Phoenix Union College Bound Seniors Helped by Foundation Scholarships

PHOENIX, AZ – The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education awarded scholarships this year totaling $101,200 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 five students various amounts totalling $8700. 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= $101,200)*

Phoenix Union Foundation for Education Scholarship 2021 ($8,000 over 4 years x 6 awards= $48,000)
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)
1. Nia Beatty ASU Central
2. Giselle 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 (5 one-time awards= $8700)
1. Jordan Dansby Wiley Academies at South $2600
2. Laura Francois U of MO North $700
3. Karla Ramos Gonzalez Yale North $2100
4. Jahsua Jenkins $700
5. I'Viaugn Russel Moorehouse Academies at South $2600

Lowes Pathfinder Scholarship ($750 one-time awards x 2= $1,500)
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)
1. Xavier Brown North
2. Omokoresola O. Omodara North

Blue Cross Blue Shield Scholarship ($1,000 one-time award x 1= $1,000)
1. Marlene Carrasco ASU

Gabriel Villa ($1000 one-time award x2= $2,000)
1. Lorena Calderon Brown Metro Tech
2. Adriana Vazquez GCU Metro Tech

The Babcock Family ($2500 one-time award x 3 = $7,500)
1. Stephanie Hernandez Alterez 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 Villarel 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

*Revised – Awards in Black Alliance were increased prior to their distribution.*