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A newsletter for friends and donors of Cumberland County Campus Educational Foundation Spring 2025

School Counts! Program Scholarship Reception



SchoolCounts! Scholarship recipients celebrate 25th anniversary at the annual scholarship reception with Cumberland County Campus Educational Foundation (CCCEF) Board of Directors: Bob DeSanto, Chair, Dr. Christine Ward Garrison, Vice Chair; Dr. Mary Gruccio, Secretary; Dr. Shelly Schneider; Mark D'Onofrio; Lilly Kejzman; Sherry Kejzman Soutiere; Dr. Keith Figgs; Sharon Daiuto Baxter; Dr. Jacqueline Galbiati, Antonio Mancini, Dr. Maria LeBlanc, Executive Director, Cumberland County Campus Educational Foundation

On Tuesday, March 11th 2025, the Cumberland County Campus Educational Foundation (CCCEF) held its *School Counts!* Scholarship Program reception honoring nearly 150 students for their honorable accomplishments from nine participating county high schools and two school choice schools.

The *SchoolCounts!* scholarship was created by the Cumberland County College Foundation, now Cumberland County Campus Educational Foundation, in the year 2000. The scholarship program provides Cumberland residents with tuition and some fees paid to attend RCSJ. The Cumberland Campus Foundation Board of Directors had the foresight to see the power this program has had for 25 years. Since the inception of the program, over 3,500 students have been awarded the *SchoolCounts!* Scholarship and over 400 businesses participate in *SchoolCounts!* events and fundraisers each year.

By achieving the *SchoolCounts!* benchmarks, the students demonstrate that they are reliable, do quality work, do more than expected, and finish what they start. The concept is that if students demonstrate the four characteristics of attendance, rigor, quality and persistence, they will earn a certificate each year of high school and be awarded a *SchoolCounts!* Scholarship. Cumberland students who earn all four certificates indicate they have the academics and job skills needed to be successful.



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Upcoming Foundation Events



Foundation Scholarship Reception
May 20, 2025



School Counts! Golf Classic
June 5, 2025



Designer Handbag Bingo Fundraiser
September 26, 2025



School Counts! Scholarship Ceremony
March 2026



School Counts! Fundraiser
April 2026



School Counts! Recognition Ceremony
April 2026

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Upcoming Foundation Fundraisers

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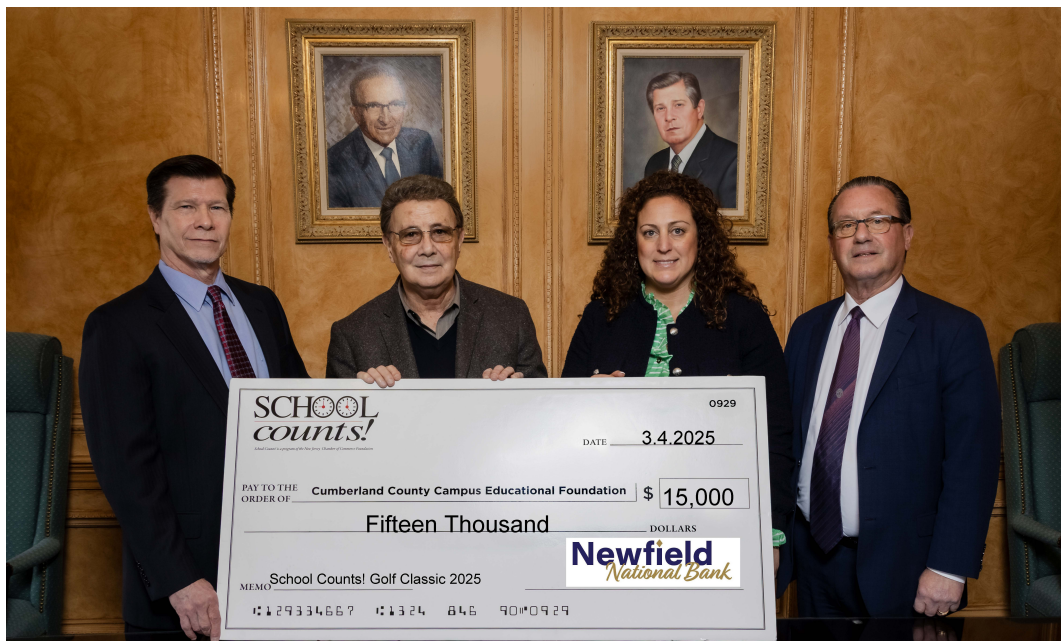
Save the Date! *School Counts!* GOLF CLASSIC Thursday, June 5, 2025

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



Presenting Sponsor
Newfield
National Bank

Newfield National Bank Donates to *SchoolCounts!* Scholarship Program



Pictured left to right: Mr. John Borelli, President, Newfield National Bank; Mr. Bob DeSanto, Chairman, Cumberland County Campus Educational Foundation; Dr. Maria LeBlanc, Executive Director, Cumberland County Campus Educational Foundation; Mr. Pete Capizola, Vice President, Newfield National Bank

Foundation Sponsored Programs and Events

Designer Handbag Bingo Fundraiser



The Cumberland Campus Foundation hosted its 10th designer handbag bingo on Friday, February 7th to support scholarships and programs for Cumberland students. There were nearly 250 bingo players and volunteers in attendance for another enjoyable, successful event. The event raised nearly \$15,000 to assist RCSJ Cumberland Campus students. Thank you to our sponsors who helped make this possible!

Thank You!

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- Mark & Sandy D'Onofrio, Foundation Board
- Dr. Jill Mortensen, Foundation Board

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- The Slade Party

Basket Sponsors

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- Dr. Maria LeBlanc, Executive Director of Foundation
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- Arc International

Basket Sponsors

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- Sephora
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- The Green Olive II

Basket Sponsors

- Planet Fitness Millville
- The Daily Journal
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- Glasstown Brewery
- F.A.C.E. AFT Local 6619

For more information on how you can help make a difference in the lives of Cumberland students, visit www.cumberlandfoundation.org

Save the Date!
Our next Bingo is Friday, September 26th, 2025! Millville Elks Lodge, 6pm



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Save the Date!



Designer Bag Bingo

Friday, September 26, 2025
Millville Elks Lodge #580
1815 E Broad St. Millville,
NJ 08332

Doors Open at 6p.m.

The proceeds from this event will benefit the Educational Assistance Fund which helps students in need pay for tuition, books, lab kits, bus passes, technology, and other educational materials for Cumberland County residents.




Foundation Sponsored Programs and Events

Gift of Success Scholarship Program

The Cumberland County Campus Educational Foundation funded 55 high school students through the Gift of Success Program. The program assists high school students with access to a college level course including books while in high school. With this opportunity, students gained the experience necessary to decide on a college education in the future. The local high schools who participate in the program are Millville High School, A. P. Schalick High School, Bridgeton High School, and Cumberland Regional High School.



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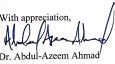
Maria LeBlanc, Ed.D.
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Dear Cumberland County Campus Educational Foundation,

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff at Bridgeton High School, I am writing to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous support in providing Gift of Success scholarship awards to our students. Your commitment to education and investment in our students' future is truly commendable and greatly appreciated.

The scholarships awarded by your foundation are making a significance difference, and we couldn't be more grateful. These awards not only alleviate the financial burden of pursuing higher education, but also serve as a motivation for our students to strive for academic excellence and personal growth.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and believing in the potential of our students. Your contributions are making a lasting difference in their lives and in the future of our community.

With appreciation,

 Dr. Abdul-Azeem Ahmad
 Bridgeton High School

 **Arthur P. Schalick High School - Home of the Cougars**
 Growing all learners to thrive since 1976


Vivian DeBalis Trembley, Principal, ext. 4103
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January 22, 2025


Maria LeBlanc, Ed.D.
 Executive Director
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Dear Dr. LeBlanc,

On behalf of Arthur P. Schalick High School, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the generous scholarship that allowed our students to take a college class at no cost. This opportunity will have a significant impact on their academic journey, and we are deeply appreciative of your foundation's investment in our students and their education. Thanks to your support, our students will not only expand their knowledge and skills, but they will also increase their self-confidence in their ability to succeed in higher education. The RCSJ staff (Frank Piccioni and Rebecca Veza) have been invaluable resources to our students and their families! Again, thank you for your investment and commitment to nurturing our future leaders of tomorrow.

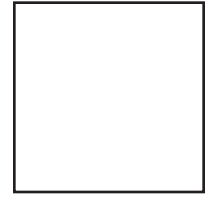
Sincerely,

 Vivian DeBalis Trembley
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<http://schalick.pittsgrove.net/>



Dear Maria LeBlanc & the Educational Foundation,

Millville High School would like to thank you on behalf of all the students that received scholarships. Your generosity & passion for education is appreciated. Thank you,
 Wendy McKenzie



Thank you to everyone who made this season memorable!

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