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## **PHOENIX UNION FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$105,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS**

**PHOENIX, AZ** – The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education will honor 55 PXU scholars and award \$105,500 in scholarships on Tuesday, April 25, during its annual scholarship reception. These funds will assist Phoenix Union High School District (PXU) seniors in furthering their education at colleges, universities, and trade schools.

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 students, programs, and scholarships. It began in 1985 as the Phoenix Union Partnership of Business and Education, and in recent years, has focused on generating need-based scholarships for PXU students.

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

This year, the Foundation received a \$25,000 grant from Bristol Myers Squibb for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)–based education. This funding is split between mini-grants for educators who have STEM-related projects and scholarship recipients who have chosen STEM as a field of study.

In 2023, a benefit each annual sponsor received was the opportunity to have a scholarship in their company name. The Foundation thanks all those who donate their time, talent, and treasure to ensuring PXU students succeed after high school.

Five seniors earned the Phoenix Union Foundation for Education Scholarship. **Andrew Rodriguez Acosta**, Camelback; **Ariana Delgadillo**, Bioscience; **Marlene Rodriguez Mendoza**, Camelback; **Debby Suarez Ortega**, Metro Tech; **Perla Gonzalez Osorio**, North.

Five students benefited from the generosity of PXU employees whose contributions were used for the *Invest in the Best* Scholarships of \$1,000 each. Bristol Myers Squibb provided ten seniors with scholarships totaling \$12,500. The PXU Black Alliance Scholarship awarded eleven students \$500 each for a total of \$5,500. Thirteen students earned named scholarships totaling \$18,500. Fourteen students were awarded sponsored scholarships totaling \$24,000.

Scholarship applications are available annually to all District seniors and are due in January. This year, the Foundation received support from volunteers, business, community, and education professionals to read and score the applications.

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 launched a PXU online store that raises money for the District's Emergency Assistance Fund. The store can be found at <https://stores.inksoft.com/PXU/shop/home>.

### **Award Recipients for 2022-23 (TOTAL=\$105,500)**

#### Scholarship Name

Phoenix Union Foundation for Education (\$8,000 over 4 years x 5 awards=\$40,000 Total)

<u>Scholarship Recipient</u>	<u>Graduating From</u>
1. Andrew Rodriguez Acosta	Camelback
2. Ariana Delgadillo	Bioscience
3. Debby Suarez Ortega	Metro Tech
4. Marlene Rodriguez Mendoza	Camelback
5. Perla Gonzalez Osorio	North

Invest in the Best (\$1,000 one-time awards x 5=\$5,000 Total)

1. Angelina Nedyathu	North
2. Azucena Rubio Acosta	Central
3. Benjamin Durán	Phoenix Coding
4. Sahian Lechuga Altamirano	Alhambra
5. Sebastian Graciano Muñoz	Trevor Browne

Phoenix Union Black Alliance (\$500 one-time awards x 11=\$5500 Total)

1. Amiya Stuart	Cesar Chavez
2. Asukulu Raymond	Central
3. Ayan Ahmed	Wilson
4. Daisha Henry	Trevor Browne
5. Danke Kabia	Alhambra
6. Janiah Gary	Central
7. Ny'Chelle Gray	Cesar Chavez
8. Rajabu Raymond	Central
9. Tysson Donnell	Cesar Chavez
10. Victoria Monroe	Betty Fairfax
11. Willy Fulbright	The Academies

Bristol Myers Squibb (\$1250 one-time awards x 10 = \$12,500 Total)

1. Alan Maldonado Erives	Alhambra
2. Alfonso Barrera	Phoenix Coding
3. Ariana Romayor	Trevor Browne
4. Ayan Ahmed	Wilson
5. Ethan Cohen	Phoenix Coding
6. Eve Harmon	Trevor Browne
7. Mehlanie Florez	Metro Tech
8. Noemi Soto Lopez	Camelback Montessori
9. Vincent Farfan	Maryvale
10. Natalie Rivera Mendez	North

### **Sponsored Scholarships**

CORE Construction (\$5000 one-time award = \$5000)	Elizabeth Loreda Loreda	Academies at South
Chasse Building Team (\$3000 one-time award = \$3000)	Angela Sanchez	Bioscience
McCarthy (\$3000 one-time award = \$3000)	Analy Quiróz Arroyo	Trevor Browne
Orcutt Winslow (\$2000 one-time award = \$2000)	Jesus Lopez	Maryvale
Willmeng (\$2000 one-time award = \$2000)	Ashly Vizcarra	Metro Tech
ADM Group, Inc (\$1000 one-time award = \$1000)	Heidi Seitz	Camelback
DLR Group (\$1000 one-time award = \$1000)	Deborah Palomino Lopez	Alhambra
EOS Education by Boxlight (\$1000 one-time award = \$1000)	Janiah Gary	Central
GCON (\$1000 one-time award = \$1000)	Natali Giron Terrazas	Maryvale Gifted & Talented
Honeywell (\$1000 one-time award = \$1000)	Troy Martinez	Cesar Chavez
Imagine Learning (\$1000 one-time award = \$1000)	Jacqueline Chavez	Cesar Chavez
Phoenix Union Classroom Teachers' Association (\$1000 one-time award = \$1000)	Isaac Godinez	Betty Fairfax
SPS Plus Architects (\$1000 one-time award = \$1000)	Natalie Rivera Mendez	North
The Colibri Collective, in honor of Betsy Lehman (\$1000 one-time award = \$1000)	Sarah Ramos-Gonzalez	North

### **Named Scholarships**

Andrew Aranda No Place for Hate (\$500 one-time awards x 2 = \$1000 Total)		
	1. Perla Gonzalez Osorio	North
	2. Sarah Ramos-Gonzalez	North
Babcock Family (\$3000 one-time award)	Bryan Gonzalez Barraza	Maryvale
Gabriel Villa Memorial (\$2000 one-time award = \$2,000)	Debby Suarez Ortega	Metro Tech

Maria Gomez Dream (\$1000 one-time award x 2 + \$500 one-time award = \$2500 Total)

1. Sahian Lechuga Altamirano Alhambra
2. Siclaly Peralta Torres Carl Hayden
3. Victoria Claro Central

Pallissard-Lowes Pay It Forward (\$2000 one-time awards x 2=\$4,000 Total)

1. Perla Gonzalez Osorio North
2. Sean Riley North

Paul Lowes Pathmaker (\$2000 one-time awards x 2=\$4000 Total)

1. Ayan Ahmed Wilson
2. Perla Gonzalez Osorio North

Sergio A. Reyes Memorial Scholarship (\$1000 one-time awards x 2 = \$2000 Total)

1. Tysson Donnell Cesar Chavez
2. Yuritz Rios Maryvale Gifted & Talented