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In College, Career and Life.*

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Phoenix Union Foundation for Education Awards 2009 Scholarships

The Phoenix Union High School District Foundation for Education awarded scholarships totaling \$38,000 to 24 District seniors to further their education at accredited colleges and universities next year.

Scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$1,500 annually, distributed from a pool of scholarship resources. The Partnership has distributed over \$330,000 in scholarships in the past eight years.

Five students earned four-year renewable scholarships worth \$4,000 each- **Grecia Olachea** of Alhambra; **Seline Olivas** of Carl Hayden; **Kalley Falkner** of Central; **Luz Cordoba** of Cesar Chavez and **Cosme Madrid** of Trevor Browne. Ten students were awarded \$1000 each thanks to the generosity of Phoenix Union employees who contributed to the Dollars for Scholars Awards.

Other scholarship contributors include AAMCO Transmissions; Thunderbird Mountain Facilities Performance Services, Network Infrastructure Corporation (NIC) and individuals Tom Foster; Gabriel Villa Family, and Chris and Kristel Guenther, who introduced the Giving Back Pays Forward Scholarship, with hopes that others will follow their lead in the future.

“We received 200 applications and many included compelling life stories, hardships and passion to attend college,” Executive Director Michelle Alcantar said.

The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education is the former Partnership of Business and Education, a not-for-profit organization developed in 1985 to enhance cooperation and collaboration between the Phoenix business community and the District. Its primary mission now is to provide scholarships for Phoenix Union graduates. The Foundation also provides Mini-Money Grants to fund employee-inspired school and classroom projects.

Besides employee contributions and individual and corporate donations, the Foundation holds an annual Scholarship Open Golf Tournament, and this year held the first Phoenix Union Gala to raise funds.

For more information on the Phoenix Union Foundation for Education, call (602) 510-0387.

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Phoenix Union Foundation Scholarship 5 scholarships @ \$4000 (\$1,000 renewable up to 4 years)

Grecia Olachea	Alhambra H.S.
Seline Olivas	Carl Hayden H.S.
Kalley Falkner	Central H.S.
Luz Cordoba	Cesar Chavez H.S.
Cosme Madrid	Trevor Browne H.S.

PUHSD Dollars for Scholars Employee Contributions 10 scholarships @ \$1,000 (non-renewable)

Jacob Serrato	Alhambra H.S.
Calos Castelan	Camelback H.S.
Devon Nau	Central H.S.
Amber Odum	Cesar Chavez H.S.
Claudia Mares	Maryvale H.S.
Brittnee Skehan	Maryvale H.S.
Myriam Acuna	Metro Tech H.S.
Marisol Ortega	North H.S.
Ambra Jordan	South Mountain H.S.
Jordan Price	Trevor Browne H.S.

Giving Back Pays Forward Scholarship 2 scholarships @ \$1,000 (non-renewable)

Kevin Douglas Todd-Powell	North H.S.
Vanessa Rodriguez	Trevor Browne H.S.

AAMCO Transmissions 1 scholarship @ \$1,000 (non-renewable)

Anup Abraham	Cesar Chavez H.S.
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Thunderbird Mountain Facilities Performance Services 1 scholarship @ \$1,000 (non-renewable)

Jazmin Gonzalez	Central H.S.
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Network Infrastructure Corporation 1 scholarship @ \$1,000 (non-renewable)

Deborah Acosta	Camelback H.S.
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Tom Foster Scholarship Fund 1 scholarship @ \$500 for a Carl Hayden Student (non-renewable)

Silvia Enriquez	Carl Hayden H.S.
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Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship 1 scholarship @ \$1,500 for a Metro Tech Student (non-renewable)

Scholarship name to be announced by Villa Family- Metro Tech H.S.

Native American Honors Scholarship

Joseph Desamais	South Mountain H.S.
Ashley Keyonnie	Camelback H.S.

