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Board of Trustees Transitions



As of May 1, 2026, Founders Scholarship Fund will welcome three new members to its Board of Trustees. FSF welcomes Leo Brooks, Norm Cantin, and Kim Glavin. Your willingness to support this meaningful foundation is greatly appreciated.

Also, a heartfelt *Thank You* to outgoing Board members Rich Gale, Donna Issenman, and Ted Swan. Your contributions have helped shape Founders Scholarship Fund recent successes, and the lives of many local students.

All members of the volunteer board are Club Pelican Bay members and commit to a three-year term. If you are interested in getting involved in Founders Scholarship Fund, please contact Michael Balgord mrbalgord@gmail.com, or Sue Jerovsek jerovseks@gmail.com.

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Attendees at the Ed Brennan Memorial Banquet and Golf Tournament enjoyed bidding, great food, and camaraderie. One of the highlights of the evening was a video featuring recent Founders Fund Scholarship graduates and their Club Pelican Bay mentors. Former Club Pelican Bay employee Donna Taylor was among those interviewed. Donna attended the event and shared her story in person. Many CPB members knew Donna when she was the smiling face at the walk-up window. But very few knew her shocking story.

A special thank you to Karen Pulte, Meryl Mann, and Schuyler Peck for sharing their compelling mentorship stories in this video. Learning more about their students' successes, and their place in our community, reinforces why Founders Scholarship Fund remains relevant and impactful.

This year, Madeline Eberhard produced the video that played during the banquet. She is the daughter of former Club Pelican Bay member David Eberhard. Madeline was new to the event team this year, and Founders Scholarship Fund is very grateful for her creative talents!

Club Pelican Bay management, event staff, and Pro Shop staff also deserve recognition for making this event one of the best yet! We also greatly appreciate Ryan Shaw for his support, and Aga Edwards for sharing her creative talents.

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To be eligible for the scholarship, students had to qualify both financially and scholastically. Each qualified applicant was interviewed by a team representing Founders Scholarship Fund. The interview teams were made up primarily of FSF board trustees and mentors. All the interviewers then met to decide which of the students would be awarded scholarships.

Students and their families attended an award ceremony at Club Pelican Bay on April 30. Stacy Lee Williams, Fund Director, and Karen Hindman, Board Trustee, recognized each recipient individually and presented their scholarship certificate.

Each scholarship recipient is eligible for \$6,000 per year for four years, as long as they maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. There are currently 110 students receiving FSF scholarships.

This class includes future architects, business and financial professionals, educators, engineers, medical practitioners, and many others who will shape the future of Collier County. Quite a few students plan to stay in south Florida and attend FGCU, Florida SouthWestern State College, and Florida State University. Others are enrolled in out of state schools including University of Alabama, Georgia State University, and University of Pennsylvania.

The four scholarship recipients from Club Pelican Bay are:

- Adam Edwards (son of Aga Edwards)

- Sarah Lopez (daughter of Juan Lopez)
- Jossimar Reyes Barrios (son of Hugo Reyes)
- Yazmin Salazar (daughter of Leticia Salazar)

The remaining 36 students recently graduated from nine high schools across Collier County. [View the complete list here.](#)

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