



# SOUTH PLAINFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

...*BECAUSE THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON OUR CHILDREN*

The South Plainfield Education Foundation is proud to present our newsletter to the community of South Plainfield. The South Plainfield Education Foundation has been in existence since 1994. We are comprised of a board of 15 trustees and several associate members. Our goal is to provide academic incentives to the students of South Plainfield. We are able to do this with our many fund-raisers throughout the year. We will have our telethon during the week of November 30th. We would like to ask for your help with this fund-raiser. This has become our most important fund-raiser each year. With these funds, we are able to continue the programs we sponsor throughout the district. In addition to providing scholarships each year to our graduating seniors, we provide the funds for our Gold Card program in the High School. This is a discount card provided to students at South Plainfield High School who achieve a GPA of 3.5 each semester as well as take part in 2 extra curricular activities. We are trying to provide each school within our district with a program to promote academic excellence.

We also have a golf outing each year. With the proceeds of this outing, we are able to continue a scholarship in the name of Emil Leporino -The founder of the Education Foundation. Our next golf outing is scheduled for May 11, 2010. Please check our website [www.vision2001.org](http://www.vision2001.org) for all of our upcoming events.

We are very excited to announce the start of the South Plainfield Alumni Association. We are seeking volunteers to help get the Association started. You can visit our website for more information on the Alumni Association.

We hope that you will find this newsletter interesting and informative.

The South Plainfield Education Foundation has a proud history of providing scholarships to graduating South Plainfield High School seniors each year. We provide them not only from the Foundation, but several groups use the Foundation to send the scholarships through to the colleges.

If anyone is interested in starting a scholarship as a memorial to someone, or for any reason, the Foundation would be glad to help. The Education Foundation is a member of Dollars for Scholars. If a student attends a college that is in their network of colleges, Dollars for Scholars will match the scholarship money up to \$1000.00.

For more information please visit our website or you can contact Marjorie M. Reedy-President at 908-561-5800 ext 302 Monday through Friday. My email address is: [mreedy@lynn-huddsteel.com](mailto:mreedy@lynn-huddsteel.com).

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South Plainfield High School has a rich tradition of excellence in education. Many of its former students are hard-working employees in our community. Numbered among SPHS graduates are bankers, doctors, nurses, engineers, business owners, lawyers, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, professional athletes, entertainers, and writers.

In order to continue this tradition of excellence, the South Plainfield Education Foundation is now reaching out to the community for its financial support.

Incentive programs that foster scholastic and civic responsibility need to be funded. Scholarships that provide for post-secondary education need to be funded on a continuing basis.

Scholarship money is also very limited. At no other time in history has the need for an educated work force been greater, and yet the rising costs of college and trade schools have made them unavailable to many qualified students.

The Gold Card program is an incentive program to encourage students to reach their fullest academic potential. Project Graduation is a drug and alcohol free all-night party for our graduating seniors. This program, provided by High School staff and parents, provides food, games, and entertainment for our students.

In an era of global competitiveness, our responsibility to our students to prepare them for the technological jobs of the future is greater than ever before. If we are to emerge, once again, as an economic leader, we need to take the initiative, invest in our human resources, and model civic responsibility.

The South Plainfield Education Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt organization. It was created to seek financial support from the community to underwrite scholarships for South Plainfield High School students, as well as to provide incentive programs in our school district.

The independent educational foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees which is comprised of business leaders and educators.

The foundation is responsible for providing funds for scholastic and civic incentive programs, providing scholarships and selecting recipients of scholarships.

The Foundation will help to provide: *financial support for incentive programs that encourage good citizenship and academic achievement, annual scholarships, internship and co-operative work opportunities, opportunities for inventive industry/ school partnerships, endowment funds for scholarships.*

The opportunities offered to the students of South Plainfield High School through the Foundation will not only enhance the quality of future workers but will also expand their academic opportunities.

## List of Scholarship Recipients - 2008



Scott Barton



Erica Bowden



Kyle Darr



Brooke DeNitzio



Channel Dues



Elizabeth Flannery



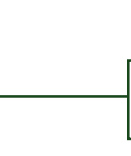
Keith Heckel, Jr



Scott Hunterton



Andrea Lozarito



Francis Alfano, Florida State University, \$1,000 Scholarship, SPEF  
 Scott Barton, Muhlenberg College, \$500 Scholarship, Chad Cook Memorial  
 Scott Barton, Muhlenberg College, \$2000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Erica Bowden, Rutgers University, \$1,000 Scholarship, MS PTO  
 Erica Bowden, Rutgers University, \$1,000 Scholarship, SPEF  
 Brittany Burton, Fashion Institute of Tech, \$1,000 Scholarship, Emil Leporino  
 Christian Cole, University of Hartford, \$3000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Kyle Darr, Farleigh Dickinson University, \$1,000 Scholarship, SPEF  
 Christopher Delaney, TCNJ, \$200 Scholarship, SPHS Guidance  
 Brooke DeNitzio, Moravian College, \$2000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Channel Dues, NC A&T State University, \$500 Scholarship, Domestic Violence Response Team  
 Elizabeth Flannery, Rutgers University, \$2000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Elizabeth Flannery, Rutgers University, \$1000 Scholarship, SPEF  
 Keith Heckel, Jr., East Stroudsburg University, \$1000 Scholarship, Anthony Cotoia  
 Scott Hunterton, Middlesex County College, \$2000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Stephanie Kelly, Rutgers University, \$2000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Andrea Lozarito, NJIT, \$500 Scholarship, Trista Moretti Memorial  
 Rui Luo, MIT, \$300 Scholarship, PD Foundation  
 Kyle McMahon, East Stroudsburg University, \$1000 Scholarship, Ed Niemczyk  
 Jacqueline Miller, University of Richmond, \$1000 Scholarship, SPHS PTA  
 Matthew Moates, Kutztown University, \$2000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Brittany Penevolpe, Middlesex County College, \$1000 Scholarship, Bill Beegle  
 Christopher Pennisi, Northeastern University, \$2,000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Christopher Pennisi, Northeastern University, \$1000 Scholarship, MS PTO  
 Kelvin Randolph, Hampton University, \$200 Scholarship, SPHS Guidance  
 Leslie Samayoa, Middlesex County College, \$1000 Scholarship, SPEF  
 Leslie Samayoa, Middlesex County College, \$1000 Scholarship, Michael DeCarlo Memorial  
 Anthony Simone, TCNJ, \$1000 Scholarship, Grant School PTA  
 Samantha Smith, University of Scranton, \$500 Scholarship, Franklin School PTA  
 Nathanael Udell, The Julliard School, \$1000 Scholarship, Cappy Memorial  
 Brandon Ullom, York College of PA, \$200 Scholarship, SPHS Guidance  
 Elizabeth Valentino, Middlesex County College, \$1000 Scholarship, Grant School PTA



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Kelvin Randolph



Anthony Simone



Brandon Ullom



Kyle McMahon



Christopher Pennisi



Leslie Samayoa



Nathanael Udell



Elizabeth Valentino

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John Barry



Ashley Capparelli



Taylor Deskins



Quynhnhu Doan



Jaime Giannakis



Cori Black



Rebecca Deffler



Michael Dezmin



Vincent Fazio

John Barry, Centenary College, \$350 Scholarship, Tiger Swim Team  
 John Barry, Centenary College, \$250 Scholarship, Patty McLaughlin Memorial  
 Stephanie Barthel, Monmouth University, \$1000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Cori Black, Middlesex County College, \$1000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Michael Boyle, Pace University, \$350 Scholarship, Tiger Swim Team  
 Ashley Capparelli, Monmouth University, \$1000 Scholarship, SPEF  
 Rebecca Deffler, Gettysburg College, \$500 Scholarship, Trista Moretti Memorial  
 Taylor Deskins, NYC College of Technology, \$300 Scholarship, PD Foundation  
 Michael Dezmin, The College of NJ, \$3000 Scholarship, Robustelli  
 Quynhnhu Doan, Rutgers University, \$500 Scholarship, SP VFW  
 Courtney Easterday, Middlesex County College, \$500 Scholarship, Domestic Violence  
 Vincent Fazio, Kean University, \$1000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Kelliann Friday, Rutgers University, \$500 Scholarship, Domestic Violence  
 Jaime Giannakis, Rider University, \$1000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Ashleigh Gray, Temple University, \$1000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Joseph Grennier, Middlesex County College, \$1000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Amanda Hunterton, Middlesex County College, \$500 Scholarship, Diane Hunterton Memorial  
 Alan Kasmer, Westminster Choir College, \$350 Scholarship, Tiger Swim Team  
 Alan Kasmer, Westminster Choir College, \$250 Scholarship, Patty McLaughlin Memorial  
 Garrett Kelly, Rowan University, \$1000 Scholarship, Ed Niemczyk Memorial  
 Stephanie Lanza, Seton Hall University, \$1000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Zane Lesky, Lehigh University, \$2000 Scholarship, Umicore Precious Metals  
 Christopher Lesniak, Villanova University, \$500 Scholarship, SP VFW  
 Kelly McCormack, Rutgers University, \$1000 Scholarship, SPEF  
 Alyssa McCreesh, Desales University, \$1000 Scholarship, Boyle Foundation  
 Joseph Mennuti, Penn State University, \$1000 Scholarship, Umicore Precious Metals  
 Patrick Nolty, TCNJ, \$200 Scholarship, SPHS Guidance



Alan Kasmer



Zane Lesky



Kelly McCormack



Joseph Mennuti



Joseph Grennier



Garrett Kelly



Christopher Lesniak



Alyssa McCreesh

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Emily Orlandini



Doug Porzio



Brittany Smith



Michael Pachytel



Theodore Skwiat

Emily Orlandini, Kean University, \$1000 Scholarship, SPEF  
 Emily Orlandini, Kean University, \$1000 Scholarship, Grant School PTO  
 Michael Pachytel, Rutgers University, \$1000 Scholarship, Emil Leporino Memorial  
 Doug Porzio, Gettysburg College, \$200 Scholarship, SPHS Guidance  
 Lucas Simpson, Lafayette College, \$200 Scholarship, SPHS Guidance  
 Brittany Smith, Middlesex County College, \$500 Scholarship, Franklin School PTA  
 Brittany Smith, Middlesex County College, \$1000 Scholarship, SP VFW  
 Heather Stoloff, \$1000 Scholarship, SPEF  
 Theodore Skwiat, Montclair State University, \$1000 Scholarship, Cotoia  
 Kara Thomas, Georgetown University, \$250 Scholarship, Ken Lafreniere Memorial  
 Gina Viola, College of St. Elizabeth, \$1000 Scholarship, Michael DeCarlo  
 Kaleigh White, Fairleigh Dickinson University, \$1000 Scholarship, Bill Beegle  
 Erik White, The College of NJ, \$1000 Scholarship, Grant School PTO  
 Kristen Yorkanis, York College of PA, \$200 Scholarship, SPHS Guidance



Gina Viola



Erik White



Kara Thomas



Kaleigh White



Kristen Yarkanis

The Foundation's accomplishments are as follows;

- \* \$290,000 Over 70 Scholarships
- \* \$130,000 Endowments
- \* \$ 41,000 Curriculum Programs
- \* \$ 32,000 Academic Incentive Programs
- \* \$ 18,000 School Equipment

## FOUNDATION OBJECTIVES;

- \* Financial support for incentive programs that encourage good citizenship and academic achievement.
- \* Annual scholarships.
- \* Internship and co-operative work opportunities.
- \* Opportunities for inventive industry/school partnerships.
- \* Endowment funds for scholarships.

**BUSINESS/EDUCATION "FORUM"** To be announced - Spring 2010 will sponsor a Business Education "Forum" with the South Plainfield Business Association. A dozen business leaders will have open dialogue with approximately 125 South Plainfield Students. The objective is to provide some insights as to how to be prepared for life after high school.

**GOLD CARD UPDATE:** Since its inception in September, 1995, the program has grown annually, with a barbecue held in May each year. Each student must achieve a 3.5 GPA, have no unexcused absences or tardiness; a good discipline record and participation in 2 extra-curricular activities.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Telethon November 30th - December 3rd, Golf outing - May 11, 2010, Awards ceremony - June 2010. 50/50 Raffle - to be drawn in December yearly.

## If South Plainfield High School is to continue its rich tradition of excellence, we need your support.

To support public education in our community, please complete, and return this form with your contribution as soon as possible.

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 Supporter - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Leader - \$500-\$999 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Attention; M. Reedy**

Designate my/our gift to:

Gold Card \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leporino Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ Alumni Assoc. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ken LaFreniere Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ Others \_\_\_\_\_

I/my company (circle one) will donate the following materials or in-kind services to support the Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

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