

CHAMPIONS FOR LEARNING™

Night for
CHAMPIONS
— GALA —

EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 21, 2026

THE RITZ-CARLTON, NAPLES



OUR MISSION:

To serve as a catalyst for educational success by investing in Collier's students and educators.





NIGHT FOR CHAMPIONS GALA
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026 • 6PM
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Education is a powerful force that changes lives and transforms communities. Students who are college and career ready have a strong foundation to achieve success, regardless of their background or economic situation. Educators who are supported and celebrated are more deeply rooted in their schools, classrooms, and community. **Champions For Learning** is committed to breaking down barriers, opening doors, and creating opportunities to educational attainment through our slate of programs that empower students and educators across Collier County.

The **Night for Champions Gala** is the signature fundraising event of The Education Foundation of Collier County – Champions For Learning, which aims to increase awareness of how education is the most powerful investment in our future and the foundation of our community.

This elegant evening to remember begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the courtyard as the sun sets, followed by dinner, live music, and dancing in The Ritz-Carlton, Naples' beautiful Vanderbilt Ballroom. Inspirational speakers during the event program, leading up to a paddle raise to support **Champions For Learning's** mission to serve as a catalyst for educational success by investing in Collier's students and educators, will showcase our community's steadfast belief in the transformative power of education.

**NIGHT FOR CHAMPIONS
GALA COMMITTEE**

Event Chair:

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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

\$45,000 – Night for Champions Gala Valedictorian Sponsor (Exclusive)

- Two tables (16 seats) with priority seating
- Two rooms at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples on Saturday, February 21, 2026
- Lead logo placement as the Valedictorian Sponsor in all print materials, including event press release and invitations
- Logo placement as the Valedictorian Sponsor on auction paddles
- Lead logo placement on the event website, social media recognition, and e-marketing materials
- Lead placement of full-page ad in program
- Lead recognition on audio/visual displays at the event and podium recognition during the program
- Lead logo placement as the Valedictorian Sponsor on post-event materials
- Featured profile on Champions For Learning Social Media and Email Newsletter
- Designated Beverage Concierge at your tables

\$25,000 – Night for Champions Gala Graduate Sponsor (Limited availability)

- One table (8 seats) with priority seating
- One room at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples on Saturday, February 21, 2026
- Prominent logo placement as a Graduate Sponsor on invitations
- Prominent logo placement on the event website, social media recognition, and e-marketing materials
- Prominent placement of full-page ad in program
- Prominent recognition on audio/visual displays at the event and podium recognition during the program
- Prominent logo placement as a Graduate Sponsor on post-event materials
- Featured profile on Champions For Learning Social Media and Email Newsletter
- Designated Beverage Concierge at your table

\$15,000 – Night for Champions Gala Undergraduate Sponsor

- One table (8 seats) with priority seating
- Prominent name placement as an Undergraduate Sponsor on the event website, social media recognition, and e-marketing materials
- Half-page ad in program
- Recognition on audio/visual displays at the event and podium recognition during the program
- Prominent name placement as an Undergraduate Sponsor on post-event materials

\$10,000 – Night for Champions Gala Scholar Sponsor

- One table (8 seats) with priority seating
- Listing as a Scholar Sponsor on the event website, social media recognition, and e-marketing materials
- Quarter-page ad in program
- Recognition on audio/visual displays at the event
- Listing as a Scholar Sponsor on post-event materials



\$7,500 – Night for Champions Gala Event Underwriter

- Four seats with priority seating
- Listing as an Event Underwriter on the event website
- Name listed in program
- Recognition on audio/visual displays at the event
- Listing as an Event Underwriter on post-event materials



FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CONTACT:

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Your Support Makes Our Impact Possible

Because of the incredible generosity of our donors and sponsors, Champions For Learning raised a record breaking \$1.1 million for education in Collier County at the 2025 Night for Champions Gala. This incredible outpouring of support made a transformational impact on students and educators.



\$492K

**earned in scholarships
awarded from Champions
For Learning**



\$252K

**in classroom grants to 56
Collier County teachers
and schools**



100%

**high school graduation
rate and enrollment into
college of senior students**

By sponsoring and attending the **Night for Champions Gala**, you are showing your support for our local students and educators.

ABOUT CHAMPIONS FOR LEARNING

Founded in 1990, the Education Foundation of Collier County — Champions For Learning's mission is to serve as a catalyst for educational success by investing in Collier's students and educators. Our Student Programs are designed to equip and prepare students for their future learning and career goals, and our Educator Programs are designed to value, empower, and support our educators to experience professional success. Recognized as the education foundation serving Collier County by the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations, Champions For Learning serves as a unifying force within the community by driving collective action towards the common goal of student and educator success.

Champions For Learning is a volunteer driven organization. Nearly 450 individuals volunteered with us last year, dedicating over 6,700 hours to our organization. Champions For Learning's dedicated volunteers and a committed administrative team reflect our mission to serve as a catalyst for educational success.



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