the students, and experience with the difficulties facing college-bound seniors, most notably the need for support to pay for their education.

Counselors in attendance were: Sandra Consolino, Golden Gate; Cathy Hargis, Palmetto Ridge; Melissa Hunter, Barron Collier; Lee Kay, Community School; Abby Lambley, Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology, Bill Kramer, Naples; Marrie McLaughlin, assistant principal at St. John Neumann; Audrey Moss, Immokalee; Glenna Potter, Everglades; Peg Reale, Lely; and Linda Sharp, Gulf Coast High School.

The Founders Fund scholarships are \$2000 each and may be renewed if the student maintains a B (3.0) grade average and has a financial need. Considered also on the application are co-curricular activities, honors and awards received, leadership, community volunteer involvement, and work experience.

In 2009, 25 Collier County students received the renewable award, becoming part of the 87 students receiving the support of The Founders Fund and attending vocational schools, colleges, and universities all across the country.

The Founders Fund, Inc., a non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization, was created in 1991 by the Founding Golf Members of The CLUB at Pelican Bay. The mission is to provide financial assistance to young men and women from Collier County in their pursuit of higher education.

The Founders Fund is supported by Golf and Social Members of The CLUB, as well as many corporate sponsors which include prominent local and national businesses that are very generous in their support of the Founders Fund. Income from reserve assets and fundraising activities supports annual scholarship grants of approximately \$180,000 per year.

The 2010 Biennial Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament, responsible for raising the majority of the funds for this scholarship will be held on Monday, April 12, 2010. There are many ways to be a part of this golf tournament, from being a player or sponsor to donating items for the raffle and silent auction.

For more information about scholarship, sponsorships, or becoming a part of the golf tournament, contact Sue Davenport at 239-593-0124 or 597-2244 or visit [www.thefoundersfundinc.org](http://www.thefoundersfundinc.org).

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***PHOTOS Attached***