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Phoenix Union College Bound Seniors Helped by Foundation Scholarships

PHOENIX, AZ – The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education awarded scholarships this year totaling \$99,900 assisting 62 Phoenix Union High School District (PXU) seniors in furthering their education at colleges and universities next year.

The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education is a 501(c)(3) that supports pathways to success in college, career, and life. The Foundation provides support for PXU college-going students, programs, and scholarships. It began in 1985 as the Phoenix Union Partnership of Business and Education, and in recent years, it has concentrated on generating need-based scholarships for PXU students.

Scholarships range from \$500 annually to \$8,000 over a four-year academic career, distributed from a pool of scholarship resources provided by individual and organization donors to employee contributions and fundraising events.

Six seniors received four-year scholarships of \$8,000 each. **Cassandra Adame**, Carl Hayden; **Celia Lechuga**, North; **Vivian Tellez Matias**, Metro Tech; **Adam Pizano**, Cesar Chavez; **Karla Ortiz Reyes**, Trevor Browne; **Diana Soto**, Academies at South Mountain.

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 \$2,000 to three students and \$700 to two students. Twelve students earned named scholarships totaling \$16,500. In addition, the PXU Sports Hall of Fame Athletics Awards provided 24 scholarships to student-athletes from eleven campuses.

Scholarship applications are distributed annually to all District seniors and are due in April. This year, we received support from volunteers, 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. Last year, the Foundation, in partnership with PXU, 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>.

Award Recipients for 2021-2022 (TOTAL=\$99,900)

Phoenix Union Foundation for Education Scholarship 2021 (\$8,000 over 4 years x 6 awards=\$48,000)

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| 1. Cassandra Adame | ASU | Carl Hayden |
| 2. Celia Lechuga | ASU | North |
| 3. Vivian Tellez Matias | ASU | MetroTech |
| 4. Adam Pizano | ASU | Cesar Chavez |
| 5. Karla Ortiz-Reyes | NAU | Trevor Browne |
| 6. Diana Soto | SCC | Academies at South |

Invest in the Best Scholarship (\$1,000 one-time awards x 15=\$15,000)

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| 1. Nia Beatty | ASU | Central |
| 2. Gissele Campos | OHOWA | Academies at South |
| 3. Brittany Cao | ASU | Alhambra |
| 4. Luis Chavez | ASU | Bostrom |
| 5. Michael Coronado | ASU | Bioscience |
| 6. Melany Damien | ASU | Maryvale |
| 7. Emma Esquivel | ASU | Metro Tech |
| 8. Cassandra Gamez Gonzalez | UofA | Carl Hayden |
| 9. Jennifer Gonzalez | Gateway CC | Camelback |
| 10. David Liu | ASU | Bioscience |
| 11. Noemi Caballero Rodriguez | GCU | Phoenix Coding Academy |
| 12. Tanvir Saini | ASU | Camelback |
| 13. Emely Tinoco | PC | Franklin |
| 14. Yesenia Villarreal | NAU or U of A | Wilson |
| 15. Evan Zavala | SCC | Fairfax |

Black Alliance Scholarship (\$2,000 one-time awards x 3, \$700 one-time awards x 2=\$7400)

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| 1. Jordan Dansby | | Academies at South |
| 2. Laura Francois | | North |
| 3. Karla Ramos Gonzalez | | North |
| 4. Jahsua Jenkins | | Fairfax |
| 5. I'Viaugn Russel | | Academies at South |

Lowes Pathfinder Scholarship (\$750 one-time awards x 2=\$1,500)

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| 1. Yvonne Moriera-Andrade | | Bioscience High School |
| 2. Nathan Nguyen | | Bioscience High School |

Pallissard/Lowes Pay It Forward Scholarship (\$1,500 one-time awards x 2=\$3,000)

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| 1. Xavier Brown | | North |
| 2. Omokoresola O. Omodara | | North |

Blue Cross Blue Shield Scholarship (\$1,000 one-time award x 1=\$1,000)

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| 1. Marlene Carrasco | ASU | |
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Gabriel Villa (\$1000 one-time award x2-\$2,000)

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| 1. Lorena Calderon | Brown | Metro Tech |
| 2. Adriana Vazquez | GCU | Metro Tech |

The Babcock Family (\$2500 one-time award x 3 = \$7,500)

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| 1. Stephanie Hernandez Altez | | Maryvale |
| 2. Reginae Huckaby | | Maryvale |
| 3. Juan Perea | | Maryvale |

The Maria Gomez Dream Scholarship (\$1000 one-time award x1, \$500 one-time award x 1=\$1,500)

1. Karina Casteneda Carrera Bioscience
2. Karla Ramos Gonzalez North

Sports Hall of Fame Athletic Award (\$500 one-time award x 22=\$11,000 Total)

1. Travis Gammage and Jordan Dansby Academies at South
2. Daniel Avitia and Rebekka Nance Alhambra
3. Ramon Varela Nevarez and Tanvir Saini Camelback
4. Edwin Yepiz and Carolina Gamez Carl Hayden
5. Corvel Simmons and Eve Orona Central
6. Alfredo Martinez and Valeria Mora Cesar Chavez
7. Theo Wolf and Dezeray Levario Fairfax
8. Diego Villalpando and Lauren Vargas Maryvale
9. Humberto Villareal Jr. and Vanessa Bernal Hernandez Metro Tech
10. Ryan Gastelum and Juliza Garcia North
11. Alan Quezada and Arianna Torres Trevor Browne

Sports Hall of Fame District Athletes of the Year (\$1,000 one-time award x 2=\$2,000 Total)

1. Travis Gammage Academies at South
2. Dezeray Levario Fairfax