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PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS RELEASE

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Phoenix Union College Bound Seniors Helped by Foundation Scholarships

PHOENIX – The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education awarded scholarships this year totaling \$99,300 assisting 51 District Seniors in furthering their education at Arizona colleges and universities next year.

The Phoenix Union 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 Phoenix Union High School District (PXU) students.

Scholarships range from \$500 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.

Seven Seniors received four-year scholarships of \$8,000 each. **Reyna Chavez Amaya**, North; **Daniela Figueroa**, Bioscience; **Jorge Gonzalez**, Metro Tech; **Leslie Hernandez Gutierrez**, Bioscience; **Anyah Hubbard**, Trevor Browne; **Cristovan Jimenez**, Alhambra; and **Cindy Vargas**, North.

Fifteen students benefited from the generosity of PXU employees whose contributions were used for the "Invest in the Best" Scholarships of \$1,000 each, and the PXU Black Alliance Scholarship awarded \$4,000 to two students while eight students earned named scholarships totaling \$10,500. In addition, the PXU Sports Hall of Fame Athletics Awards Dinner in December benefitted 18 student-athletes from nine campuses.

Scholarship applications are distributed to all District employees and are due in April. This year, we received support from volunteer business, community, and education members to read and score the applications which are awarded in May.

Individuals or businesses interested in volunteering or making scholarship donations to the Foundation for Education can visit www.foundation4education.org. In addition, the Foundation has

launched an apparel store with \$1 from every sale going to the COVID Relief Fund supporting PXU families in need. The store can be found at <https://stores.inksoft.com/PXU/shop/home>.

Phoenix Union Foundation for Education 2020 Scholarships

Foundation Scholarship \$56,000 (\$8,000 each)

Reyna Chavez Amaya	Alhambra
Daniela Figueroa	Bioscience
Jorge Gonzalez	Metro Tech
Leslie Hernandez Gutierrez	Bioscience
Anyah Hubbard	Trevor Browne
Cristovan Jimenez	Alhambra
Cindy Vargas	North

Invest In the Best \$15,000 (\$1,000 each)

Jesus Alvarado	Phoenix Coding
Jadelynn Arzola Ramirez	South Mountain
Maranata Befirdu	Cesar Chavez
Amina Bennekaa	Bioscience
Ashley Bergin	Bioscience
Homero Dena	Metro Tech
Carlos Figueroa	North
Ana Heredia	Carl Hayden
Khushboo Khanna	Camelback
Lizbett Menjivar	North
Natalie Moreno	South Mountain
Hannah Moton	Maryvale
Ilyanna Ordaz	Cesar Chavez
Kayla Velazquez	North
Vincent Wu	Metro Tech

Babcock Family Scholarship \$2,500

Hannah Moton	Maryvale
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Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship \$2,000 (\$1,000 each)

Jorge Gonzalez	Metro Tech
Guadalupe Reynoso	Metro Tech

Blue Cross Blue Shield Scholarship \$1,000

Daniel Ogaz	Cesar Chavez
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Maria Gomez KD Chi Dream Scholarship \$1,000

Angel Palazuelos	Metro Tech
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Paul Lowes PathMaker Scholarship \$1,000

Jessica Brigido-Lopez	Carl Hayden
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Pallissard/Lowes Pay-It-Forward Scholarship \$3,000 (\$1,500 each)

Galilea Martinez	North
Mairym Madrid	North

Black Alliance Scholarship \$4,000 (\$2,000 each)

Jasmin Harris	Fairfax
Aaliyah Moore	Central

Betty Fairfax Awards \$800

John Leon	Fairfax
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Sports Hall of Fame Athletic Awards (\$9,000 Total) (\$500 each)

Phoenix Union Sports Hall of Fame Campus Male and Female Athletes of the Year

Marlon Valdez Arce and Syrianna Cheyenne Nighthawk	Alhambra
Luis Armando Resendiz Beniez and Yesenia Valenzuela Flores	Camelback
Petar Lazic and Amanda Lucy Myrtle York	Central
Charlie Kehaunani Bal and Andres Javier Avelar	Cesar Chavez
Johnathan Joseph Leon and Marie Theresa Jessica Angounou	Fairfax
Benjamin Morfin and Elizabeth Ramirez	Carl Hayden
Adan Leyva Montoya and Alea Ozuna	Metro Tech
Joseph Gallagher and Ashley Arroyo	North
Jacob Lopez and Anyah Hubbard	Trevor Browne