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we are creating opportunities,
supporting students, and
strengthening the future of
Cumberland County.



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Upcoming Foundation Events



Designer Handbag Bingo
February 5, 2027



School Counts!
Scholarship Reception
March 10, 2027



Foundation Scholarship
Reception
May 6, 2027



School Counts! Golf
Classic
June 3, 2027



Queens of the Greens
Ladies Golf Tournament
September 16, 2027

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Inaugural QUEENS of the GREENS GOLF TOURNAMENT 2026

PLAY TODAY. BRIGHTER TOMORROWS.



Thank You TO OUR SPONSORS

FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY

The Cumberland County Education Foundation extends its sincere appreciation to our sponsors, golfers, volunteers, and guests who helped make the inaugural Queens of the Greens Golf Tournament a tremendous success.

Held on September 10, 2026 at the Running Deer Golf Club in Pittsgrove, NJ, the event was enjoyed by more than 100 golfers, dinner guests, volunteers and sponsors! Through the generosity of our participants and sponsors, Cumberland students benefit from scholarship opportunities for colleges and universities in the state of New Jersey. The Foundation provides over \$600,000 in scholarships and program support each year to Cumberland residents.

The Cumberland County Education Foundation thanks all of the sponsors!

Inaugural Queens of the Greens 2026

1st Place Team

Greta Ambrose-Evans, Megan Finch-Weldon, Evie Rodriguez, Cyndy Wilks



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PRESENTS THE 2ND

Queens of the Greens

GOLF • FRIENDSHIPS • BRIGHTER FUTURES

Save the Date!

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16, 2027**

RUNNING DEER
GOLF CLUB

Designer Handbag Bingo Thank You! ♥

The Cumberland County Education Foundation hosted its 13th Designer Handbag Bingo Event on October 2. The event raised nearly **\$10,000** for scholarships to Cumberland residents. Thank you to all our sponsors, bingo players, and volunteers for making this event successful twice a year!

Basket and Table Sponsors

- ♥ Dondero's Jewelry
- ♥ Wheaton Arts
- ♥ RCSJ A.C.T Program
- ♥ Dr. Maria LeBlanc, Executive Director of Foundation
- ♥ Arc International
- ♥ The Flower Shoppe
- ♥ Clay College
- ♥ Foundation Board Members
- ♥ Kellie Slade
- ♥ Sharon Daiuto Baxter
- ♥ Jami Fehrenbacher

Diamond Sponsors

- ◆ Cumberland Workforce & Economic Development
- ◆ Mark & Sandy D'Onofrio, Foundation Board Member
- ◆ Bob DeSanto, Foundation Chairman

Couture Sponsors

- ◆ Sherry Kejzman Soutiere, Foundation Board Member
- ◆ Dr. Shelly Schneider, Foundation Board Member

Boutique Sponsors

- ◆ Sir Speedy of Vineland

*Thank you for
investing in brighter futures!* ♥



♥ Bingo players enjoyed a fun evening of friendship and support for Cumberland County residents in education!



Save the Date!

Our next Bingo is ! !
Friday, February 5th, 2027!
Millville Elks Lodge, 6pm

Our School Counts! Legacy

School Counts! stands for everything right in the community—being positive, believing in each other, and making a difference. With your help, we can continue to provide School Counts! Scholarships for our students, but we need your support.



Ways of Giving



Message from the Executive Director

As the Executive Director of the Cumberland County Education Foundation for nearly 10 years, the programs supported by the Foundation continue to thrive. A vital program of the Foundation is the **School Counts!** county wide scholarship program. It's currently celebrating its 26th year, and is a driving force for county high school students to obtain a college education.



The Cumberland County Education Foundation provides nearly \$600,000 in scholarships and program support for nearly 400 Cumberland County residents each year. With over 200 individual scholarships awarded each year along with nearly 150 **School Counts!** scholarship students, the Foundation truly makes a mark in delivering educational opportunities to Cumberland County residents. To learn more about the many programs of the Foundation Visit:

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Foundation News
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Join us in making a difference in education for Cumberland residents.



Supporting Cumberland County residents by helping

- 01** College students from Cumberland County get aid to cover educational expenses, such as tuition, books, and fees to advance college attainment.
- 02** High school students from Cumberland County get aid to cover educational expenses, such as tuition, books, fees and technology to advance college readiness.
- 03** Assist with education programs throughout Cumberland County:
 - School Counts!
 - Gift of Success
 - Clay College
 - Life Happens Fund
 - Academic Programs



Foundation Board of Directors

Foundation Board of Directors pictured left to right: Dr. Keith Figgs, Donna Carolla, Antonio Mancini, Sherry Kezman Soutiere, Debbie Morton, Sharon Baxter, Mark D'Onofrio, Dr. Shelly Schneider, Dr. Jill Mortensen, Dr. Thomas Isekenegbe, Gary Galloway, Anthony Carter, Dr. Maria LeBlanc. Executive Team Seated left to right Lilly Kezman, Past Chair, Bob DeSanto, Chair, Dr. Christine Ward Garrison, Vice Chair, Dr. Mary Grucio, Secretary (not pictured) David Hemple, Treasurer, Nick Fiocchi.

Join Our Community Foundation

Cumberland County Education Foundation raises funds to help students achieve their dreams. Whether they are first-generation college students or mothers returning to work after a maternity break, we want to impact lives and make a difference for Cumberland County residents.

Scan QR code to help make a difference!



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN EDUCATION



2025-2026
IMPACT

Education Program Support

\$100,000+

Students Awarded

400+



Scholarships/Grants

\$500,000+



Our Mission

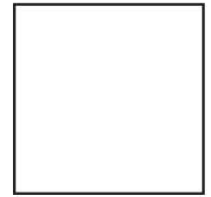
The Cumberland County Education Foundation is committed to supporting Cumberland County residents attending public universities and colleges in New Jersey by providing scholarships and funding academic programs.

Providing Scholarships and Program Funding for Students Since 1967.

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FOUNDATION FUNDRAISERS

FUN EVENTS. BIGGER OPPORTUNITIES.

*Together
We Can Do More*



Designer Handbag Bingo

A fun-filled evening
of designer bags, raffles
and community support.

FEBRUARY 5, 2027



School Counts! Scholarship Reception

Celebrating student
achievement and
the power of education.

MARCH 10, 2027



School Counts! Golf Classic

A day on the greens
for a brighter tomorrow.

JUNE 3, 2027



Queens of the Greens Ladies Golf Tournament

Women supporting
education through
friendship and philanthropy.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2027

"Thank You"

TO OUR SPONSORS, DONORS
AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Your support makes these events possible!



Thank you

*to everyone who made
this season memorable!*

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OUR 2025-2026 IMPACT



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Awarded

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Scholarships/
Grants

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Our Mission

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