



*Preparing Every Student for Success
In College, Career and Life.*

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Phoenix Union Seniors Helped by Foundation for Education Scholarships

The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education awarded scholarships this year totaling \$69,950, benefitting 55 District seniors in furthering 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 2013 Phoenix Union Scholarship Dinner and the Foundation Scholarship Open Golf Tournament generated \$44,000 for four \$8000 and two \$6,000 renewable scholarships to **Quesha Avalos**, Betty Fairfax; **Thy Tran**, Central; **Juan Mondaca**; Metro Tech; **Khem Dahal**, Alhambra; **David Ambriz**, Trevor Browne and **Itzel Soria**, South Mountain. Proceeds from this year's Scholarship Dinner in February and Golf Tournament in May will be used for next year's scholarships. These two Foundation fundraisers are also used for building an endowment fund that is over \$250,000, with a goal of \$1 million.

Scholarships to 12 students totaling \$11,500 were supported by various community, business and PUHSD staff, family and friends to recognize loved ones, support students and give back to their community.

Ten 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 \$2,450 to seven students, and Betty Fairfax students earned \$2000 through proceeds from its golf tournament.

The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education, formerly known as the Partnership for Business and Education, has provided over \$870,000 in scholarships in the past 25 years. Scholarship applications are distributed to all District employees and due in April. Volunteer business, community and education members read and score the applications to award in May. Individuals or businesses interested in volunteering or making a scholarship donation can visit www.foundation4education.org.



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Scholarships for Fall 2014 and Spring 2015
Total Scholarship Awards: \$69,950

Phoenix Union Foundation Scholarship - \$44,000 Awarded (four-year renewable scholarship)

Quesha Avalos - Betty Fairfax H.S.	\$8,000 (\$2,000 per year, renewable up to 4 years)
Thy Tran - Central H.S.	\$8,000 (\$2,000 per year, renewable up to 4 years)
Juan Mondaca - Metro Tech H.S.	\$8,000 (\$2,000 per year, renewable up to 4 years)
Khem Dahal - Alhambra H.S.	\$8,000 (\$2,000 per year, renewable up to 4 years)
David Ambriz - Trevor Browne H.S.	\$6,000 (\$1,500 per year, renewable up to 4 years)
Itzel Soria - South Mountain H.S.	\$6,000 (\$1,500 per year, renewable up to 4 years)

Invest in the Best - Funded by Phoenix Union Employees - \$10,000 Awarded

Ciara Ruiz - Bostrom H.S.	\$1,000
Elizabeth Estrada - Maryvale H.S.	\$1,000
Alexis Serafin - Camelback H.S.	\$1,000
Jeanette Hernandez - Alhambra H.S.	\$1,000
Anna Flores - Carl Hayden H.S.	\$1,000
Carmen Perez Vazquez - Bioscience H.S.	\$1,000
Andrea Varela Garcia - Trevor Browne H.S.	\$1,000
Doren Thikoll - North H.S.	\$1,000
Martine Desulme - Betty Fairfax H.S.	\$1,000
Jeisenia Estrada - Central H.S.	\$1,000

Hunt & Caraway Scholarship - \$1,000 Awarded

Danette Rodriguez - Central H.S.	\$1,000
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Kathy Back Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000 Award

Claudia Rodriguez - North H.S.	\$1,000
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Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000 Awarded

Monika Gomez Zarate - Metro Tech H.S.	\$1,000
Lidia Gonzalez - Metro Tech H.S.	\$1,000

Ramsey-Hamilton Scholarship - \$1,000 Award

Crystal Robles - Carl Hayden H.S.	\$1,000
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McCarthy Scholarship - \$1,000 Award

Lindsay Wilson - Bioscience H.S.	\$1,000
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RyTan Scholarship - \$1,000 Award

Analyssa Berzoza - Franklin Police & Fire H.S.	\$1,000
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"Gift of Gab" John Lindsay Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000 Award

David Ambriz - Trevor Browne H.S.	\$1,000
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BlueCross BlueShield Scholarship - \$1,000 Award

Zaria Cheatham - Cesar Chavez H.S.	\$1,000
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Stifel Nicolaus Scholarship - \$1,000 Award

Du Vu - Metro Tech H.S.	\$1,000
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Hillyard, Inc. Scholarship - \$1,000 Award

Celese Celaya - Betty Fairfax H.S.	\$1,000
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Norma Tisdal Scholarship - \$500 Award

Selena Galicia-Lopez - Trevor Browne H.S.	\$500
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Phoenix Black Alliance Scholarship - \$2,450 Awarded

Cierea Walls - Cesar Chavez H.S.	\$500
Ahela Armstrong-Pleasant - North H.S.	\$325
Brandon Sellers - Betty Fairfax H.S.	\$325
Xavyer Zeigler - South Mountain H.S.	\$325
Algelia Burton - South Mountain H.S.	\$325
D'Andre Adams - Camelback H.S.	\$325
Deondra Revels - Cesar Chavez H.S.	\$325

2014 Fairfax Department Outstanding Student Awards - \$1,400 Awarded

Juan Garcia Serna - Art Department	\$100
Ruben Mazon - AVID	\$100
Naimah Hasan - Business Department	\$100
Fabian Cahue - English Department	\$100
Victoria Abraham - Family and Consumer Sciences	\$100
Victoria Abraham - Akua Sankofa Scholarship	\$100
Sharon Guerra - JROTC Department	\$100
Genesis Miranda - Math Department 1	\$100
Taylor Carmichael - Math Department 2	\$100
Tyra Phillips - Performing Arts Department	\$100
Jason Larios - Physical Education Department	\$100
Monica Romero - Science Department	\$100
Ashlyn Forstie - Social Studies	\$100
Kayla Hancock - World Language Department	\$100

2014 Fairfax Senior College and Career Presentation Scholarships - \$600 Awarded

Edesa Pimentel – Health Services	\$100
Genesis Miranda Soto – Business Management	\$100
Elizabeth Wendler – Art	\$100
Joseph Dodd – Human Resources	\$100
Anthony Joshlin – Human Resources	\$100
Rafael Rivera – Engineering Systems	\$100

The scholarship funds distributed have been raised through various Phoenix Union Foundation for Education fundraisers, PUHSD employee contributions to the “Invest in the Best” program, private donations, memorial scholarships, alumni donations, and special contributions from PUHSD employee groups.