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In College, Career and Life.*

## **PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS RELEASE**

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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](http://www.foundation4education.org).

***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	Bioscience 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
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**RyTan Scholarship \$1,000**

Hunter Hazelton	Betty Fairfax High School
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**\$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

**JHIL-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

Najiyah 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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