

Generosity in Action

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Join in celebrating and supporting 71 scholarship recipients at the New Haven Schools Foundation's Third Annual Scholarship Luncheon. The NHSF Board of Directors requests the community's attendance, Friday, April 23, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, in Union City.

This vibrant foundation is perpetually ready for local community involvement. Volunteer opportunities are varied and donations are always welcome. "The New Haven Schools Foundation invests in local students by raising money through sponsors for scholarships. The need for scholarship funds is greater this year than ever before because of these very tough economic times," according to Barbara Aro-Valle, Executive Director of the NHSF. "The scholarships and the recognition of the students at the luncheon help to give each of our students a great start in their dream to achieve a college education."

The Pathway to Success Scholarship Program is responsible for the scholarships. This year, 71 students were chosen from 800 applicants. The total of scholarships given will be \$55,000, with award amounts ranging from \$300 to \$2500. Scholarships help students attend community colleges, trade schools, and four-year colleges. Funds and donations collected for scholarships

The application process is rather rigorous. To win one of the scholarships, the student submits an application, two letters of recommendation, and a personal letter explaining his/her need. Students must meet the criteria for their particular scholarship, as these vary. Proof of college admission must be submitted from June 1, 2010 to February 11, 2011, before funds can be released.

The agenda for the April 23rd program consists of two parts: a luncheon and awards presentation. For the luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, the

to promote interaction among them as it has proven beneficial for the donors to know the students.

Then, the lineup of scholarship winners will be introduced by the two presenters, Superintendent of Alameda County Office of Education, Sheila Jordan and Superintendent of New Haven Unified School District, Kari McVeigh.

An extra-added attraction is the presentation of the NHSF's second annual Guy Emanuele Community Service Award. The recipient will be an individual who has contributed significantly to



Photo of last year's (2009) New Haven Foundation Scholarship recipients

are restricted monies and do not belong to the Foundation. Companies and individuals set up their scholarships through NHSF so these donations are tax deductible.

Foundation covers the luncheon costs for the students and parents or guardians.

Seating is arranged so each student and parent or guardian is seated with the donor of his scholarship. The purpose is

the foundation or to the New Haven Unified educational community.

The \$75 fee for the luncheon covers the expense of the lunches for the students and parents or guardians. Any

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monies remaining go into the Foundation's General Fund to defray operating expenses and program costs.

Three more NHSF financial assistance programs are as follows:

"Innovations in Education" donates funds directly to classrooms for special activities, which augment and boost learning. Often teachers pay for these out of their own pockets.

"The Virginia Swihart Memorial Fund" honors the memory of a longtime district principal and administrator. It helps support new teachers.

"Project Enrichment" aids teachers, coaches, advisors, and others who provide co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

The community is welcome to attend the Awards Luncheon and witness the beginning of youthful dreams.

**New Haven Schools Foundation
Scholarship Luncheon
Friday, April 23
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel
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Union City
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**Reservations preferred by April 16
\$75 per person**
