



The Founders Fund Inc.

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The Founders Fund, Inc. holds 2014 High School Counselors Breakfast

(Naples, FL – January 31, 2014) The Founders Fund, Inc., a local non-profit organization that grants scholarships to Collier County students, recently held its annual *High School Counselors Breakfast* at the Club Pelican Bay. There were 11 Collier County High School guidance counselors and several Founders Fund board members in attendance to exchange information regarding Collier County high school seniors who will be applying for college this spring.

Tom Lear, Founders Fund Board Chairman and Joan Thomas, Scholarship Committee Chair, reviewed the scholarship requirements with the counselors and talked about the ever-increasing needs of financial assistance to local students. Counselors also shared that the anticipated financial needs of their students will be greater this year as the Florida Bright Futures scholarship has changed again. The main purpose of the annual breakfast is to meet with area high school counselors, review the current scholarship application process and gather information about the needs of local students. The Founders Fund members and counselors exchange information in order to best prepare students for the scholarship application process.

The Founders Fund, a non-profit/tax-exempt charitable organization, was founded in 1991 and has awarded 537 students a total of \$2.8 million in scholarships since its inception. Last spring, 29 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.

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.

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