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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 \$95,750 assisting 52 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. **Luis Ceballos**, Metro Tech; **Trinity Markham**, Cesar Chavez; **Melona Medhane**, Betty Fairfax; **Natalia Perales**, Trevor Browne; **Kiera Rodriguez**, North; **Ximena Sanchez Corral**, Carl Hayden.

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 three students \$2000 each for a total of \$6000. Thirteen students earned named scholarships totaling \$13,750. In addition, the PXU Sports Hall of Fame Athletics Awards provided 24 scholarships to student-athletes from eleven campuses.

Scholarship applications are available 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](http://www.foundation4education.org). In 2020 the Foundation, in partnership with PXU, launched an apparel store with \$1 from every sale going to the Emergency Assistance Fund supporting PXU families in need. The need still exists as does the store. The store can be found at <https://stores.inksoft.com/PXU/shop/home>.

## **Award Recipients for 2022-2023 (TOTAL=\$95,750)**

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

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|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Luis Ceballos         | U of A       | Metro Tech    |
| 2. Trinity Markham       | ASU          | Cesar Chavez  |
| 3. Melona Medhane        | ASU Downtown | Betty Fairfax |
| 4. Natalia Perales       | GCU          | Trevor Browne |
| 5. Kiara Rodriguez       | ASU Downtown | North         |
| 6. Ximena Sanchez Corral | ASU          | Carl Hayden   |

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

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| 1. Priscilla Aranda        | ASU Downtown    | Alhambra      |
| 2. Karla Cota              | GCU             | Metro Tech    |
| 3. Elyzaak Felix           | ASU             | Camelback     |
| 4. Maria Garcia Gutierrez  | Phoenix College | Central       |
| 5. Luis El La Rosa         | ASU             | Metro Tech    |
| 6. Jayla Lopez             | ASU             | North         |
| 7. Mark Vallecillo Lopez   | ASU             | Trevor Browne |
| 8. Vienna Munoz            | NAU             | Camelback     |
| 9. Wendy Nevarez           | ASU             | Central       |
| 10. Blanca Gonzalez Osorio | ASU             | North         |
| 11. Daniel Resendez        | GCU             | North         |
| 12. Jonathan Rodriguez     | ASU             | Bioscience    |
| 13. Xoshill Saldana        | U of A          | Betty Fairfax |
| 14. Athira Tomy            | ASU             | Betty Fairfax |
| 15. Ammie Yu               | ASU             | Metro Tech    |

Black Alliance Scholarship (\$2000 one-time awards x 2 =\$4000 Total)

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| 1. Safiya Goff    | Howard University | Bioscience    |
| 2. Melona Medhane | ASU Downtown      | Betty Fairfax |

Black Alliance Adrian Lamos II Scholarship (\$2000 one-time award)

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| 1. Athira Tomy | ASU | Betty Fairfax |
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Lowes Pathmaker Scholarship (\$1000 one-time awards x 2=\$2000 Total)

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| 1. Sabrin Mohamed         | ASU West | North |
| 2. Blanca Gonzalez Osorio | ASU      | North |

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

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| 1. Wendy Ceja Gonzalez | GCU | North |
| 2. Jordan Davis-Wiley  |     | North |

CORE Construction Scholarship (\$750 one-time award =\$750)

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| 1. Annabel Hernandez | U of A | Metro Tech |
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Gabriel Villa (\$1000 one-time award x2 = \$2,000)

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| 1. Jazmin Cabanas Rodriguez | Phoenix College | Metro Tech |
| 2. Karla Cota               | GCU             | Metro Tech |

The Babcock Family (\$2500 one-time award)

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| 1. Alan Valencia | ASU | Maryvale |
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The Maria Gomez Dream Scholarship (\$500 one-time award + \$1000 one-time award x2=\$2000 \$2500 Total)

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|------------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1. Wendy Ceja Gonzalez | GCU | North        |
| 2. Vienna Munoz        | NAU | Camelback    |
| 3. Trinity Markham     | ASU | Cesar Chavez |

No Place for Hate Andrew Scholarship (\$500 one-time award x 2 = \$1000 Total)

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|------------------------|----------|-------|
| 1. Wendy Ceja Gonzalez | GCU      | North |
| 2. Sabrin Mohamed      | ASU West | North |

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

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| 1. Eddi Cotto and Alexandra Rojo                 | Alhambra       |
| 2. Drayden Wilfert and Tamlyn White              | Camelback      |
| 3. Jordan Talbert and Miriam Abaker              | Carl Hayden    |
| 4. Hanibal Haile and Aniyah Chin Wing            | Central        |
| 5. Cesar Avelar and Keyara Scott Johnson         | Cesar Chavez   |
| 6. Victor Vasquez and D'Ionna McBride            | Betty Fairfax  |
| 7. Jesus Alberto Arechiga Felix and Jannice Loya | Maryvale       |
| 8. Eric Ismel Ponce and Adalia Anabel Perez      | Metro Tech     |
| 9. Layne Marquez and Myah Bacon                  | North          |
| 10. Jaylen Huckaby and Tajilynn Karim            | South Mountain |
| 11. Benigno Pineda and Melissa Leyva Teran       | Trevor Browne  |

Sports Hall of Fame District Athletes of the Year (\$1000 one-time award x 2=\$2000 Total)

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| 1. Jordan Talbert       | Carl Hayden  |
| 2. Keyara Scott Johnson | Cesar Chavez |