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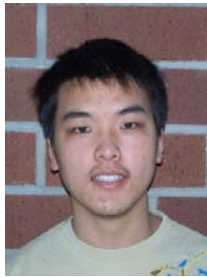
This is a monthly newsletter to keep you updated on projects and initiatives of the Pinellas Education Foundation. Please forward this to anyone you feel would be interested in learning more about the Pinellas Education Foundation.



Happy Holidays!

The board of directors and staff of the Pinellas Education Foundation wish you a joyous holiday season and our best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Meet Two Outstanding Doorways Scholars from the Class of 2009

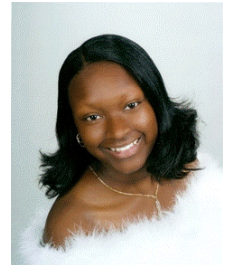


"Thank you sponsor, it is an honor to be a member of the Doorways Scholarship Program. Doorways has been a great help during my high school years. It offers me a mentor, less stress during high school, and an opportunity to attend college. But none of this would be possible if it weren't for sponsors like you."

~Long Chen, Senior at Gibbs High

"Since I was a young child, I always knew I wanted to do something worthwhile with my life, and with your help it will be possible. I appreciate just the thought of knowing someone who doesn't know me personally, but has faith in me, is part of my drive to not only follow, but to chase my dreams!"

~Jamara Forbes, Senior at Palm Harbor University High



Record Number of Scholarship Applications

Call it a sign of the times or call it a renewed interest in college and career education, but the class of 2009 broke all records this year in applying for Pinellas Education Foundation Scholarships. More than 2100 graduating seniors participated in the scholarship application process by visiting the Pinellas Education Foundation web site before the December 12 deadline and a record 1502 students completed applications for the 172 scholarships that are available. The selection process will begin after the holidays and students awarded scholarships by the various selection committees will be notified by mail during the spring.

Building Owners and Managers Give to Career Education

Since 1992, the Building Owners and Managers Association of Tampa Bay (BOMA) has supported the work of the Pinellas Education Foundation by hosting an annual golf tournament to benefit education throughout Tampa Bay. This year's tournament yielded a contribution to the Pinellas Education Foundation of \$3,000, bringing their total gifts since 1992 to more than \$47,000 to support the Frances Stavros Career Education Scholarship Program at pTEC. Thank you to BOMA and all of your generous members for all you do for career education in Pinellas County!

Seniors & Scholars Party for the Holidays

The Seniors & Scholars Program held their annual Holiday breakfast on December 10 in the Lighthouse Conference Center at the Gus A. Stavros Institute. Seniors were treated to a delightful holiday show presented by the Largo High School Madrigal Singers. Our heartfelt thanks to Mr. William Renfro, Co-Choral Director at Largo High School and the Madrigal Singers for starting our Holiday season off to a great start.

Mark your calendars for the Seniors Health Expo scheduled for March 6. The expo will be at the Gus A. Stavros Institute from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be entertainment, vendor booths, prize drawings, free screenings, good food, and lots of fun.

The Pinellas Education Foundation has planned a fundraising cruise aboard the Carnival Inspiration, sailing out of Tampa, January 11, 2010. The cruise goes to Grand Cayman, and Cozumel and will include a Welcome Aboard Private Cocktail Party, Farewell Private Cocktail Party, \$50 ship board credit per cabin, tote bag, and much more. We are taking a deposit of \$50 per person to hold your reservation now. A percentage of the cruise fees will be donated to the Pinellas Education Foundation. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Ginger Herring at 727-588-4816 ext. 2119 or herringg@pinellaseducation.org.

“Fifty / Fifty for Fall” at the TradeWinds

Are you ready to enjoy a tropical getaway that's not so far away? The TradeWinds Island Resorts is giving you fabulous beach vacation savings while helping the Pinellas Education Foundation. **Stay between now and December 26, 2008 and you save 50% off room rates and the TradeWinds will donate \$50 to the Pinellas Education Foundation!**



It's a great time of year to get pampered with personal service, sand-in-your-toes beach bars, or just stroll a white sandy beach and enjoy a glorious sunset. Whether it's an active and family-friendly stay with tons of fun in the sun and kids activities galore, or the more relaxed escape with the tranquil setting for adults, you choose and TradeWinds will deliver!

Just visit www.PinellasEducation.org and follow the TradeWinds link. Book now while availability lasts!

Visit Us and Learn How You Can Change a Life

The Pinellas Education Foundation changes lives through learning by supporting the following programs:

- Enterprise Village & Finance Park promoting free enterprise and financial education for 5th and 8th graders
- Doorways scholarships & mentoring opportunities for financially deserving students
- Frances Stavros Career Education Fund opportunities & the Jacobson Culinary Arts Academy
- College-bound scholarships for graduating high school seniors
- Pinellas County Outstanding Educator of the Year honoring the profession of teaching
- Teacher classroom grants that inspire innovative projects
- Walker's Rising Stars competition featuring talented high school students in the Arts
- Seniors & Scholars breakfast series and events benefiting our 55+ population

We offer one-hour informational sessions to help educate members of the community about the Pinellas Education Foundation and how our programs impact the teachers and students in Pinellas County public schools. These one hour educational sessions include a tour of our world-renowned program Enterprise Village. Won't you join us?

For information on session dates and times, or to schedule a session, contact Marilyn Browne at 727-522-4816 ext. 2112 or brownem@pinellaseducation.org.

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