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PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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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
Dalila Lucero Angulo
Jose Juan Aramburo
Katherine Cardenas
Jennifer Duenas
North High School
Metro Tech High School
Camelback High School
Central High School
Bioscience High School

$15,000 Invest in the Best (PUHSD Employee Donations) $1,000 Scholarships
Angel Daniel Lopez
Isis Aurora Roman
Ivan Alcazar
Eden Ochoa
Marisol Acosta
Jennifer Benitez
Alma Castaneda
Danae Garcia Pena
Hana Malkoc
Jaziel Olmeda
Diana Perez
Sarah Jessica Simonson
Randy Tran
Maria Valencia
Andres Antonio Villegas Tirado
Central High School
Cesar Chavez High School
Betty Fairfax High School
Camelback High School
Trevor G. Browne High School
Carl Hayden High School
Trevor G. Browne High School
Alhambra High School
Bioscience High School
Metro Tech High School
North High School
Camelback High School
Betty Fairfax High School
Maryvale High School
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
Giselle Quintero
Robbie-Ann Hardesty
Bostrom High School
North High School
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
Rita Anane Wae
Metro Tech High School
North High School

$2,000 Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship
Jaziel Olmeda
Metro Tech High School

$2,000 Phoenix Union Sports Hall of Fame Student Athletes of the Year- Each award $1,000
Brianna Boehm
David Avitia
Betty Fairfax High School
Alhambra High School

$1,000 John Lindsay Memorial “Gift of Gab” Scholarship
Ahmad Stanikzai
Metro Tech High School

$10,000 Dr. Deedee Falls Bioscience Dragons Scholarship -Each award $2,500
Carlos Yanez Navarro
Reyna Gariepy
Cassandra Montufar
Hana Malkoc
Bioscience High School
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$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
Martin Hernandez
Jennifer Falcon Cruz
Angel Morales
Joanna Juniel
North High School

$1,500 Dr. Mehrdad Shafa Medical Scholarship Fund (MSMSF) Each award $500
 Brianna Boehm
Giovana Cordova
Carlos Yanez Navarro
Betty Fairfax High School

$3,500 Phoenix Union Black Alliance Scholarships- Each award varies, see below
$1,000 Ameerah Battle
$500 Ariana Calvin
$1,000 Christopher Joseph
$500 Meron Mitku
$500 Jalen Goode
Betty Fairfax High School

$2,000 Betty Fairfax High School Student Awards- Each Award $100
Sydney Walters-Jones
Monserrat Hernandez
Damion Bunz
Sydney Walters-Jones
Luis Marquez
D’Naziae Brown
Vincent De La Cruz
Mikaela Schaffner
Leonardo Humberto Ruelas, Jr.
Mary Foulk
Ameerah Battle
Jordan Hill
Danilo Mera
Amanda Straus
Chris Joseph
Clifford Slater
Vincent De La Cruz
Daniel Vergara
Branden Pol
Ariana Calvin
Art Department Award
AVID Department Award
Business Department Award
English Department Award
ELL Department Award
ITE Department Award
Performing Arts Department Award
Math Department Award
Science Department Award
Social Studies Department Award
World Languages Department Award
IB CAS Project Award
Capstone Human Resources Award
Capstone Natural Resources Award
Capstone Arts and Communications Award
Capstone Engineering Systems Award
Capstone Business Management Award
Capstone Health Services Award

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