



The Founders Fund Inc.

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The Founders Fund holds 2019 High School Counselors Breakfast

(Naples, FL – January 18, 2019) The Founders Fund held its annual *High School Counselors Breakfast* on January 18 for Collier County school counselors at Club Pelican Bay. Several Founders Fund board members, along with nine 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.

Susan Brown and Meg Tyre, Founders Fund Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs, 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.

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.

The Founders Fund selects approximately 25 to 35 graduating students each spring from Collier County High Schools to receive scholarships based on their academic success and financial need. The \$10,000 scholarships are awarded \$2,500 per year as a renewable scholarship based on the student maintaining a B average. Currently, the Fund has 102 students receiving annual scholarships. Since its inception, The Founders Fund has granted over \$3.9 million dollars in scholarships to over 680 Collier County students and has a scholarship commitment of over \$250,000 annually.

For more information about scholarships, sponsorships or becoming a part of the organization, call 239-593-0124 or visit www.TheFoundersFundInc.org.

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