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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 \$102,400 assisting 77 District seniors in furthering their education at Arizona colleges and universities next year. It is the second consecutive year that the awards have eclipsed \$100,000.

The Phoenix Union 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.

Five seniors received four-year scholarships of \$8,000 each—**Catherine Cole**, Alhambra; **Liliana Bejar**, Bioscience; **Ernesto Robles Miranda**, Betty Fairfax; **Jenifer Deante Morales**; Camelback and **Mariana Mendoza Parra**, Carl Hayden.

Named scholarships to 21 students totaling \$31,000 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.

Twenty-two 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 \$5,000 to four students, and 23 Betty Fairfax students earned \$100 each through proceeds from its golf tournament.

Proceeds from the 2017 Phoenix Union Scholarship Dinner and the Foundation Scholarship Open Golf Tournament were used to fund this year’s Foundation Scholarships. . 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 \$550,000, with a goal of \$1 million.

Scholarship applications are distributed to all District employees and are due in April. This year, 164 applications were completed. 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 31. Individuals or businesses interested in volunteering or making a scholarship donation can visit www.foundation4education.org.

Phoenix Union Foundation For Education 2018-19 Scholarships

Foundation Scholarships 5 x \$8,000= \$40,000, \$2,000 per student renewable up to 4 years

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| 1. Catherine Cole | Alhambra |
| 2. Liliana Bejar | Bioscience |
| 3. Ernesto Robles Miranda | Betty Fairfax |
| 4. Jenifer Degante Morales | Camelback |
| 5. Mariana Mendoza Parra | Carl Hayden |

Invest In the Best (PUHSD Employee Donations) 22 x \$1,000 = \$22,000

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| 1. Anthony Alvarez | Metro Tech |
| 2. Mariana Wann | Cesar Chavez |
| 3. Itzel Valenzuela | Metro Tech |
| 4. Huong Dang | Central |
| 5. Sydney Bradley | Metro Tech |
| 6. Raymundo Galindo Garllardo | South Mountain |
| 7. Lilibeth Garcia | South Mountain |
| 8. Cecy Mendoza | Metro Tech |
| 9. David Montero | Cesar Chavez |
| 10. William O'Neil | Camelback |
| 11. Johnathan Smith | Franklin |
| 12. Rosa Ortega | Metro Tech |
| 13. Valeria Salcido | Maryvale |
| 14. Mariela Muniz Murillo | Trevor Browne |
| 15. Lauren Morris | Fairfax |
| 16. Milena Stambolic | North |
| 17. Manual Espinoza | Metro Tech |
| 18. Cynthia Garcia Molina | Cesar Chavez |
| 19. Nataley Martinez | Central |
| 20. Irvin Vasquez-Alvarado | Alhambra |
| 21. Julissa Young | North |
| 22. Mary Jane Aviles | Camelback |

Giving Back Pays Forward Scholarships \$40,400

Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship 2 x \$1,000 = \$2,000

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| 1. Luis Pena Espinosa | Metro Tech |
| 2. Hector Palazuelos | Metro Tech |

SunTec Concrete 7 x \$2,000 = \$14,000

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| 1. Gisselle Beltran Valdez | Alhambra |
| 2. Seraphin Byiringiro | Central |
| 3. Maria De la Luz | Cesar Chavez |
| 4. Kassandra Sanchez Montano | Fairfax |
| 5. Ahtziri Acedo | Cesar Chavez |
| 6. Michael Serna | North |
| 7. Alma Betancourt | Alhambra |

Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Arizona \$1,000

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| 1. Daniel Arias | Bioscience |
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Giving Back Pays Forward \$1,000 (anonymous)

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| 1. Shams Ghaleb | Camelback |
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Paul Lowes Pathmaker Scholarship 2 x \$1,000 = \$2,000

1. Angel Baltazar Cesar Chavez
2. Anthony Esquivas Cesar Chavez

Dr. Deedee Falls Bioscience Dragons Scholarship 4 x \$2,000 = \$8,000

1. Samantha Alvarez-Gil
2. Sharyn Ulaszek
3. Dulce Gariepy
4. Paola Palomino

Phoenix Union Sports Hall of Fame Athletic Awards 2 x \$1,000 = \$2,000

1. Raelynn Fair South Mountain
2. Fidel Del Los Rios Carl Hayden

Julie Pallisard Pay it Forward Scholarship 4 x \$750 = \$3,000

1. Isabelle Lukau North
2. Sonja Savic North
3. Karen Monrreal Perez North
4. Ayla Zustra North

Phoenix Union Black Alliance Scholarships 2 x \$2,000; 2 x \$500

1. Sarah Bisimwa Carl Hayden \$2,000
2. Destinee Stillwell Metro Tech \$2000
3. Eden Jenkins Fairfax \$500
4. Alberto Munoz Metro Tech \$500

Betty Fairfax Awards 24 x \$100, \$2,400

1. Soleil Barron
2. Sierra Alcantar
3. Manuel Rivera
4. Kimberly Ledezma Bugarin
5. Jaden Callahan
6. Lauren Morris
7. Alycianna Pogue
8. Eric Schnebly
9. Deahvea Donston
10. Taylor Estrella
11. Leobardo Lopez Galvez
12. Dani Satala
13. Natalia Vallarta
14. Andrez Alcazar
15. Kassandra Sanchez Montano
16. Iridian Serrato
17. Leobardo Lopez Galvez (2)
18. Yalison Wakayo
19. Edna Robles
20. Jada Gibson
21. Jason Cao
22. Shevonnia Mwale
23. Yonas Berhe

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