

Dollars for Scholars Golf Event - Nov. 13

Swing for Something Special

Get ready for a day that blends the thrill of golf with the satisfaction of knowing you are helping our ambitious scholars! After the final putt drops, join your friends and neighbors for a lively cocktail reception featuring an open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, golf honors, and information on last year's scholarship recipients - all Bentley employees or children of our valued employees.

What's Involved

18 holes of golf, a challenging putting and chipping contest, a cocktail reception after golf and, **new this year**, the opportunity for non-golfing donors to enjoy the party.

Why Your Participation Matters

Your support of last year's Dollars for Scholars (DFS) golf tournament resulted in a 50% increase in the number of scholarships awarded to applicants - from 12 in 2025 to 18 in 2026. Since the beginning of this program in 2016, over 100 scholars have benefited from the generosity of our community! And they are all either Bentley Village employees or their family members!

Ways to join the fun and support our Scholars!

- **Establish a Named Scholarship** - for yourself or a loved one for \$10,000 +
- **Become a Sponsor** - Sponsorship levels start at \$500 and up
- **Sponsor a Hole** - Your name and signage on a hole for \$300
- **Play golf** - for \$225pp including cocktail reception.



Dave Shellenbarger & Stephanie English - Co Chairs

- **Come to the cocktail reception** (tickets available for nongolfers)
- **Purchase 50/50 Raffle Tickets**

This is our one fundraising event of the year, and annual participation in this has been steady and generous. We look forward to seeing you on the course or at the after-golf reception - don't miss out!



DAY OF EVENT SCHEDULE

7:30 AM - Registration
- Continental Breakfast
- Putting & Chipping Contest

9:00 AM - SHOTGUN START

11:30 AM - Registration
- Snacks & Beverages
- Putting & Chipping Contest

1:00 PM - SHOTGUN START

Early Evening - Cocktail Party with Music, Awards, and Appetizer Buffet

NEW THIS YEAR! \$500+ contributions include two admissions to the cocktail reception



How Can You Attend Dollars for Scholars After-Golf Reception?

This year - several ways! All golfers will receive a wristband that is needed for admission to the cocktails/hors d'oeuvres reception after golf, and golfers may acquire an extra wristband for another person with an additional \$100 donation. For non-golfers, \$500+ donors will receive two wristbands. All wristbands will be distributed in the donor's mailbox on the day of the event, and will also be available at a donor service table at the event. Together, all Bentley donors will celebrate another year of generous scholarship support.

Introducing our

A total of 18 Scholarship have been awarded this year. Five were awarded to E

EMERY BOKEY

A Certified Nursing Assistant in Assisted Living (ALR) is an Employee Scholarship recipient



Originally from Liberia, Emery Bokey has spent 27 years building a life of purpose in the United States. As a father of six, he returned to school determined to show his children that perseverance can overcome any setback. With degrees in Community Health, Nursing, and Public Health already earned, Emery is now pursuing his Ph.D. in Public Health at Walden University, focusing on hypertension prevention in underserved communities. Your generosity makes his dream possible, empowering him to uplift vulnerable populations and inspiring his children, and all of us, with the power of education and determination.

He expressed, "I am sincerely grateful to the Bentley Foundation scholarship donors for supporting my educational journey. This scholarship is helping me continue toward my doctoral degree and my goal of using my education to improve the health of communities in need. Your generosity also helps me show my children that it is never too late to pursue their dreams."

MORE Scholarship Awardees

EMPLOYEES

Name	Occupation	BV Dept
Ketya Ulysse	RN	Care Center
Kayla Rivas-Bello	Server, Dining Room	Independent Living
Jocelynn Otero	RN	Home Health
Raymond Gil Lujan	Server, Dining Room	Independent Living

BENTLEY FOUNDATION MISSION

The mission of Bentley Foundation is to enrich the lives of residents, employees, and others within Collier County and southwest Florida, and enhance their cultural, intellectual, emotional, and/or physical well-being through philanthropic programs and educational scholarships.

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Employees, thirteen were awarded to dependents. Meet them on these pages

HALEY GEER

The daughter of Stan Geer, Bentley golf professional, is a recipient of our Dependent Scholarship.

She is pursuing a Graduate Certificate in Aquaculture and Fish Health at the University of Florida and plans to earn a master's degree in Comparative Biomedical Sciences or Veterinary Medical Sciences. She explains, "My interest in aquatic sciences grew through my undergraduate studies and my two years at the National Institutes of Health, where I worked extensively with zebrafish and other research animals." In her current role, Haley works in both human IVD clinical trials and veterinary clinical research.

She notes, "This scholarship helps me achieve my goals by reducing the financial burden of continuing my education while working full-time. I am so grateful for your continued support," she says, explaining, "I received help from your scholarship fund while completing my bachelor's degree. It means a great deal to me to have that support continue as I pursue graduate education."



DEPENDENTS

Name	Dependent's Relative	Relative's BV Dept
Tashana Minnis	Laura Minnis	Assisted Living
Jerrica Bornelus	Josette Bornelus	Housekeeping
Ann Lista Schettini	Sylvia E Schettini	Housekeeping
Iulia Smarandache	Elena Smarandache	Care Center
Hannah Dickinson	Julia Dickinson	Care Center
Anthony Minnis	Laura Minnis	Assisted Living
Emmanaya Saint-Lo	Ketya Ulysse	Care Center
Cyntia Marcelin	Soilenie Marcelin	Care Center
Emmanuel Joseph	Marie Victor	Care Center
Francisca Jean	Frantz Jean	Laundry
Lucendie Jean	Juliette (Estania) Jean	Home Health
Roodnela Lemorin	Saturne Lemorin	Assisted Living

BENTLEY FOUNDATION

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Bentley Foundation Kicks Off Strategic Planning Process



The Bentley Foundation last completed a Strategic Plan in 2021, and with five years of growth and new opportunities, the Board of Trustees has approved launching a new planning process to guide the next three to five years. This effort will help evaluate current programs, anticipate future needs, and ensure the Foundation continues to serve the Bentley community with purpose and impact.

To lead this work, the Foundation has engaged Tracy Connelly, President of the Tracy Connelly Consulting Group. A Strategic Planning Team is being formed to support the process and help shape the Foundation's direction for the future.

The plan will include a financial review of reserve and investment funds, fundraising strategies, outreach opportunities, staffing and volunteer needs, marketing and communications, a full SWOT analysis, interviews with key stakeholders, and a communitywide survey.

The 16 to 20-week process began in early October and will culminate in a comprehensive report outlining recommendations, goals, measurable objectives, and action steps. The final Strategic Plan will be presented at the Foundation's Annual Meeting in late February. This presentation will keep our community informed, engaged, and excited about the Foundation's future in Bentley Village and Southwest Florida.



Tues, Oct 20
2:00 PM

Forum: Smart, Safe and Scam Proof:

What Every Senior Should Know About AI - Presented by Heidi Cramer, MBA, MIS, EdD-c of FGCU
Palmetto Room

Tues, Oct 20
4:30 PM

David Cole on Piano

Seaside Lounge

Thurs, Oct 22
7:00 PM

Classical Trio - Jodie DeSalvo, piano; Susan Moyer, cello and Rachel Ostler, violin

Performing favorite works by Mozart, Brahms, Beethoven & Gershwin
Palmetto Room

Tues, Nov 10
4:30 PM

Anne Roberts on Piano with Sing-along

Seaside Lounge

Fri, Nov 13

Dollars For Scholars Golf Event

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Thurs, Nov 19
7:00 PM

Dance with Billy Dean and Dawn

Palmetto Room

Tues, Nov 24
4:30 PM

Anne Roberts on Piano with Sing-along

Seaside Lounge

