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. 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)

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<th>Scholarship Recipient</th>
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Invest in the Best ($1,000 one-time awards x 5=$5,000 Total)

1. Angelina Nediyathu
2. Azucena Rubio Acosta
3. Benjamin Durán
4. Sahian Lechuga Altamirano
5. Sebastian Graciano Muñoz

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

1. Amiya Stuart
2. Asukulu Raymond
3. Ayan Ahmed
4. Daisha Henry
5. Danke Kabia
6. Janiah Gary
7. Ny’Chelle Gray
8. Rajabu Raymond
9. Tysson Donnell
10. Victoria Monroe
11. Willy Fulbright

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

1. Alan Maldonado Erives
2. Alfonso Barrera
3. Ariana Romayor
4. Ayan Ahmed
5. Ethan Cohen
6. Eve Harmon
7. Melhanie Florez
8. Noemi Soto Lopez
9. Vincent Farfan
10. Natalie Rivera Mendez
### Sponsored Scholarships

- **CORE Construction** ($5000 one-time award = $5000)
  - Elizabeth Loredo Loredo
  - 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)
  - Brayan 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. Yuritzi Rios Maryvale Gifted & Talented