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In College, Career and Life.*

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS RELEASE

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Phoenix Union Seniors helped by Foundation for Education Scholarships

The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education awarded scholarships this year totaling \$71,700 benefitting 51 District seniors to further their education at accredited colleges and universities next 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.

Proceeds from the 2012 Phoenix Union Gala and the Foundation Scholarship Open Golf Tournament generated \$40,000 in \$8,000 scholarships to five students- **Alicia Castro Cardenas**, Trevor Browne; **Jennifer Price Smith**, Bioscience; **Evelyn Dominguez**, Camelback; **Cheyenne Tietje**, Betty Fairfax and **Christian Hernandez**, Carl Hayden. Proceeds from this year's Gala in February and Golf Tournament in May will be used for next year's scholarships. These two Foundation fundraisers have also established an endowment fund that has topped \$100,000.

"Giving Back Pays Forward" Scholarships to 32 students totaling \$23,700 were supported by community, business and PUHSD staff, family and friends to recognize loved ones, support students and give back to their community. The largest were the \$4,000 Ramsey/Hamilton Scholarship to **Joaquin Bueno** of Franklin Police and Fire, and the John Lindsay Memorial Scholarship of \$4,000 to **Manuel Sonoqui** of Cesar Chavez. In addition, this year, six students were given Nook Readers.

Eight students benefited from the generosity of Phoenix Union employees whose contributions were used for \$8,000 to the "Invest in the Best" Scholarships of \$1,000 each.

The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education, formerly known as the Partnership for Business and Education, has provided over \$800,000 in scholarships in the past 25 years. For more information, visit www.Foundation4Education.org. Scholarship applications are distributed by counselors and due in April. A panel of judges from the Foundation determines the scholars, and announces the winners in May.

2013 Phoenix Union Foundation for Education Scholarship Awards

Phoenix Union Foundation Scholarships- \$8,000 Total; each year \$2,000

Alicia Castro Cardenas-Trevor Browne High School

Jennifer Price Smith-Bioscience High School

Evelyn Dominguez-Camelback High School

Cheyenne Tietje-Betty Fairfax High School

Christian Hernandez-Carl Hayden High School

Invest in the Best (PUHSD Employee Donations) Scholarships- \$1,000 Total

Eamonn McIntyre-Central High School

Mercedes Villa-South Mountain High School

Kristina Lopez-Alhambra High School

Stacy Mendoza-Trevor Browne High School

Diana Gutierrez-Metro Tech High School

Sandi Obeso-Cesar Chavez High School

Miguel Almanza-Maryvale High School

Jennyfer Alvarado-North High School

Giving Back Pays Forward Scholarships- Amounts and Donors Vary

Maria Rico Rodriguez- Trevor Browne High School; Hillyard Scholarship \$1,000

Johnathen Cien- Metro Tech High School; Hunt and Caraway Scholarship \$1,000

Joaquin Bueno- Franklin High School; Ramsey/Hamilton Scholarship \$4,000 (\$1,000 x 4 years)

Manuel Sonoqui- Cesar Chavez High School; "Gift of Gab- John Lindsay Memorial Scholarship \$4,000 (\$1,000 x 4 years)

Jorge Balderas- Carl Hayden; Camino al Futuro Scholarship \$1,000

Azucena Davila- Carl Hayden; Carl Hayden Alumni Classes 1959-62 Scholarship \$1,000

Luis Lazaro- Carl Hayden; Carl Hayden Alumni Classes 1959-62 Scholarship \$1,000

Karla Martinez- Carl Hayden; Carl Hayden Alumni Classes 1959-62 Scholarship \$1,000

Miguel Ontiveros Jr.- Carl Hayden; Carl Hayden Alumni Classes 1959-62 Scholarship \$1,000

Yvonne Palma- Carl Hayden; Carl Hayden Alumni Classes 1959-62 Scholarship \$1,000

Celeste Cano- North High School; Mike Condello Music Memorial Scholarship \$2,000

Edgar Mendoza- Metro Tech; Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship \$1,000

Jose Herrera- Metro Tech High School; Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship \$1,000

Phoenix Black Alliance "Young Black Scholars" (\$2,300)

Daniela Rojas- Trevor Browne; Phoenix Union Black Alliance Scholarship \$250

Karen De La Fuente Saenz-Trevor Browne; Phoenix Union Black Alliance Scholarship \$250

Maria C. Rico Rodriguez-Trevor Browne; Phoenix Union Black Alliance Scholarship \$300

Yudith Guadalupe Garcia Medina- Trevor Browne; James Singleton, Sr. Scholarship \$500

Dwight Jackson, Jr.-Trevor Browne; James Singleton, Sr. Scholarship \$500

Mari Powell Scholarship \$500

Betty Fairfax High School Scholarships (\$100 each, \$1,400 total)

Department Outstanding Student Awards: **Gelila Tsefu; Dominique Ceballos; Doenisha Jackson; Abbie Haynie; Dillon Moffett; Kathleen Sem; Aimee Wilson; Daniel Diaz-Ortega; Stephanie Arellano; Marisa Contreres; Ninju Mathew; and three TBA.**

Senior College and Career Presentation Scholarships: **(Nooks) Melissa Trout, Dina Sandoval; Bryantee Williams; Danielle Bailey; Ty Wooley; Chris Moreno.**

