

# *Making a* DIFFERENCE

A newsletter for friends and donors of Cumberland County Campus Educational Foundation

Spring 2024

## Support Our School Counts! Scholarship Campaign

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# MEET OUR FOUNDATION

## FOUNDATION BOARD OFFICERS



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## Upcoming Foundation Events



**Earth Day Celebration**  
April 22, 2024



**School Counts! Recognition**  
April 23, 2024



**School Counts! Golf Classic**  
June 6, 2024



**Foundation Scholarship Reception**  
September 2024



**Designer Handbag Bingo**  
September 2024



**One Book Program**  
October 2024

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# School Counts! Scholarship Reception

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The Cumberland Campus Foundation held a *School Counts!* Scholarship reception on March 7 for students currently enrolled in the *School Counts!* Scholarship Program. These students have been in the *School Counts!* Scholarship program since their freshman year of high school and have successfully earned a *School Counts!* certificate every year thereafter. Students can use the certificates as evidence of a professional-level work ethic when applying for jobs. The *School Counts!* Scholarship is a county-wide program in 9 high schools and has now been extended to school choice high schools and expanded to Career and Technical Education programs. For more information about the program, visit: <https://cumberlandfoundation.org/school-counts/>



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Mr. Bob DeSanto, Foundation Chairman, and Dr. Maria LeBlanc, Foundation Executive Director, congratulate *School Counts!* Scholarship recipients

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# Upcoming Foundation Fundraisers

## SCHOOL *counts!*

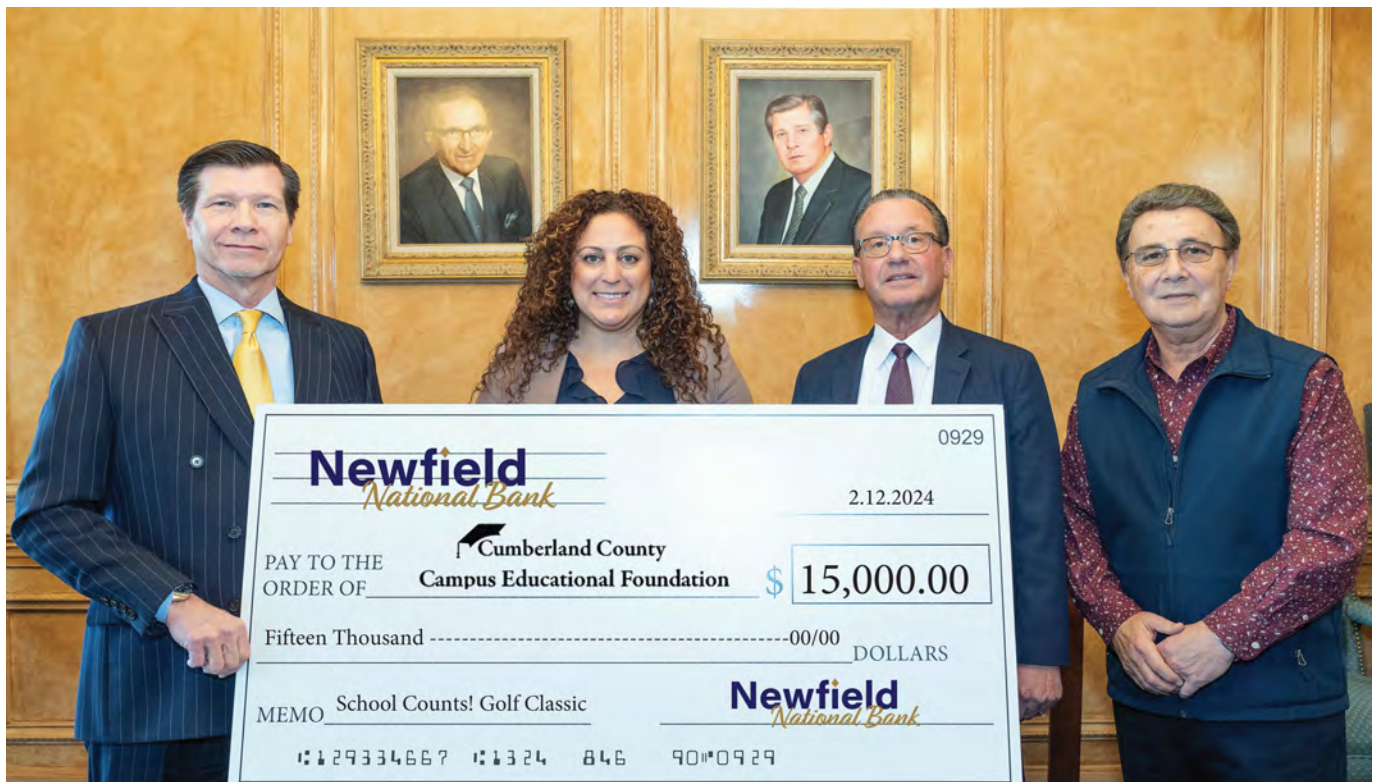
### GOLF CLASSIC

Thursday, June 6, 2024

***SAVE the DATE!***

Renault Winery  
72 North Bremen Ave.  
Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215

#### Newfield National Bank Gifts \$15,000 to *School Counts!* Scholarship Program



Pictured (left to right): Mr. John Borelli, President; Dr. Maria LeBlanc, Executive Director  
Foundation; Mr. Pete Capizola, Vice President; Mr. Bob DeSanto, Foundation Chairman



# Foundation Sponsored Programs and Events

## Designer Handbag Bingo Benefits ACT Program and Cumberland Dukes Athletics

On February 2, the Cumberland County Campus Educational Foundation (CCCEF) hosted its 7th Designer Handbag Bingo. Over 300 bingo players, sponsors, and volunteers participated in a SOLD OUT event to benefit Cumberland Athletics and ACT Program students. Save the date for our next Bingo to be held on Friday, September 20!



Thank you to all our sponsors, volunteers, and bingo players for making our 7th Designer Handbag Bingo a success. The event raised \$15,000 to assist Cumberland Campus Athletics Programs and Adult Center in Transition Program students.

### Diamond Sponsors

- Kejzman Hospitality & Realty
- Bob DeSanto, Foundation Chairman
- Robert Penza, RAP Performance
- Donna & George Perez
- Mark & Sandy D'Onofrio, Foundation Board Member

### Couture Sponsors

- Sir Speedy of Vineland
- The Flower Shoppe
- Dr. Shelly Schneider, Foundation Board Member
- Sherry Kejzman Soutierre, Foundation Board Member

### Table Sponsors

- Charles Schwab
- The Daily Journal
- Shore Guys Heating & Air
- Surfside Cleaning
- Atlantic Cape Fisheries, Inc
- The Grennon Party
- The Baxter Party
- The Johnson Party
- The Maven Party
- The Middleton Party

### Basket Sponsors

- Dondero's Jewelry
- Larry's II
- Kejzman Hospitality & Realty
- Wheaton Arts
- The Green Olive II
- Cedar Rose Vineyards
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- Arthur Horn - Breaking the Bondage, LLC
- Lily Kejzman, Foundation Board Member
- Sandra Weber, EA Tax Preparation & Bookkeeping Services
- RCSJ Cumberland Athletics - Golf
- Sherry Kejzman Soutierre, Foundation Board Member
- RCSJ A.C.T Program
- RCSJ Cumberland Military Services
- Bridor
- Amigo's Bakery
- Kaycee Ray's
- Dr. Maria LeBlanc, Executive Director of Foundation
- Merighi's Savoy Inn
- RCSJ Cumberland Barnes & Noble
- The Balance Center
- Frank Piccioni, Executive Director, Collegiate High School
- RCSJ Cumberland Recruitment
- Arc International
- RCSJ Laz Vias/Adelante Juntos



Cumberland Foundation Executive Director, Dr. Maria LeBlanc, gifts bingo proceeds to Dukes Athletics and ACT Program



*Save the Date!*  
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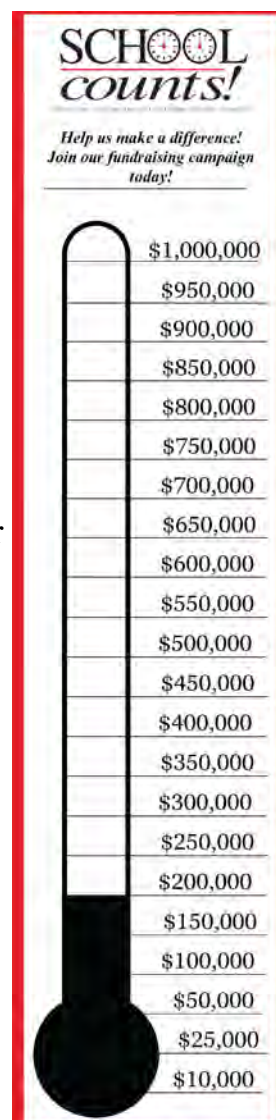


*School Counts!* stands for everything that's right in our community — being positive, believing in each other, and making a difference. That's why we are very excited to announce the launch of a new fundraising campaign to ensure the lasting legacy of this program. This is our call to action throughout the community that will help to ensure that we will be doing our part to make life better in Cumberland County. The Foundation views the *School Counts!* program as a vital, county-wide program that will enrich the quality of life in our region by making higher education more accessible to our residents.

The *School Counts!* Scholarship Program has expanded to qualifying students who are in the Career & Technical Education (CTE) non-credit certificate programs for Cumberland residents. The *School Counts!* CTE Scholarship is a \$500 reimbursable scholarship students can apply for when registering for a non-credit certificate program.

With your help, we can continue to provide *School Counts!* scholarships for our Cumberland residents. Join us in this campaign to increase awareness and make education more accessible for Cumberland County. For more information about the *School Counts!* Program visit:  
<https://cumberlandfoundation.org/school-counts/>

**SCHOOL counts!**  
**Program  
Funding  
Raised so Far!**



*School Counts!* Scholarship students on track to receive their scholarship.





# Foundation Sponsored Programs and Events

## Community Garden Event

The annual Cumberland Foundation Community Garden Event will be held on Monday, April 22 at 11 a.m. in the Cumberland Campus Courtyard. Attendees will participate in planting herbs and flowers in the community garden named donor spaces in celebration of Earth Day. At the conclusion of the program, guests will tour the Cumberland Campus greenhouse and view plants from the Philadelphia flower show.



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**The Foundation supports a variety of programs and scholarships for Cumberland Campus students!**

**Join Us in Making a Difference!**



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**SCHOOL counts! and Donor Scholarships**

- \$500,000+ Annually
- Hispanic Advisory Board Scholarship \$90,000+ Since 2017
- Educational Garden \$10,000
- Adult Center for Transition Program Scholarships \$10,000+ Annually
- Arts & Innovation Center Clay College Kilns \$9,000
- One Book Program \$8,300+ Annually
- Military Veterans Scholarships \$5,000
- Brush-Up Courses Scholarships \$4,875
- Food Pantry \$3,700
- Student Lab Kits \$2,800+
- Zen Den Study Space \$1,434
- Bus Passes \$1,100+

For more information on ways of giving,  
<https://cumberlandfoundation.org/ways-of-giving/>

Make Gifts Payable to  
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You're invited to the

## Community Garden Event



Monday, April 22nd, 2024  
11:00am

RCSJ Cumberland Campus Courtyard  
3322 College Drive  
Vineland, NJ 08360

Free to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

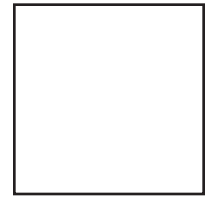
RSVP by April 15th to  
Cumberland County Campus Educational Foundation at  
[www.cumberlandfoundation.org/events1/](http://www.cumberlandfoundation.org/events1/)

## National Society of Leadership and Success Induction Ceremony Spring 2024

The National Society of Leadership and Success Induction Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Luciano Conference Center, Banquet Room C107 A. Students will be honored for their participation in a mentoring and leadership training program throughout the academic year.



Student inductees 2023 academic year.



*Thank you* to everyone who made this season memorable!

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