



November/December 2013

# NEWS & Views



## Get Ready for 2014 EVENT

Yes, it's time to mark your calendars for another exciting Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament and Banquet. The Founders Fund major fundraising event will be held on Monday, April 7, 2014 and will be even bigger than in years past with amazing auction items and more opportunities for sponsorship.



Judy Brennan - 2012 Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament

The 2012 event brought in over \$340,000 and set a fundraising record for the Founders Fund. The golf event committee has aspirations of surpassing that record with your help at the 11th

biennial golf tournament and banquet.

Collier County students will receive college scholarships as a result of this event which includes our corporate sponsorships and your donations. Please make plans to join us for this great opportunity to have fun while giving back to the community in such a vital and important way.

## Video Project Completed



Hugo Gijon

Founders Fund scholarships have made their lives easier.

This past summer, four scholarship students donated their time to be part of the taping process for a new Founders Fund mission video. Three current students, Claudia Navarro, Lezly Camacho and Maria Mendoza, and one graduate, Hugo Gijon, gave their testimonies reflecting how the



Guerilla Media with Claudia Navarro



Maria Mendoza

Guerilla Media, a local video production company that works with numerous non-profits in Southwest Florida, produced the video and has posted it on their website as well as Facebook and other social media sites. The video has also been posted on the Founders Fund website homepage and on You Tube.

The purpose of the new video is to introduce possible sponsors and donors to the mission of the Founders Fund. It will also be used during the golf event banquet. Take a look for yourself at [www.thefoundersfundinc.org](http://www.thefoundersfundinc.org).



Lezly Camacho

## Social CORNER

The Social Members of the Club Pelican Bay gathered for cocktails in mid-April and with the leadership of Maureen O'Gorman, they were made aware of the mission of the Founders Fund to assist

local high school students in pursuing a higher education. A committee has been formed to help solicit auction items and volunteers for the upcoming spring golf event.



Jack and Ella Howard, Celma Perry with Billie Faye and George Picht



Nancy Mackson and Maureen O'Gorman

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Tom Lear



As the Founders Fund enters its third decade, we continue to look forward to many more years of making the dream of higher education come true for deserving high school graduates. Through the efforts of Club Pelican Bay members, staff and community donors, we have assisted many students in obtaining their college degrees. This is quite an accomplishment for a relatively small number of generous individuals and businesses who understand the value of an education and the impact it has on our

country's future!

To commence our 2013-14 effort, one of our Board members Schuyler Peck, has secured for the Founders Fund a \$50,000 donation. We thank the donor, Craig Johnson, for his generosity in kick starting our campaign. It is now up to us, The Club Pelican Bay family, to have this donation lead to the most successful Event ever.

Please join our Trustees and help make Event 2014 on April 7, 2014 an outstanding success for all participants and their student beneficiaries. If you wish to offer assistance please contact a Board member. For more information on this Event, please visit our website at [www.thefoundersfundinc.org](http://www.thefoundersfundinc.org)

## 2013-2014 FOUNDERS FUND

## Calendar

Wed., October 23, 2013	Board Meeting - 3:00pm	The Club
Wed., November 13, 2013	Board Meeting - 3:00pm	The Club
<b>Thurs., January 2, 2014</b>	<b>Student Luncheon - 12:00 noon</b>	The Club
Wed., January 15, 2014	Board Meeting - 3:00pm	The Club
Wed., January 29, 2014	Counselor's Breakfast - 8:00am	The Club
Thurs., February 6, 2014	Board Meeting - 4:00pm	Golf Operations
Mon., March 3, 2014	Student deadline to submit applications to Counselors	
Fri., March 7, 2014	Counselors deadline to submit applications to FF	
Wed., March 12, 2014	Board Meeting & Orientation - 4:00pm	Golf Operations
March 24-28, 2014	Schools on Spring Break	
<b>Mon., April 7, 2014</b>	<b>11th Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament</b>	
April 2-17, 2014	Student Interviews at Schools	
Mon., April 21, 2014	Student Selection - 9:00am	The Club
<b>Wed., April 30, 2014</b>	<b>Student Scholarship Reception - 7:00pm</b>	The Club

## 2013/2014 Board of Trustees

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### The Founders Fund

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**Mission:** The mission of the Founders Fund, Inc. of The Club Pelican Bay is to provide financial assistance to young men and women from Collier County in their pursuit of post high school education and training. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of need and merit from 11 high schools of Collier County.

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

The Founders Fund is supported by Golf and Social Members of The Club Pelican Bay, 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 support annual scholarships that now total over \$200,000 per year. Fund scholarship awards have totaled more than \$2.6 million dollars since the beginning of the Fund.



## ★ Say Hello...To This Year's Scholarship Recipients! ★

The Founders Fund awarded 29 Collier County students with \$8,000 scholarships for college and post high school education on May 2nd at an ice cream social for students and their families at the Club Pelican Bay.

Students will be receiving their renewable four-year scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each year, amounting to an \$8,000 scholarship commitment from the Founders Fund for each student maintaining a B average or better in their college studies.

With this year's additional 29 recipients and students already in the Founders Fund program, 100 total students will be receiving renewable scholarships this fall. The annual budget needed to distribute the committed scholarship funds is over \$200,000 each year and is raised by members and a fundraising golf event that is held every other year. Since the Founders Fund inception, over \$2.8 million dollars in scholarships have been distributed to more than 500 local students.



### 2013 Named Scholarship Recipients

**Barron Collier High School:** Carson Brial, Marissa Little, Diana Mercas

**Golden Gate High School:** Markenly Alussma, Kelly Cortes, Andrea Escobar, Moises Escobar, Christian Pelaez-Espinosa, Jennifer Pineros

**Gulf Coast High School:** Sara Carranco, Sarah Ciocca, Anna Rice

**Immokalee High School:** Elijah Arreaga, Olna Astrel, Yasmin Estrada, Jacobo Martinez, Ashley Vernet

**Lely High School:** Job Damessous, Eveline Desvaristes, Theodor Shimek

**Lorenzo Walker:** Kristhian Vilamizar

**Naples High School:** Jessica Bustamante, Lilly Gareau, Carolina Pena

**Palmetto Ridge High School:** Stephanie Chediak, Brian Marulanda, Mateo Pena, Coral Vargas

**St. John Neumann:** Nicole Garrabrant



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## Save The Date!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*The Founders Fund Annual  
Student Luncheon*

**Thursday, January 2, 2014**  
**Noon at The Club Pelican Bay**

## Join...the...Fun!

If you would like to help with the 2014 Golf Event auction items or sponsorships, give us a call. We would welcome your help!

## Founders Fund Scholarships

Year	\$ Awarded	New Scholarships
1992	\$7,500	3
1993	\$13,500	11
1994	\$25,368	17
1995	\$35,488	16
1996	\$70,477	32
1997	\$89,250	25
1998	\$113,875	30
1999	\$122,290	26
2000	\$108,250	22
2001/02	\$133,750	26
2002/03	\$136,000	28
2003/04	\$156,000	27
2004/05	\$161,000	30
2005/06	\$157,000	27
2006/07	\$183,000	29
2007/08	\$178,000	26
2008/09	\$174,000	26
2009/10	\$162,000	27
2010/11	\$170,000	25
2011/12	\$183,500	26
2012/13	\$202,750	29
2013/14	\$224,500	29

The Founders Fund has awarded \$2,807,498 in scholarships since 1991 to a total of 537 students.

Total students in college this year receiving Founders Fund Scholarships: 100

**THANK YOU** to our members, supporters, sponsors and benefactors - a great accomplishment!