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In College, Career and Life.*

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Phoenix Union College-going Seniors Helped by Foundation Scholarships

PHOENIX--The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education awarded scholarships this year totaling \$110,500, assisting 69 District seniors in furthering their education at Arizona colleges and universities next year. The amount is the highest annual distribution since the Foundation's inception and \$22,500 more than last 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.

Eight seniors received four-year scholarships of \$8,000 each—**Lourdes Hernandez**, North; **Dalila Lucero Angulo**, Metro Tech; **Jose Juan Aramburo**, Camelback; **Katherine Cardenas**, Central and **Jennifer Duenas**, Bioscience. SunTec Concrete provided three of the \$8,000 scholarships to **Maria Rocha Sanchez**, Bostrom; **Giselle Quintero**, North and **Robbie-Ann Hardesty**, Cesar Chavez.

Named scholarships to 21 students totaling \$26,000 were supported by various community, business and PUHSD staff, family and friends to recognize loved ones, support students, or as part of a fundraising sponsorship.

Fifteen students benefited from the generosity of Phoenix Union employees whose contributions were used for "Invest in the Best" Scholarships of \$1,000 each. The Phoenix Union Black Alliance Scholarship awarded \$3,500 to five students, and 20 Betty Fairfax students earned \$100 each through proceeds from its golf tournament.

Proceeds from the 2016 Phoenix Union Scholarship Dinner and the Foundation Scholarship Open Golf Tournament generated almost half the scholarship funds. Proceeds from this year's Dinner in February and Golf Tournament in May will be used for next year's scholarships. These two Foundation fundraisers are also building an endowment fund that is over \$450,000, with a goal of \$1 million.

Scholarship applications are distributed to all District employees and are due in April. Volunteer business, community and education members read and score the applications which are awarded in May. A Scholarship Reception will be held for this year's recipients, May 17. Individuals or businesses interested in volunteering or making a scholarship donation can visit www.foundation4education.org.

Phoenix Union Foundation for Education
2017 Scholarship Awards

\$40,000 Phoenix Union Foundation Scholarships

Each student receives an \$8,000 Award; \$2,000 each year based on renewal criteria

Lourdes Hernandez	North High School
Dalila Lucero Angulo	Metro Tech High School
Jose Juan Aramburo	Camelback High School
Katherine Cardenas	Central High School
Jennifer Duenas	Bioscience High School

\$15,000 Invest in the Best (PUHSD Employee Donations) \$1,000 Scholarships

Angel Daniel Lopez	Central High School
Isis Aurora Roman	Cesar Chavez High School
Ivan Alcazar	Betty Fairfax High School
Eden Ochoa	Camelback High School
Marisol Acosta	Trevor G. Browne High School
Jennifer Benitez	Carl Hayden High School
Alma Castaneda	Trevor G. Browne High School
Danae Garcia Pena	Alhambra High School
Hana Malkoc	Bioscience High School
Jaziel Olmeda	Metro Tech High School
Diana Perez	North High School
Sarah Jessica Simonson	Camelback High School
Randy Tran	Betty Fairfax High School
Maria Valencia	Maryvale High School
Andres Antonio Villegas Tirado	Metro Tech High School

Giving Back Pays Forward Scholarships- Amounts and Donors Vary

\$24,000 SunTec Concrete

Each student receives an \$8,000 Award; \$2,000 each year based on renewal criteria

Maria Natalia Rocha Sanchez	Bostrom High School
Giselle Quintero	North High School
Robbie-Ann Hardesty	Cesar Chavez High School

\$4,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield

Each student receives a \$2,000 Award; \$1,000 each year based on renewal criteria

Jose Alejandro Montano	Metro Tech High School
Rita Anane Wae	North High School

\$2,000 Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship

Jaziel Olmeda	Metro Tech High School
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\$2,000 Phoenix Union Sports Hall of Fame Student Athletes of the Year- Each award \$1,000

Brianna Boehm	Betty Fairfax High School
David Avitia	Alhambra High School

\$1,000 John Lindsay Memorial “Gift of Gab” Scholarship

Ahmad Stanikzai	Metro Tech High School
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\$10,000 Dr. Deedee Falls Bioscience Dragons Scholarship -Each award \$2,500

Carlos Yanez Navarro	Bioscience High School
Reyna Gariepy	Bioscience High School
Cassandra Montufar	Bioscience High School
Hana Malkoc	Bioscience High School

\$1,000 Corgan Scholarship

Adriana Nicole Robles South Mountain High School

\$1,000 Land Advisors Scholarship

Anthony Alonzo Jimenez Pina Alhambra High School

\$1,000 Joanne Lake Maroney Memorial Scholarship

Alma Lucia Olague North High School

\$2,500 North High School Julie Pallisard Staying Connected Scholarship \$500 Each

Ivan Chavez	North High School
Martin Hernandez	North High School
Jennifer Falcon Cruz	North High School
Angel Morales	North High School
Joanna Juniel	North High School

\$1,500 Dr. Mehrdad Shafa Medical Scholarship Fund (MSMSF) Each award \$500

Brianna Boehm	Betty Fairfax High School
Giovana Cordova	Central High School
Carlos Yanez Navarro	Bioscience High School

\$3,500 Phoenix Union Black Alliance Scholarships- Each award varies, see below

\$1,000	Ameerah Battle	Betty Fairfax High School
\$500	Ariana Calvin	Betty Fairfax High School
\$1,000	Christopher Joseph	Betty Fairfax High School
\$500	Meron Mitku	Betty Fairfax High School
\$500	Jalen Goode	North High School

\$2,000 Betty Fairfax High School Student Awards- Each Award \$100

Sydney Walters-Jones	Art Department Award
Monserrat Hernandez	AVID Department Award
Damion Bunz	Business Department Award
Sydney Walters-Jones	English Department Award
Luis Marquez	ELL Department Award
D’Naziae Brown	FACS Department Award
Vincent De La Cruz	ITE Department Award
Mikaela Schaffner	Performing Arts Department Award
Leonardo Humberto Ruelas, Jr.	Math Department Award
Mary Foulk	Math Department Award
Ameerah Battle	Science Department Award
Jordan Hill	Social Studies Department Award
Danilo Mera	World Languages Department Award
Amanda Straus	IB CAS Project Award
Chris Joseph	Capstone Human Resources Award
Clifford Slater	Capstone Natural Resources Award
Vincent De La Cruz	Capstone Arts and Communications Award
Daniel Vergara	Capstone Engineering Systems Award
Branden Pol	Capstone Business Management Award
Ariana Calvin	Capstone Health Services Award

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