PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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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](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

**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

**Maria Gomez KD Chi Dream Scholarship $1,000**
- Angel Palazuelos  
  Metro Tech

**Paul Lowes PathMaker Scholarship $1,000**
- Jessica Brigido-Lopez  
  Carl Hayden

**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

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 Lasic 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