

The Palm Beach Post has chosen the astrolabe as the symbol of the Pathfinder Scholarship and as the design for the special Pathfinder trophies. This ancient nautical device was used to help sailors navigate by the stars, just as the knowledge gained from a good education will help our nominees chart the courses for their own lives. We are confident that, in doing so, each of these talented students will provide leadership and direction for others in the future.

Each year more than \$135,000 in scholarships is awarded to 72 of the best and brightest high school seniors in Palm Beach and Martin counties. It is one of the largest and most comprehensive high school scholarship programs in the state.

Pathfinders is partially funded by the N&DS Franklin Fund, a permanent endowment left to Pathfinders to fund scholarships in perpetuity.

2008 Pathfinder High School Scholarship Awards

Nomination Deadline:

Thursday, January 14, 2009

Mail Nominations To:

Pathfinders of Palm Beach/Martin County Scholarship Fund, Inc.
c/o The Palm Beach Post
Community Relations Department
P.O. Box 24700, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4700

Deliver Nominations To:

The Palm Beach Post
Community Relations Department
2751 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach
(Just south of Belvedere Road)

Judging:

Wednesday, March 11, 2009
Palm Beach Atlantic University

Awards Ceremony:

Monday, April 27, 2009
Raymond F. Kravis Center For The Performing Arts
West Palm Beach

It is also one of the most equitable and democratic, extending eligibility to all public and private high schools within the two-county area.

In a complex and rapidly changing world, a good education is the best way to assure a life of excellence, growth and creativity. This basic tenet applies not only to the individual, but to the community as well. A community led by people with foresight and the ability to think through problems – the fruits of a good education – is one which will prosper through the best and worst of times.

For these reasons, The Palm Beach Post is very proud to once again present the Pathfinder High School Scholarship Awards Program.

2009 Pathfinders of Palm Beach/Martin County Scholarship Awards

Funded by the N&DS Franklin Fund

The Awards

The Pathfinder High School Scholarship Awards are presented each year to those high school seniors in Palm Beach and Martin counties who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in 18 academic, vocational and athletic categories. Pathfinders is sponsored by Palm Beach Newspapers, Inc., publisher of The Palm Beach Post, Palm Beach Daily News, Florida Pennysaver and La Palma. These awards are presented each year to recognize excellence and to encourage these students to one day bring their considerable talents to the communities where each received a start on the path to a good education and a rewarding career.

College scholarships of \$3,000 for the first-place winner, \$2,000 for the second-place winner, \$1,500 for the third-place winner and \$1,000 to the fourth-place winner in each category will be presented at a ceremony to be held **Monday, April 27, 2009** at the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach. Top winners in each category will also receive the special "astrolabe" trophy, a symbol for the path each student may follow in the world and the leadership and direction each may provide for others in the future.

Nominations

Schools may submit no more than one candidate per category; nominees are not required for each category. Note, however, that a student may not be nominated for more than one category. Children of PBNI employees are not eligible to participate.

Once the student is nominated, they are responsible for filling out a Nomination Form (www.palmbeachpost.com/pathfinder) and attaching it to their Nomination Packet.

These packets include information that will be helpful to the judges in evaluating each student. The packets are limited to a maximum of 20 pages.

All nomination packages must be received by **Thursday, January 14, 2009**. Preliminary judging will be made on the basis of the work completed by the student prior to this deadline.

Mail nomination packages to: Pathfinders of Palm Beach/Martin County Scholarship Fund, Inc., c/o The Palm Beach Post, Community Relations Department, P.O. Box 24700, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4700; or hand deliver to the Community Relations Department of The Palm Beach Post at 2751 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach (just south of Belvedere Road).

Judging

The Palm Beach Post will select judges for the awards from both public and private enterprises throughout Palm Beach and Martin counties. Three judges will be selected for each category based on their credentials and their expertise in the category.

All nominees will meet with judges for personal interviews and/or performances (10 minutes in length) on **Wednesday, March 11, 2009**, at Palm Beach Atlantic University, downtown West Palm Beach.

Each student will receive a letter stating the location and time for his or her personal interview from their guidance counselor. The final selection of winner, second, third and fourth place for each category will be made at this time. The decisions of the judges will be final.

The names of the winners will be announced at the Pathfinder Awards Ceremony on Monday evening, April 27, 2009 at the Raymond F. Kravis Center For The Performing Arts.

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

To the student with the most outstanding comprehensive scholastic record, regardless of specialty. Judging will be based on nominees' prior work and on interviews in which the candidates discuss their career plans and personal aspirations.

ART

To the student who has shown the greatest promise for a career in visual arts, including fashion design. Judging will be based on three samples of each nominees' prior work. Judges will study the art and then interview the candidates with regard to their creative process and interpretation of the works, as well as their career plans and personal aspirations.

BUSINESS

To the student who has shown the greatest promise for a career in management or marketing, as opposed to a clerical or general office career. Judging will be based on nominees' prior work and on interviews in which the candidates discuss their career plans and personal aspirations.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the student who has shown the greatest promise for a career in communications, including journalism, TV/film making and public relations. Judging will be based on nominees' prior work. TV/Film students will be required to submit a sample of their work on CD along with the Nomination Packet. All students will be interviewed and will discuss their career plans and personal aspirations.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

To the student who has achieved outstanding results in meeting the needs of the community outside of school. Judging will be based on nominees' prior work and on interviews in which candidates discuss "voluntarism" and ways in which volunteers can help their community.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

To the student who has shown the most outstanding achievement in the study of computer science. Judging will be based on nominees' prior work and accomplishments and on interviews in which the candidates demonstrate their proficiency to the judges.

DRAMA

To the student who has shown the greatest promise for a career in drama. Judging will be based on nominees' prior performances and participation in school and/or community productions, as well as on an individual performance before the judges. Performance should be no longer than 5 minutes.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

To the student who has shown the greatest proficiency in the speaking and writing of a non-native, spoken language. English and/or Sign Language do not apply. Judging will be based on nominees' prior work and on interviews in which the candidates demonstrate their spoken language proficiency to the judges.

FORENSICS/SPEECH

To the student with the most outstanding personal record in public speaking or forensic competition. Judging will be based on nominees' prior record and on an individual performance before the judges. Nominees may choose their own subject and material for the performance. Performance should be no longer than 5 minutes.

HISTORY/POLITICAL SCIENCE

To the student with the best record in either history, political science or both, including the general study of and participation in government. Judging will be based on nominees' prior work and on interviews in which nominees must demonstrate mastery of a historical or political science subject. Candidates may choose their own subject for the interview.

LITERATURE

To the student who has shown the most outstanding achievement in either the appreciation of literature and/or creative writing, including

poetry. Judging will be based on nominees' prior work and on interviews in which the candidates discuss the particular aspect of literature or writing in which they have concentrated their work.

MATHEMATICS

To the student who has shown the most outstanding achievement in math or one of the applied sciences. Judging will be based on nominees' prior accomplishments and on interviews in which candidates discuss their specialty.

MUSIC/INSTRUMENTAL

To the student who has shown the greatest instrumental musical talent, regardless of musical style, in either composition, performances or both. Judging will be based on nominees' prior work and on an individual instrumental performance before the judges. Performance should be no longer than 5 minutes. A piano will be available for the nominee or their accompanist.

MUSIC/VOCAL

To the student who has shown the greatest vocal talent, regardless of musical style, in either composition, performances or both. Judging will be based on the nominees' prior work and on an individual vocal performance before the judges. Performance should be no longer than 5 minutes. It is suggested that the nominee bring an accompanist. A piano will be available.

REACH FOR EXCELLENCE

To the student who has been in a Specific Learning Disabled or Exceptional Student Education class, has had an Individual Education Plan (IEP) during their high school years and has overcome that disability. Judging will be based on nominees' prior and continuing achievements and on interviews in which the candidates will discuss their career plans and personal aspirations.

SCIENCE

To the student who has shown the most outstanding achievement in the study of a natural science. Judging will be based on nominees' prior accomplishments, without regard to their career plans, and on interviews in which candidates discuss their specialty.

SPORTS

To the student with the most outstanding combination of athletic accomplishments and scholastic achievements. Judging will be based on nominees' prior accomplishments and on interviews in which candidates discuss the role of academics in today's college athletic programs.

TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL/AGRICULTURAL

To the student who has shown the greatest promise for a career in one of the disciplines offered through their school, Choice Program or from a technical education center in Palm Beach or Martin counties. These disciplines include agriculture, architecture/construction, automotive, culinary arts, electronics, health occupations, hospitality or industrial education. Judging will be based on the nominees' prior work and on interviews in which the candidates discuss their career plans and personal aspirations.

