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### **Foundation Scholarships Reach Record Amount for Phoenix Union Students**

The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education awarded scholarships in May totaling a record \$128,100 to 71 District seniors to further their education at accredited colleges and universities next year.

The Foundation's Scholarship Fund amount topped the \$100,000 mark for the first time. 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 \$250 to \$10,000 annually, distributed from a pool of scholarship resources, from individual and organization donors to employee contributions and fundraising events.

Express Technology Inc. gave the largest award, a \$40,000 scholarship over four years to **Genera Vargas** of Trevor Browne. This was one of several "Giving Back Pays Forward" Scholarships, totaling \$72,100, supported by community, business and PUHSD staff, family and friends to recognize loved ones, support students and give back to their community.

Proceeds from the 2010 Phoenix Union Gala and the Foundation Scholarship Open Golf Tournament generated \$40,000 in \$8,000 scholarships to five students- **Beatriz Grada**, Alhambra; **Isaac Rivera** Carl Hayden; **Emilce Ortiz**, Metro Tech; **Janae Van Buren**, North and **Zayra Mendivil**, Trevor Browne. Proceeds from this year's Gala in February and Golf Tournament in April will be used for next year's scholarships. These two Foundation fundraisers have also established an endowment fund that has topped \$100,000.

Sixteen students benefited from the generosity of Phoenix Union employees who contributed \$16,000 to the "Invest in the Best" Scholarships of \$1000 each.

"The Partnership and now Foundation for Education has raised over \$600,000 in scholarships over the past 25 years, but this year, to go over \$100,000 in scholarships is a significant accomplishment," Executive Director Michelle Alcantar said. "We thank those individuals and businesses who support our fundraising events, our employees for their contribution program and those who utilize the Foundation Scholarship program to express their generosity and commitment to the post-secondary education of worthy Phoenix Union students. "

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**Phoenix Union Foundation Scholars \$40,000 in Total Awards**

Beatriz Grado- Alhambra	\$8000
Isaac Rivera- Carl Hayden	\$8000
Emilce Ortiz- Metro Tech	\$8000
Janae Van Buren- North	\$8000
Zayra Mendivil- Trevor Browne	\$8000

**Phoenix Union Foundation Invest in the Best Scholars \$16,000 in Total Awards**

Sarah Amuli- Alhambra	\$1,000
Lizbeth Ruiz- Alhambra	\$1,000
Jesus Montijo- BioScience	\$1,000
Britania Casillas- Bostrom	\$1,000
Genesis Aguilera- Camelback	\$1,000
Sandra Ruvio- Carl Hayden	\$1,000
Juan Barraza- Carl Hayden	\$1,000
Arnoldo Agüero- Central	\$1,000
Tiesha Douglas- Central	\$1,000
Paola Miramontes- Central	\$1,000
Sheila Rodriguez- Maryvale	\$1,000
Tierro Etsitty- North	\$1,000
Rocio Toruga- North	\$1,000
Maria Hernandez- Trevor Browne	\$1,000
Mun Lahpai- Trevor Browne	\$1,000
Demeisha Crawford- Central	\$1,000

**Phoenix Union Foundation GIVING BACK PAYS FORWARD Scholars \$72,100 in Total Awards**

<b>Express Technology Inc. Scholarship</b>	Genera Vargas- Trevor Browne	\$40,000
<b>Tom Foster Robotics Scholarship</b>	Edwardo Fernandez- Carl Hayden	\$4,000
<b>John Lindsay Scholarship</b>	Victor Virgilio- Cesar Chavez	\$4,000
<b>Kathy Back Memorial Scholarship</b>	Jami Bonifacio- Metro Tech	\$2,000
	Jimmy Rosales- Metro Tech	\$2,000
<b>AAMCO Scholarship</b>	Jermaine Thomas- Alhambra	\$1,000
<b>Patrick Clark Gallaher Scholarship</b>	Julio Yac- Alhambra	\$1,000
<b>Camino de Futuro Scholarship</b>	Gloria Miranda -Carl Hayden	\$1,000
<b>Camino de Futuro Scholarship</b>	Juliana Martinez- Carl Hayden	\$1,000
<b>Camino de Futuro Scholarship</b>	Ramon Balderrama- Carl Hayden	\$1,000
<b>Camino de Futuro Scholarship</b>	Tripp Rivera- Carl Hayden	\$1,000
<b>Camino de Futuro Scholarship</b>	Gerardo Rodriguez- Carl Hayden	\$1,000
<b>Carl Hayden Alumni Scholarship</b>	Brisena Perez- Carl Hayden	\$1,000
<b>Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship</b>	Jose Suarez- Metro Tech	\$1,000
<b>Maryvale Class of 1984 Legacy Scholarship</b>	Tyler Miranda- Maryvale	\$1,000
<b>Hernandez Companies Scholarship</b>	Peter Costello- Central	\$1,000
<b>Hillyard, Inc. Scholarship</b>	Mun Lahpai- Trevor Browne	\$1,000
<b>College Depot Debbie Dillon Scholarship</b>	Sonia Munoz- Trevor Browne	\$1,000
<b>Arnold Memorial Scholarship</b>	Christopher Arnold- Phoenix College	\$500
<b>Anonymous Scholarship Reader Donor</b>	Janae Van Buren- North	\$500

<b>Fairfax Scholarships</b>	Jolene Birdsong	\$ 500
	Dianna Hendrickson	\$ 500
	Ebonee Rhymes	\$ 500
	Adelina Tellez	\$ 500
<b>Phoenix Black Alliance “Young Black Scholars”</b>		
Mari Powell Scholarship	Rayna Salazar - South Mountain	\$ 250
	Alyssa Minch - Central	\$ 250
Singleton Scholarship	Tiesha Douglas - Central	\$ 250
	Lehem Eyassu - Central	\$ 250
	Demeisha Crawford- Central	\$ 250
	Andrea Hendrix - Fairfax	\$ 250
	Sheila Rodriguez- Maryvale	\$ 250
Khadijah Shamsid-deen Scholarship	Mogos Gabre - South Mountain	\$ 250
	Miguel Torres- South Mountain	\$ 250
	Jermaine Thomas - Alhambra	\$ 250
<b>Fairfax Outstanding Students 16 @ \$100</b>	Gabriel Bracamonte, Bianca Palma, Dawn Mercado, Anthony Nguyen, Katherine Stark, Ana Maria Pompa, Anthony Ouk, Nichelle Malone, Raquel Barraza, Amber Stephens, Sherry Bao, Cesar Davila, Adam Torres, Justin Baker, Maria Montano, Mayra Martinez	