

\$10,000 Phoenix Library College Depot Funding

Phoenix Union Foundation for Education shares a powerful partnership with College Depot at Phoenix Public Library (College Depot) and Phoenix Public Library Foundation to help Phoenix Union students overcome obstacles to ensure their success in postsecondary attainment.

College Depot is a free, accommodating college access center on the 2nd floor of the Burton Barr Central Library in downtown Phoenix. Since its inception in 2009, more than 25,000 individuals have received in-depth services from College Depot.

College Depot has grown to become an irreplaceable resource in the Phoenix community for underserved youth and families to gain access to postsecondary services. Nearly all customers will be the first in their family to attend college, 44% have an annual household income below \$21,000, and 81% below \$42,000. These are the families most impacted by this crisis.

College Depot partners with Phoenix Union Foundation for Education to ensure that we can help Phoenix Union students overcome whatever obstacles they face during these uncertain times. With a skilled, professional team of advisors, College Depot provides immediate direct assistance to help economically vulnerable students overcome the following barriers:

- Transportation
- Application Fees
- Program Supplies
- Technology (laptop, tablet)
- Books and dorm supplies
- Gap-filling scholarships
- Others require referrals to social services (food banks, shelters, workforce, etc.)
- Some require one-on-one support, mentorship, and follow-up