

Fall 2019

NEWS & Views



Mark Your Calendars - It's an EVENT year!

We hope you will join us this coming spring for our biennial fundraising EVENT. As you may remember, we have our Founders Scholarship Fund major fundraising golf event every other year and 2020 is the year! Mark your calendars and please plan to attend.

The Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament and Banquet will be held on Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31. The two-day event will begin with a cocktail reception and banquet on MONDAY evening – March 30 at Club Pelican Bay. The evening will also include a silent and live auction. There will be wide variety of luxury items plus, exciting trips and adventures to bid on.

The golf tournament will be held on TUESDAY - March 31 at Club Pelican Bay golf course with morning and afternoon rounds. A continental breakfast will be available before the morning round and a luncheon between rounds will be served.

Edward J. Brennan was a founding member of The Founders Scholarship Fund and served on its first Board. He and other board members organized their first golf tournament and banquet which was held in 1994. The event has been a tradition ever since and in 2000; the event was dedicated to Ed Brennan who passed in 1999. The Brennan family made a substantial gift to The Founders Scholarship Fund in his honor. The Brennan family continues to support the organization today.



The Ed Brennan Memorial **GOLF** Tournament & Banquet 2020



MESSAGE FROM 2019/2020 CHAIRPERSON Adam Crescenzi



I'm honored to be Chairing the Founders Scholarship Fund (FSF) during a fundraising EVENT year. We have a dedicated 19-member board who have stepped up to help make this event a success. You may remember that our 2018 event brought in over \$640,000 for scholarships and we hope to surpass that amount this coming year. Keep in mind that in the year 2000 a \$2500 scholarship grant in today's market requires \$3650. FSF needs to increase the dollar amount of scholarships in the coming years.

If you can increase your level of giving, we can increase the funded amount per student, and simultaneously more students will have the opportunity to receive scholarships. We hope you will be as excited about this year's event as we are. We want to help the next generation become the best they can be without accumulating huge college debt; we hope you will help us in our endeavors.

We're always in need of corporate sponsorships and auction items. If you can suggest a sponsor or know of a unique auction item, please let us know. More information will be mailed to you in the coming months

MISSION: The Founders Scholarship Fund of Club Pelican Bay has stayed true to its mission since 1991 — to provide financial assistance to young men and women from Collier County in their pursuit of post high school education and training. Over \$4 million dollars has been awarded to over 700 local students from Collier County (FL) high schools who have demonstrated both the need and the outstanding merit required to receive the scholarship award from The Founders Scholarship Fund.

Please visit the Founders Scholarship Fund website at:

foundersscholarshipfund.org

for a full list of our calendar of events.

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— SCHOLARSHIPS were AWARDED to 28 Collier County STUDENTS —

During our annual reception held on April 25 at Club Pelican Bay, college scholarships were awarded to 28 Collier County students by The Founders Scholarship Fund.

Each student was presented a renewable scholarship of \$2,500 per year for up to four years so long as they maintain a 3.0 average. Renewable scholarships amounting to \$280,000 were awarded during the annual reception which included the scholarship recipients and their families.



With the addition of this year's 28 students, the total number of students receiving scholarships is over 100. The commitment and annual budget needed to distribute scholarships is over \$250,000 each year. Funds needed to grant the scholarships are raised through a fundraising golf event held every other year, donations from Club members, and the generous support of local business sponsors. We appreciate every donation, large and small.



Susan Brown, Melanie Cabrera and Yeisy Gallo



*Ana Gabriela De Isasa Morales
enjoying the ice cream social at the
2019 Scholarship Reception*

Barron Collier High School: Sabrina Arie, Joel Mejia

Golden Gate High School: Melanie Cabrera, Ana Gabriela De Isasa Morales, Darla Menapole, Angel Tseng

Gulf Coast High School: Michelle Galacia, Mikeila Joseph, David Paul, Daniela Rincon-Garcia

Immokalee High School: German Brito-Diaz, Yesica Juarez, Fredlyn Pierre Louis, Noe Vega, Islande Victorin

Lely High School: Angel Barron, Sophonie Desvaristes, Sheebensh Yves Prophilien

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Naples High School: Ashlee Murray, Blake Novak, William Roberts, Axcell Vargas

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Sabrina Arie and Olga Placeres



Fredlyn Pierre Louis, Bob Tyre and Islande Victorin



Julio De Arma, Mayra De Armas and Julio De Armas



George Thomas, Ashlee Murray and Joan Thomas

A Glimpse at the Founders Scholarship Fund Event History

On March 20 and 21, 1994, the first Founders Fund Golf tournament, banquet and raffle event was held. Ed Brennan, who first suggested the idea, served as Co-Chairman along with Cheryl Cullen for the fundraiser. The membership of The CLUB rallied in enthusiastic support as plans for a two-day event took shape. Various committees were formed to manage the golf tournament, the banquet, the prizes and fundraising raffle.

Gordon Mackenzie, along with the help of Jack Shireling and Rocky Caldwell and many members of the CLUB, were able to amass an exceptional raffle prize list. Harriet Biondo and Jean Harford co-chaired the raffle committee that sold \$46,000 worth of tickets. Cheryl Cullen and Cordette Empson co-chaired the banquet arrangements.

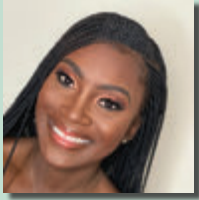
The 1994 fundraiser was a tremendous success and succeeded not only in raising a total of \$71,000 for the Fund but, most importantly bringing the CLUB's membership together as a family. A true "sense of Club" was established among the new membership. The combination of a golf tournament followed by a banquet and raffle that included luxury cars, accommodations at vacation resorts, both, domestic and international with travel included; this set the format for future years. (*The information was provided in part by Rocky Caldwell's minutes.*)



~ News from our Scholars! ~

We recently sent an email to students from our contact lists dating back to 2009. Not knowing if the emails were still active or not, we took a chance and were so surprised to have over 20 replies. Finding out where our alumni are today and what they have accomplished is very rewarding. We've included a few updates and will share more in other newsletters and on our website. We also have some very impressive students as you will see below.

MARJORIE ELDIRA



- Golden Gate High - 2009
- 2013 Graduate of Florida Atlantic University - Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Health Promotion with a minor in Health Administration.
- 2015 Graduate of Lynn University – Earned MBA in Sports and Athletics Administration and Marketing

I currently live in Naples and my married name is now Marjorie Eldira-Dieujuste. My husband and I have a business tagline: “We can help you get married, put you in your first home, and help you create a roadmap towards retirement.”

I am an Event Planner for my own business called “All Events Mode” with a focus on weddings, hosting and rentals, and in addition, the Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach and Head Junior Varsity Coach at Golden Gate High School. My husband Widlin Dieujuste is a Real Estate Agent and Financial Professional for World Financial Group. I moved back to Naples officially in the Fall of 2018 after living in Boca Raton for 8 years.

We have a non-profit called Just Use Some Temporary Energy (J.U.S.T.E. Inc) where we host an annual 5K (2020 will be our 6th Annual Walk/Run for Haiti 5K) to promote healthy living. The purpose of the run is to raise funds to continue aid to under-represented children through educational attainment and access. We have been able to assist schools locally and in Haiti with our annual mission trip every summer providing them with school supplies and backpacks.

My fun fact for the Founders Scholarship Fund: I graduated with both my Bachelor's and MBA debt FREE because of scholarships and Florida pre-paid. Thank you for all you do for Collier County students.

CARSON BRIAL



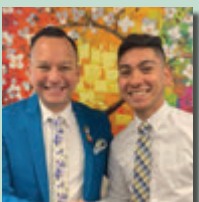
- Barron Collier - 2013
- 2018 Georgia Tech Graduate
- Currently an Ensign in the United States Navy



Carson was in our last Founders Fund video and we wanted to give you his update:

The photo of me next to the airplane was after I completed my first “solo” flight. It was the end of my Introductory Flight Screening (IFS) program where I trained with a civilian instructor. The photo in the green flight suit was at the end of Aviation Preflight Indoctrination (API). This was 6 weeks of very condensed academics related to flying and aviation. I earned my flight suit which I now wear to work every day. I have moved to Corpus Christi, TX where I am in my next phase of training. I finished ground school and will now begin flying simulators. Hopefully, I will be flying with instructors in my first Navy aircraft, the T-6B Texan, by December. (*Ensign is a rank in the Navy. It is an O-1, the equivalent of a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army/Marine Corps/Air Force.*)

ADRIAN ATILES



- Palmetto Ridge High – 2018
- Currently attending FSU

I'm a second-year student at Florida State University studying Political Science and I'm currently interning with Florida Representative Carlos Guillermo-Smith from District 49. Last year, I also joined Florida State's Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society Chapter as a first-year student with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Thank you for the opportunity! I really appreciate my scholarship.



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ED BRENNAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & BANQUET

March 30 & 31, 2020
at Club Pelican Bay

Dinner/Banquet will be held in the Club Dining Room
at 6:00 PM on March 30
Golf Tournament will be held on March 31

Sponsorship opportunities are available
and auction items are welcomed.

CALL OR EMAIL US TODAY!