



The Founders Fund Inc.

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The Founders Fund holds 2017 High School Counselors Breakfast

(Naples, FL – January 26, 2017) The Founders Fund held its annual *High School Counselors Breakfast* on January 25 for Collier County counselors. Several Founders Fund board members, along with 10 Collier County high school representatives, took part in the informational breakfast.

Each year, the Founders Fund meets with the counselors to discuss current student needs, economic trends and the number of graduating students at each school. The breakfast meeting better prepares the counselors to guide students through the upcoming scholarship application process.

Karen Pulte, Founders Fund Scholarship Committee Chair, discussed the scholarship requirements with the counselors and talked about the ever-increasing needs of financial assistance to local students. They also reviewed special circumstances, academic merit along with financial need.

The Founders Fund, Inc., founded in 1991, is a non-profit/tax-exempt charitable organization. Since its inception, over 600 students have been awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships. Last spring, 25 Collier County students were awarded \$8,000 scholarships for college and post high school education. The renewable scholarships have been given in the amount of \$2,000 each year to students maintaining a B average or better in their college studies. This year, scholarships will be increased to \$2,500 per year equaling a \$10,000 scholarship for new incoming students.

Collier County high schools participating in the Founders Fund scholarship program are: Barron Collier, Community School, Everglades, Golden Gate, Gulf Coast, Immokalee, Lely, Lorenzo Walker Institute, Naples High, Palmetto Ridge, and St. John Neumann.

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