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## **The Founders Fund Awards 2014 Scholarships to 28 Collier County Students**

(May 5, 2014 – Naples, FL) Scholarships are the only goal and mission of The Founders Fund and on Wednesday, April 30, the non-profit organization awarded \$224,000 in scholarships to 28 Collier County students. Each student was presented an \$8,000 scholarship for college and post high-school education. The presentation took place at the Club Pelican Bay and was followed by an ice cream social for the students and their families.

The Founders Fund, Inc. awards scholarships to Collier County students seeking financial assistance in order to pursue a higher education. Students receive their renewable scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each year, amounting to an \$8,000 scholarship commitment for each student maintaining a B average or better in their college studies.

This year's additional 28 recipients, plus the 73 students already in the Founders Fund program, brings the total to 101 students who will receive scholarships this fall. The annual budget needed to distribute scholarships is over \$200,000 each year. The 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, Inc., a non-profit/tax-exempt charitable organization founded in 1991, has awarded over \$2.8 million in scholarships to more than 590 local students since its founding.

### **2014 Scholarship Recipients:**

**Barron Collier High School:** Sarah Cox, Allison DeLacruz, Miles McCullem and Garrette Parsons

**Community School:** Maria Alejandra-Munoz and Jose Sandoval

**Everglades High:** Kristin McMillin

**Golden Gate High School:** Arletys Gomez, Kimberly Nguyen and Sarah Tseng

**Gulf Coast High School:** Marlon Equitz and Benjamin Krinsky

**Immokalee High School:** Jaine Flores, Jeffrey Flores, Mayra Parra and Ethiana Previlus,

**Lely High School:** Gage Daly and Sanya Prabhakar

**Lorenzo Walker:** Tyler Hernandez and Daniela Herrera

**Naples High School:** Kara Dudley, Trenton Rocco and Davis Vertin

**Palmetto Ridge High School:** Keturah Lansiquot and Shelby Sorrell

**St. John Neumann:** Makena Henell and Alexis Gray

**Club Pelican Bay:** Andreea Gonzalez

The scholarship fund, originally set up to help the children of the Club Pelican Bay employees, has expanded over the years to include all 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.

For more information about scholarships or the Founders Fund, Inc., contact Sue Davenport at 239-593-0124 or visit [www.thefoundersfundinc.org](http://www.thefoundersfundinc.org).

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