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Greetings!

I hope this message finds you well, and that you're enjoying the summer.

Recently, we received a wonderful letter from Luis Brandao, one of our 2021 scholarship recipients. I was excited to read the letter and called Luis to learn about his story.

Luis's family immigrated to Naples from the Republic of Cabo Verde (Africa) when he was six years old. He only spoke Creole and had to learn English to progress in school. And progress he did. At Golden Gate High School he took advanced placement courses and participated in the National Academy Foundation engineering program.

Luis graduated this year from Florida Gulf Coast University. He's on track to become a Civil Engineer. In a few years, Luis hopes to pursue master's and doctorate degrees. He aspires to become a Professor of Engineering because he enjoys teaching and mentoring others.

[CLICK HERE to Read the Letter from Luis](#)

Luis Brandao is just one example of the hundreds of students Founders Scholarship Fund has been able to assist, thanks to the generosity of you and other Club Pelican Bay members.

Currently, over 120 students are receiving a scholarship of \$6,000 per year (\$24,000 total), enabling them to pursue their dream of a better future.

Helping these students depends on support from all of us, every year. I'm confident that you'll answer this call and join me in donating now.

Thank you,

Michael Balgord
Board Chair

Please mark your calendars for our 2026 event:
Ed Brennan Memorial Banquet & Golf Tournament
April 13-14, 2026

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Founders Scholarship Fund
707 Gulf Park Drive
Naples FL 34108

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For over 30 years, Founders Scholarship Fund of Club Pelican Bay has stayed true to its mission — to provide financial assistance to young people from Collier County in their pursuit of post high school education and training.

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