Skandalaris Foundation Partners With Detroit Country Day to Offer Scholarships for Second Year

The opportunity to attend one of the nation’s leading college prep schools; that is exactly what The Skandalaris Family Foundation will help to make a reality for qualifying students in the 2007-2008 school year.

For a second year the Skandalaris Family Foundation will be partnering with Detroit Country Day School to offer the Future Leaders Merit Scholarship. Those eligible are students not currently enrolled in DCDS entering grades six through nine. The objective of the scholarship is to identify and support outstanding students who have excelled inside the classroom and in extracurricular activities. Last year, The Skandalaris Family Foundation awarded the Future Leaders Merit Scholarship to 27 students.

Although the Skandalaris Foundation has offered approximately 500 scholarships to university bound students for the past eight years, the Future Leaders Merit Scholarship marks the first time they’ve extended the opportunity to middle and high school level students.

“We decided to partner with Detroit Country Day on this program because our three children attended school there and had a wonderful experience,” notes Bob Skandalaris. “My wife and I believe the educational experience offered at Country Day is unique, particularly in its emphasis on academic excellence, leadership development and participation in athletics and the arts. In addition, the student body is well diversified and mirrors the global field in which the next generation will compete. Through this scholarship, we hope to make this educational experience financially available to more families with outstanding well-rounded children.”

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The Skandalaris Family Foundation is an independent, non-profit foundation, managed by officers of the Foundation and members of the Skandalaris family. Each year the Foundation awards scholarships to a group of students, characterized by their special talents, leadership skills, unselfish ways, strong values, and commitment to excellence. The majority of the scholarships will be granted to residents of the State of Michigan.

The Foundation will provide the balance of tuition due less $10,000, which the family will be asked to contribute. Those in need of financial assistance to cover this sum are encouraged to apply for financial aid.

“The Skandalaris Family Foundation is presenting an exciting opportunity for future student leaders to attend one of this nation’s premier college prep schools,” said Detroit Country Day School Headmaster Jerry Hansen “The Foundation is to be commended for its interest and investment in educating young people. Detroit Country Day School is very grateful to the Skandalaris Family Foundation for this wonderful scholarship program.”

Applications must be received by the foundation no later than May 31, 2007 unless granted an extension by DCDS. To find out more and to obtain a scholarship application on-line, visit www.skandalaris.com.

Detroit Country Day is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory school offering a liberal arts pre-kindergarten through 12th grade education. The school was founded in 1914, and provides a foundation for lifelong learning within an environment of educational excellence and cultural diversity.

Detroit Country Day serves more than 1,536 students on its four Birmingham/Beverly Hills-area campuses. It has earned a total of 83 state championships in various sports over the years and 100 percent of its graduating seniors are accepted to universities each year.

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