

The Big Kahuna Scholarship
Presented by the Senior Class of Cypress Bay High School

With a career in education that has spanned more than forty years, Principal Charles Scott Neely has made an indelible mark on thousands of students, faculty, and staff. Since opening Cypress Bay in 2002, Mr. Neely has stood by one maxim: make it about the kids and everything else will fall into place. Though students, faculty, staff, and administrators have come and gone, The Big Kahuna and his motto have remained. Mr. Neely is a true visionary in every sense. He is constantly looking to the future, putting innovative ideas into action that will serve Cypress Bay and our entire school district, cementing his legacy, and ours. In many respects, Cypress Bay has become a household name. His vibrancy and distinctive leadership style serve as a constant reminder to those around him to take big risks and to care for those around you. The rest will come.

The senior class of 2018 would like to continue the tradition the class of 2016 started to acknowledge all that the Mr. Neely has done for our class, our school, and our community throughout his tenure. In an essay not to exceed 500 words, tell us why you think you are the Big Kahuna and what qualities stand out. Be creative!

The essay must be turned in no later than **Friday, April 13th, 2018 by 2:45PM** in Portable 24. The recipient(s) will be announced at Senior Awards Night.

The scholarship amount is \$1,000.

Requirements:

*Applicant must be a senior, graduating in June of 2018

*500 words or less

*A separate cover page with your full name, email, and cell phone number

*The applicant's name must in no way appear in the scholarship essay

If the applicant's name appears in the essay, his/her essay will no longer be in consideration.

*Answer the prompt.

*Be creative!