



The Founders Fund Inc.

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The Founders Fund holds 2014-15 Scholars Luncheon

(Naples, FL – Jan. 12, 2015) Students, sponsors, trustees and benefactors of The Founders Fund, Inc. gathered for the *Annual Scholars Luncheon* on December 30 at The Club Pelican Bay. In addition to nearly 100 guests, there were 34 scholarship students in attendance. The luncheon celebrates ongoing student accomplishments.

Joan Thomas, The Founders Fund Chair, opened the meeting by welcoming guests and emphasizing the importance of changing lives through education. According to Thomas and The Founders Fund Trustees, there are currently 105 students attending 28 different colleges throughout the U.S. This past 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.

Karen Pulte, The Founders Fund Scholarship Chair, invited each student to speak about their college studies, current activities and their career choices. Many of The Founders Fund scholarship recipients are ranked in the top percentile of their college classes. From aspirations of becoming surgeons, engineers, teachers, physicists and FBI agents, student goals are becoming more and more impressive each year. A large percentage of this year's student attendees expressed an interest in returning to Collier County to help change the lives of others through their work in the medical profession.

The Founders Fund, a non-profit/tax-exempt charitable organization established in 1991, has awarded 565 students more than \$3 million in scholarships since its inception. For more information about scholarships or the Founders Fund, Inc., contact Sue Davenport at 239-593-0124 or visit www.thefoundersfundinc.org.

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