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PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Phoenix Union Seniors helped by Foundation for Education Scholarships**

The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education awarded scholarships this year totaling $67,400 to 64 District seniors to further their education at accredited colleges and universities next year.

The Foundation for Education, a 501 (c) (3) that supports pathways to success in college, career and life, and provides support for District-wide, college-going student programs and college scholarships, began in 1985 as the Phoenix Union Partnership of Business and Education. In recent years, it has concentrated on generating need-based scholarships for PUHSD students.

Scholarships ranged from $100 annually to $8,000 over a four-year academic career, distributed from a pool of scholarship resources, from individual and organization donors to employee contributions and fundraising events.

Proceeds from the 2011 Phoenix Union Gala and the Foundation Scholarship Open Golf Tournament generated $32,000 in $8,000 scholarships to five students- **Juana Flores-Maryvale; Mayra Sanchez-Metro Tech; Gabriel Tena-Carl Hayden; and Edith Kumara-Alhambra.** Proceeds from this year’s Gala in February and Golf Tournament in April will be used for next year’s scholarships. These two Foundation fundraisers have also established an endowment fund that has topped $100,000.

“Giving Back Pays Forward” Scholarships to 25 students totaling $21,700 were supported by community, business and PUHSD staff, family and friends to recognize loved ones, support students and give back to their community. The College Depot Debbie Dillon Scholarship provided 13 students with $500 donations, 12 more than 2011. College Depot is a City of Phoenix program created by Dillon, a former employee.

Nine students benefited from the generosity of Phoenix Union employees whose contributions were used for $9,000 to the “Invest in the Best” Scholarships of $1000 each.

 The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education, formerly known as the Partnership for Business and Education, has provided over $800,000 in scholarships in the past 25 years. For more information, visit [www.Foundation4Education.org](http://www.Foundation4Education.org). Scholarship applications are distributed by counselors and due in April. A panel of judges from the foundation determines the scholars, and announces the winners in May.

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**Phoenix Union Foundation Scholars $32,000 in Total Awards**

Juana Flores-Maryvale $8000

Mayra Sanchez-Metro Tech $8000

Gabriel Tena-Carl Hayden $8000

Edith Kamara-Alhambra $8000

**Phoenix Union Foundation Invest in the Best Scholars $9,000 in Total Awards**

Aldin Malkoc-Bioscience $1,000

Marisol Santos Gonzalez-Central $1,000

Erica Herrera-Camelback $1,000

Maria Chavez-Franklin $1,000

Emmanuel Casildo-Betty Fairfax $1,000

Adriana Santana-North $1,000

Lorena Pina-South Mountain $1,000

Sarah Lazzell-Trevor Browne $1,000

Yoko Chavez-Central $1,000

**Phoenix Union Foundation GIVING BACK PAYS FORWARD Scholars $21,700 in Total Awards**

**Patrick Clark Gallaher Scholarship** Eritier Okongo-Alhambra $1,200

**John Lindsay Scholarship** Angel Bautista Diaz-North $1,000

**Kathy Back Memorial Scholarships** Martin Escalante-Metro Tech $2,000

Sonia Sugey Roman- Metro Tech $2,000

**Camino de Futuro Scholarships** Roman Anthony Sosa-Carl Hayden $1,000

 Salvador Rodriguez- Carl Hayden $1,000

 Miguel Santoyo-Carl Hayden $1,000

**Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship** Veronica Alvarado- Metro Tech $1,000

**Hernandez Companies Scholarship** Michael Moore-Bostrom $1,000

**Hillyard, Inc. Scholarship** Toni Bradley-Cesar Chavez $1,000

**College Depot Debbie Dillon Scholarships** Martin Escalante-Metro Tech $ 500

Luz Lopez-Central $ 500 Edgar Estrello-Bostrom $ 500

 Roman Anthony Sosa-Carl Hayden $ 500

 De Monta Reed-South Mountain $ 500

Joaquin Cruz Mendiola-Fairfax $ 500

 Jose Ordonez-Suns Diamondbacks $ 500

 Yolscie Zubiate-Alhambra $ 500

 Selene Lares-Maryvale $ 500

 Christian Anchondo-Trevor Browne $ 500

 Roberto Canasco-North $ 500

 Arturo David Aguayo-Cesar Chavez $ 500

 Andrea Sanchez-Camelback $ 500

**Network Infrastructure Scholarship** Alba Esuivel Cardona $ 500

**Thunderbird Mountain Scholarship** Y Nguyen-Alhambra $ 500

**Phoenix Black Alliance “Young Black Scholars” ($2,000)**

Historically Black Colleges & Universities Shanteia Beavers-North $ 750

Mari Powell Scholarship Alexis Cox -Metro Tech $ 600

Jim Singleton U of A Scholarship Amini Ali - North $ 400 Khadijah Shamsid-Deen Scholarship Tijaha Waters - South Mountain $ 250

**Betty Fairfax Scholarships ($100 each, $2600 total)**

**Department Outstanding Student Awards:** Natalie Navarrete, Shalleia Jacobs, Sara Neese, Daniel Ortiz Roque, Roberto Alvarez Rodrigues, Berenice Olivas, Devi Tamang, Gracie Esquivel, Jacqueline Grayson, James Ballard, Shaunice Williams, Mayra Diaz, Samantha Bianco, Derrick Haymore, Brittany Jones, James Farmer, Savannah Wolfe and Alexsandra Mallahi.

**Student Athlete of the Year Scholarships:** Maryam Abdul-Wahid, James Ballard, Victoria Hernandez.

**Senior College and Career Presentation Scholarships:** Health Services – Emmanuel Casildo; Natural Resources – Sean Raganit;Business Management – James Farmer;Arts and Communication – Lizeth Lira;Human Resources – Noelle Estrella;Industrial and Engineering Systems – Maryam Abdul-Wahid.