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**PHOENIX UNION FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION  
AWARDS NEARLY \$90,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Phoenix, AZ** – The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education is excited to award nearly \$94,000 in scholarships to members of the Class 2025 to assist Phoenix Union High School District (PXU) seniors in furthering their education at colleges, universities, and accredited trade schools. On Thursday, April 24, 2025, all awardees will be recognized at the Foundation's annual scholarship reception, which will take place this year at the Academies at South Mountain High School.

The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education is a 501(c)(3) that supports pathways to success in college, career, and life through student scholarships and educator mini-grants. Scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$5,000 and are distributed from funds provided by individual and organizational donors as well as employee contributions and community fundraising events. The Foundation is proud to announce that 51 students were awarded 60 scholarships.

This year's Phoenix Union Foundation for Education Scholarship recipients are Metro Tech High School's, Anthony Lopez Estrada and Caley Suarez Ortega. These scholars will receive a \$2,000 annual scholarship which is renewable for up to four years.

Scholarship applications are available annually to all PXU District seniors, opening in September and closing in December. This year, the Foundation received support from volunteers throughout the 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).

Recipients, scholarship names, and financial totals are listed on the following pages.

## **Award Recipients for 2025-2026 (TOTAL=\$90,457.86)**

### **Phoenix Union Foundation for Education Scholarship** (\$8,000 over 4 years)

Anthony Lopez Estrada

Metro Tech

Caley Suarez Ortega

Metro Tech

### **Invest in the Best Scholarship** (\$1,000 one-time awards)

Yaritza Breceda

Alhambra

Guillerma Ibarra

Metro Tech

Madison Roldan

Bioscience

Zuany Vasquez Lozano

Academies at South Mountain

### **McCarthy Scholarship** (\$4,000 one-time award)

Cody Currant

Phoenix Coding

### **Chasse Building Team Scholarship** (\$3,000 one-time award)

Alexander Ewell

Cesar Chavez

### **CORE Construction Scholarship** (\$2,000 one-time award)

Casey Suarez Ortega

Metro Tech

### **The Colibri Collective Scholarship** (\$2,000 one-time award)

Ahtziri Lara Anguiano

Bioscience

### **Willmeng Scholarship** (\$2,000 one-time award)

Aderonke Adeniran

North

### **ADM Group Scholarship** (\$1,000 one-time award)

Alberto Lujan Gonzalez

Carl Hayden

### **Concord General Contracting, Inc Scholarship** (\$1,000 one-time award)

Miguel Garfio

Metro Tech

### **DLR Group Scholarship** (\$1,000 one-time award)

Leslie Cisneros Fuentes

Academies at South Mountain

### **Gamma Marketing Scholarship** (\$1,000 one-time award)

Janeth Mendoza Delgado

Cesar Chavez

### **Honeywell** (\$1,000 one-time award)

Sedra Alharsha

Central

**Imagine Learning Scholarship** (\$1,000 one-time award)

Jacqueline Leon

Academies at South Mountain

**Orcutt | Winslow Scholarship** (\$1,000 one-time award)

Leslie Cisneros Fuentes

Academies at South Mountain

**PXU's Classroom Teachers' Association Scholarship** (\$1,000 one-time award)

José Patricio

North

**Achieve the Dream through STEAM Scholarship** (\$5,000 one-time award)

Helena Contreras

Metro Tech

**Andrew Aranda No Place for Hate Scholarship** (\$500 one-time award)

Rihanna Altamirano

North

Brizelda Antelo

North

**Babcock Family Scholarship** (\$3,000 one-time award)

Clemente Payan Burgos

Maryvale

Mason Lee

Maryvale

Adrian Navarro

Maryvale

**Billy Jerome Starr Jr – South Scholarship** (\$1,000 one-time award)

Jacqueline Leon

Academies at South Mountain

**Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship** (\$2,000 one-time award)

Dolores Franco Paramo

Metro Tech

**Maria Gomez Dream Scholarship** (\$1,000 one-time award)

Kristian Carlson

Bioscience

Carlos Castillo

Academies at South Mountain

**Maria Gomez Dream Scholarship** (\$500 one-time award)

Kyllie Coria Martinez

Metro Tech

**Pallissard/Lowes Pay It Forward Scholarship** (\$2,000 one-time award)

Aderonke Adeniran

North

Anna John

North

**Paul Lowes Pathmaker Scholarship** (\$1,478.93 one-time award)

Christina Nyandwi

Camelback Montessori

Casey Suarez Ortega

Metro Tech

**Porter Womack Scholarship** (\$1,500 one-time award)

Fernando Gamillo Hernandez  
Miguel Garfio  
Rene Roos

Wilson College Prep  
Metro Tech  
Fairfax

**PXU Black Alliance Scholarship** (\$1,500 one-time award)

Aderonke Adeniran

North

**PXU Black Alliance Scholarship** (\$1,000 one-time award)

Marcedez Colbert  
Ayanna Goode (James Singleton Scholarship)  
DeAsiah Hedgepeth  
Micole Hendrix  
Tatiana Mack (Adrian Lamos Scholarship)  
Lauryn Perkins (Mary Powell Scholarship)  
Simone Woods (Shamsid-Deen Scholarship)  
Riauna Young

Cesar Chavez  
North  
Academies at South Mountain  
Academies at South Mountain  
Fairfax  
Camelback  
Academies at South Mountain  
Fairfax

**PXU Black Alliance Scholarship** (\$500 one-time award)

Brianna Creer  
Travion Kirk

Trevor Browne  
Academies at South Mountain

**PXU Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship** (\$500 one-time award)

Ashley Castrejon  
Lexie Duran  
Dolores Franco Paramo  
Miguel Garfio  
Kayla McNatt  
Daveli Palmillas  
Dania Camila Sarat Casimiro

Camelback  
Hayden  
Metro Tech  
Metro Tech  
North  
Trevor Browne  
Academies at South Mountain

**Robert L Shegog Scholarship** (\$1,000 one-time award)

Kayla McNatt

North

**Rosemary Frassetto Memorial Scholarship** (\$2,000 one-time award)

Priscilla Fonseca German

Bioscience

**The Academies at South Mountain "Your Future Starts Here" Scholarship**  
(\$500 one-time award)

DeAsiah Hedgepeth  
Aujurea Morton  
Zuany Vasquez Lozano

Academies at South Mountain  
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**Thelma Moothery Memorial Scholarship** (\$1,000 one-time award)

Dania Camila Sarat Casimiro

Academies at South Mountain