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College Success Arizona Awards Scholarships to 70 Students

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Phoenix, AZ – College Success Arizona is excited to announce that seventy students from around the state have been selected to receive two and four year scholarships to attend colleges and universities in Arizona.

Rich Nickel, the CEO of College Success Arizona says, “This is our twelfth year of awarding scholarships. With this year’s group of scholars, we have been able to help more than 1,000 high potential students from low-income backgrounds with scholarships totaling over 15 million dollars. We’ve been supporting Arizona students, Arizona institutions, and Arizona communities since 2005. We’re very proud of the services we provide, and the successes our scholars have had.”

Nickel adds that that getting education beyond high school may be more important than ever before, “It has been reported that by the year 2020, nearly 70 percent of all jobs in Arizona will require a career certificate or college degree.”

The scholarships provide up to six-thousand dollars per year for educational expenses. The students also receive specialized mentoring services from “Success Advisers” (mentors) who work with the students to help them overcome academic as well as personal struggles.

Marjorie DeRubeis, College Success Arizona’s Director of Success Services, says selecting seventy students from hundreds of applicants was not easy, “There were so many talented young people competing for a limited number of scholarships. Our students go on to do some amazing things that contribute to a better Arizona, a better nation, a better world. If more funding were available, we’d have the ability to provide scholarships to more deserving Arizona students and could even do more to improve our communities.”

For information on how you can help deserving Arizona students earn their college degrees, contact Greg Hyland, College Success Arizona’s Director of Communications and Engagement at (602) 636-1850 or ghyland@collegesuccessarizona.org

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About College Success Arizona: College Success Arizona is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization working to significantly increase the postsecondary attainment rate of students in Arizona, particularly for those who otherwise would not be able to attend or graduate. For more information visit www.collegesuccessarizona.org.