



Fall 2018

NEWS & Views



The Founders Fund raises over \$640,000 for college scholarships

A new record was set as the Founders Fund raised over \$640,000 for college scholarships at the Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament and Banquet to benefit Collier County students. The two-day event was held at Club Pelican Bay with the banquet on April 9 and the golf tournament on April 10. Over 270 guests were in attendance for the banquet and nearly 200 participated in the golf tournament.

With the success of the fundraising event, more Collier County students will be receiving scholarships this coming year noted outgoing Founders Fund Board Chair, Rob McNaghten. Auctioneer Scott Robertson worked his magic during the 'Ask' which raised a record amount of \$188,000.



Penny Peck, Schuyler Peck, Sue McNaghten, Rob McNaghten

The event is the major fundraiser that has helped the Founders Fund grant over \$3.9 million dollars in scholarships to over 680 Collier County students which has a scholarship commitment of over \$250,000 annually.

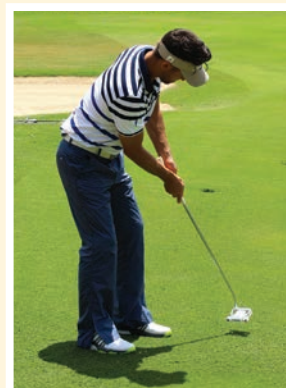
Since 1992, guests have enjoyed this event at Club Pelican Bay and this year marked the first year that the fundraiser and golf tournament were held on separate days.



Brennan Collins and KC Collins raise their bid paddles



Josie Gibson, Chef Joe, Clara Marks



Seth Fogelman putting

MESSAGE FROM 2018/2019 CHAIR

Adam Crescenzi



As I serve as Chairman of The Founders Fund Inc., I'm humbled and honored with the responsibility to continue to fulfill the mission and vision of past chairpersons and boards. Educating our children is imperative for our society, especially in our global competitive world. The financial expense of a college education or a professional career for Collier County High School graduates can prevent them from pursuing their dreams.

Through the foresight of Club Pelican Bay golf members, The Founders Fund, Inc. was established in 1991 to provide scholarship aid to employees of the Club and their children, and Collier County High School students pursuing a higher education or professional development. Even though we live in an area of high net worth, the average annual income for a family is below \$60,000. There are approximately 20,000 children attending 12 different high schools in Collier County and the financial need is great. If we had the resources, we could award scholarships to twice the number of students.

This past year we awarded 35 scholarships to students from ten Collier County high schools. Our scholarship recipients are attending 36 different colleges such as: American University, Bucknell, Columbia, Elon, FGCU, Florida State, Georgia Institute of Technology, Harvard, Tufts, Universities of Florida, Miami, and North Carolina.

Join us in helping our Collier County students realize their dream of higher education.

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Thank you to the Ed Brennan family

The first Golf Tournament and Banquet fundraiser was held in 1994 with Ed Brennan suggesting the event and serving as Chairman. That same year, Ed succeeded Rocky Caldwell as The Founders Fund Board Chairman. In 2000, the event was dedicated to Ed Brennan who passed in 1999 as the Brennan family made a substantial gift to The Founders Fund in his honor.

The Founders Fund is most grateful to Ed Brennan and his entire family.

Seated: Patti Brennan, Barbara Brennan

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The Founders Fund awarded \$340,000 in renewable scholarships to local students during their annual ice cream social held on April 26 at the Club. College scholarships were awarded to 34 Collier County students with each student receiving \$2,500 per year for up to four years so long as they maintain a 3.0 average.

One scholarship was awarded after the annual scholarship ceremony to Natalia Schultz, an employee of Club Pelican Bay. This additional scholarship brings the total to 35 students and \$350,000 in new scholarships.

Additional one-year scholarships, named the Thomas Davenport Scholarships, were given to three students who distinguished themselves by extraordinary achievements in the face of challenging circumstances. With the addition of this year's 35 students, the total number of students receiving Founders Fund scholarships this coming year will be 102. This year, the scholarship award amount was increased from \$2000 to \$2500 per year along with the number of students awarded scholarships increasing from an average of 25 each year to 35.

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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.