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In College, Career and Life.*

## **PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS RELEASE**

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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 \$88,000, assisting 60 District seniors in furthering their education at Arizona colleges and universities next year. The amount was \$18,000 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.

Five seniors received four-year scholarships of \$8,000 each--**Joy Cocone**, Alhambra; **Omar Tay**, Carl Hayden; **Lal Len Mawi**, Camelback; **Jesslynne Alvarez**, Central and **Edwin Perez**, Trevor Browne. A new donor, the Dr. Mehrdad Shafa Medical Scholarship Foundation, awarded \$19,000 to 14 students who plan to study in the medical, nursing or allied health sciences next fall.

Named scholarships to nine students totaling \$11,500 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.

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 \$3,000 to five students, and 18 Betty Fairfax students earned \$4300 through proceeds from its golf tournament.

Proceeds from the 2014 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 \$280,000, with a goal of \$1 million.

The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education has provided over \$950,000 in scholarships in the past 26 years. 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. Individuals or businesses interested in volunteering or making a scholarship donation can visit [www.foundation4education.org](http://www.foundation4education.org).

**Phoenix Union Foundation for Education 2015 Scholarship Awards**

**\$40,000 Phoenix Union Foundation Scholarships- \$8000 Awards; \$2,000 each yr.**

Joy Cocone	Alhambra High School
Omar Tay	Carl Hayden High School
Lal Len Mawi	Camelback High School
Jesslynne Alvarez	Central High School
Edwin Perez	Trevor G. Browne High School

**\$10,000 Invest in the Best (PUHSD Employee Donations) Scholarships- \$1,000 Awards**

Barbara Olachea	Alhambra High School
Ana Aguilar	Bostrom High School
Miriam Ornelas	Camelback High School
Ronald Harris	Cesar Chavez High School
Salin Lin	Betty Fairfax High School
BrieAnna Frank	Maryvale High School
Jesusita Espinosa	Metro Tech High School
Juan Panduro	Metro Tech High School
Lylaine Flores	North High School
Arminda Zepeda	South Mountain High School

**Giving Back Pays Forward Scholarships- Amounts and Donors Vary**

**Dr.Mehrdad Shafa Medical Scholarship**

Estefanic Montes	\$2,000	Betty Fairfax High School
Leslei Muro	\$2,000	Betty Fairfax High School
Jennifer Nunez	\$2,000	Carl Hayden High School
Briana Diaz	\$2,000	Bioscience High School
Tahmina Stanikzai	\$2,000	Bio Science High School
Lylaine Flores	\$1,000	North High School
Mariela Camacho	\$1,000	Central High School
Tzitlalli Ocegueda	\$1,000	North High School
Maritsa Romero Trejo	\$1,000	South Mountain High School
Karyna Rojas	\$1,000	Metro Tech High School
Jesus Espinoza	\$1,000	Metro Tech High School
Ashley Lazaro	\$1,000	Betty Fairfax High School
Vanessa Casarrubias	\$1,000	Camelback High School
Alejandro Cruz	\$1,000	Trevor G. Browne High School

**Blue Cross Blue Shield Scholarship \$1,000**

Vanessa Salgado	Trevor G. Browne High School
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**Honeywell Scholarship \$1,000**

Zhi Lan	Central High School
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**Hillyard Scholarship \$1000**

Jesus Mendez	Alhambra High School
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**McCarthy Construction Scholarship \$1,000**

Jailene Duarte

Franklin High School

**JHIL-FIPE STEM Scholarship- \$1,000**

Azucena Fuentes

Bioscience High School

**Ramsey/Hamilton Scholarship \$2,000 (\$1,000 x 2 years)**

Jasmin Perez

Central High School

**Norma Tisdell Memorial Scholarship \$1,000**

Nataly Banulos

Camelback High School

**Kathy Back Memorial Scholarship \$1,500**

Nalleli Ordonez

Trevor G. Browne High School

**Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship \$2,000**

David Hernandez

Metro Tech High School

**Phoenix Union Black Alliance Scholarships \$3,000**

Jakarra West	Trevor G. Browne High School	\$600
Eryk Gammage	Betty H. Fairfax High School	\$350
Israel Kiyogera Gael	Betty H. Fairfax High School	\$350
Aroe Phoenix Talbot	Central High School	\$300
Rebekah Patterson	Central High School	\$200
Obiomachi Joshua Megwa	Central High School	\$200
Sara Woldegeriel	Central High School	\$350
Danielle Ellsworth	Cesar Chavez	\$400
Ropnald Harris, Jr.	Cesar Chavez	\$250

**Betty Fairfax High School Scholarships \$4,300**

Kenji Doi	\$2,600
Mariam Gutierrez	\$100
Israel Kiyogera	\$100
Denisha Gregory	\$100
Juliann Salazar	\$200
Cynthia Coplen	\$100
Alyssa Eoff	\$100
Laila Grace Kabongi	\$100
Samantha Madrid	\$100
Guillermo Gutierrez	\$100
Nancy De Loe	\$100
Vanessa Carver	\$100
Randy Alvarez	\$100
Suhey Ortega	\$100
Aiysha Arriago	\$100
Austin Harwood	\$100
Gabriella Lopez	\$100