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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 $88,330, assisting 48 District seniors in furthering their education at Arizona colleges and universities next year. This year’s amount puts the Foundation’s scholarship totals over $1 million dollars since its inception.

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.

Seven seniors received four-year scholarships of $8,000 each—Vivian Mercado, Bioscience; Ellen Lam, Central; Abigail Orona, Cesar Chavez; Ricardo Ornales Montes, Carl Hayden and Andrea Gonzalez, Camelback. Suntec Concrete provided two more $8,000 scholarships to Yurian Bustamante of Franklin and Melina Florez of Metro Tech.

Named scholarships to 17 students totaling $18,630 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.

Eleven 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 $1,500 to one student, and 12 Betty Fairfax students earned $1,200 through proceeds from its golf tournament.

Proceeds from the 2015 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 $360,000, 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. Individuals or businesses interested in volunteering or making a scholarship donation can visit www.foundation4education.org.

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Phoenix Union Foundation for Education 2016 Scholarship Awards

$40,000 Phoenix Union Foundation Scholarships
Each student receives an $8,000 Award; $2,000 each year based on renewal criteria

Vivian Mercado  Biology High School
Ellen Lam  Central High School
Abigail Orona  Cesar Chavez High School
Ricardo Ornales Montes  Carl Hayden
Andrea Gonzalez  Camelback High School

$16,000 Suntec Concrete
Each student receives a $8,000 Award; $2,000 each year based on renewal criteria

Yurian Bustamante  Franklin High School
Melina Florez  Metro Tech High School

$11,000 Invest in the Best (PUHSD Employee Donations) Each Award $1,000

Manuel Aguilar Rios  Franklin High School
Amanda Carrizalez  Betty Fairfax High School
Juan Hinojos  Trevor G. Browne High School
Angela Esono  South Mountain High School
Flor Jimenez Beltran  Alhambra High School
Edgar Miranda Fierra  Cesar Chavez High School
Jessica Miranda Molina  Metro Tech High School
Quoc Cuong Cong Le  North High School
Samantha Goseyan  Camelback High School
Katie Farnsley  Betty Fairfax High School
Spring Arehart  North High School

Giving Back Pays Forward Scholarships- Amounts and Donors Vary

$2,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield Scholarship- Each Award $1,000

Aime Mukiza  Central High School
Yecenia Andrade  Betty Fairfax High School

Gloria Griffen Memorial Award $230
Aime Mukiza  Central High School

RyTan Scholarship $1,000
Hunter Hazelton  Betty Fairfax High School

$4,000 Dr. DeeDee Falls Bioscience Scholar Award Scholarship
Each Award $2,000

Jazmine Abril  Bioscience High School
Laura Cabrera-Medina  Bioscience High School
**Hillyard Scholarship $1,000**
Alexandra Castro Sanchez  
Alhambra High School

**McCarthy Construction Scholarship $1,000**
Terrany Griffin Hightower  
South Mountain High School

**JIHL-FIPE STEM Scholarship- $1,000**
Nallely Mada  
Bioscience High School

**$3000 Ramsey/Hamilton Scholarship- Each Award $1,000**
Karla Mendez  
Trevor G. Browne High School  
Cindy Solis  
Metro Tech High School  
Isabella Lechuga  
Camelback High School

**Carl Hayden High School Alumni Giving $2,400**
Ana Mendoza  
Carl Hayden High School

**$2000 Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship- Each Award $1,000**
Yesenia Berrera Millan  
Metro Tech High School  
Brian Sanchez  
Metro Tech High School

**Phoenix Union Black Alliance Scholarship $1,500**
Jerome Anthony Jeffcoat  
Maryvale High School

**Phoenix Union Sports Hall of Fame Scholarships- Each Award $500**
Aldo Fernandez, Baseball  
Alhambra High School  
Najiyyah Pack, Basketball  
South Mountain High School

**$1,200 Betty Fairfax High School Student Awards- Each Award $100**
Sheyanne Torres  
Business Award  
Roxanna Ramirez  
Math Award  
Elizabeth (Libby) Miller  
Math  
Angelica Willis Smith  
Performing Arts Award  
Noelle Waltenburg  
Social Studies Award  
Adrian Luna Salazar  
Capstone Winner  
Karla Gonzalez  
Capstone Winner  
Maria Alvarez  
Capstone Winner  
Sheyanne Torres  
Capstone Winner  
Liliana Aguilar  
Capstone Winner  
Yecenia Andrade  
Capstone Winner  
Skylar Weber  
Capstone Winner

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