



University of Arizona South Students receive \$75,000 in Scholarships



University South Foundation awarded thirty one University of Arizona South students with scholarships to help them achieve their dreams. Dine Under the Star sponsorships, Mexico IME Becas programs, Education Unidos Gala, and University South Foundation contributors provided \$75,000 in scholarships at three receptions in 2015.

In the spring, eight students were awarded a total of \$20,000 during a reception at University of Arizona Sierra Vista. A \$4000 David Patterson Memorial scholarship was awarded to Melissa Bawkin. Christina Kalel, Adam Davi, and Blais Cross each received \$3,000 scholarships. Andrew Alvarez and Guadalupe Pena received \$2,000 scholarships. A ISC Consulting Group \$1,500 scholarship was awarded to Susan Sandusky and Laurie Mortensen was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from Sierra Toyota. Billy Zsambok, who was a 2014 Fall Scholarship winner, shared with everyone how the Foundation Scholarships give the students peace of mind so that they can concentrate on their studies.

Consul Jorge Ernesto Espejel, presented \$20,000 to the University South Foundation from the Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior (IME - Institute for Mexicans Abroad) Fellowship Program, in order to fund Mexicans and Mexican-descent students' higher education. With an additional \$15,000 from University South Foundation, eleven students were awarded scholarships at University of Arizona Douglas. Itzel Guadalupe Chavez, Zueyzan Montaña, Alan Manquero, Kayla Vasquez, Patricia Leyva, Stephany Vanessa Quintero, Josette Lopez, Guadalupe Tapia, Alexis Rivera, Mary Anderson, and Jocelyn Hernandez were overjoyed with receiving their scholarships. "I really want to make a difference. I truly believe that by creating a powerful alliance between Mexico and the United States, we will generate significant changes in multiple sectors of our society" was stated by Itzel Guadalupe Chavez in the essay she submitted for this scholarship.

Twelve students were selected to receive \$20,000 in scholarships at the University South Foundation's Fall Scholarship Reception. Stuart James Gibson received a \$3,000 David Patterson Memorial Scholarship, Rebecca Moore received a \$3,000 scholarship, Kayla Michelle Simpson received a \$2,000 US Military Scholarship. Debra Baerbel Claus-Walker, Darrell Allen Lord and Andria Brow received \$2,000 scholarships and Aaron Howard Holley, Marissa Herrera, Clayton Tawney, Robert McGrew, Dominica Aquino, and Sierra Nicole Phillips received \$1,000 scholarships. Susana Greeno, who had previously received a University South Foundation scholarship, spoke at the reception about how the Foundation Scholarship made it possible for her to complete her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at UA South. Greeno now is a UA Douglas Academic Advisor.

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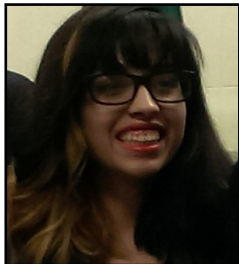


**Since 2011 USF awarded
124 students \$230,500
in scholarships**



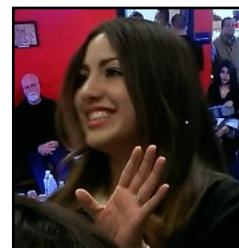


Students Thank University South Foundation



Josette Lopez moved back home from UA Main due to a financial situation. Lopez is now a Senior at UA South studying Psychology and hopes to work as a student advisor at UA South. Lopez wants to thank the University South Foundation; “Without them I don’t know how I was going to do this. I didn’t think I could finish, but thankfully this scholarship helped”.

A University South Foundation Scholarship helped Kayla Vasquez pay for summer classes and books at UA South Douglas. Vasquez is a Senior who’s major is Elementary Education. “ I would like to thank the foundation for getting these scholarships for us, and for helping us, the students.” Vasquez also advises other students to ask about scholarships and how they can apply for them.



“I would like to thank the University South Foundation for this scholarship. It opened up another door for me.” “Without the University South Foundations’ help, I would have never finished.” Patricia Leyva, major is Government in Public Service with a minor in Psychology, UA South Douglas.

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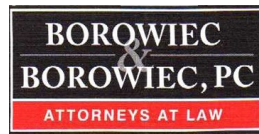


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14th Annual DINE UNDER THE STARS Scholarship Fundraiser



Approximately 250 Guests kicked up their boots and added a splash of diamonds during the 14th Annual DINE UNDER the STARS Scholarship Fundraiser. Live Country & Western music by the Outriders played throughout the evening and La Casita Mexican Restaurant & Cantina donated a full western buffet and delightful desserts. Dancers from Alma Dolores International Dance Centre entertained the audience and encouraged guests to participate in a western line dance. Master of Ceremonies, Les Orhekowsky engaged the guests and announced the Silent Auction winners. This year 70 items were donated raising over \$3,600 and the 50/50 raffle provided \$800 to a lucky winner. Over \$14,000 was raised for scholarships and continues to support the Foundation's mission. DINE UNDER the STARS was a success because of it's sponsors: ...Thank you for your support!





2nd Annual Education Unidos Scholarship Gala

The 2nd Annual Education Unidos Scholarship Gala filled the Gadsden Hotel in downtown Douglas and raised over \$11,000 for University of Arizona Douglas scholarships.

A VIP Cocktail Hour was hosted for Gala Sponsor and the Jazz Trio, Enrique Barraza played on the Gadsden's Veranda. The Red Carpet was rolled out for all 250 guests with photographers taking pictures as they arrived and the Gadsden Hotel staff served a three course dinner. Music by the Clouds welcomed the guest and dance performances by Baile del Venado de Sonora Traditional (Deer Dance of Sonora) and the BB Dance Academy entertained guests during the evening. To end the evening, Sabor Latino provided live music gave guests an opportunity to dance.

During the evening, University of Arizona South Dean Shockey and Jorge Ernesto Espejel, Consul of Mexico, Douglas spoke about the collaboration between IME Becas, University of Arizona South and the University South Foundation, Inc. and the opportunities this program offers to students.



A special thank you was sent to sponsors who made the Education Unidos Gala a Success:



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Partnership with Mexican Government

On December 8th, 2015 the Consulate of Mexico in Douglas signed a Memorandum of Understanding with University South Foundation and Cochise College., allowing students to become eligible for IME Becas Scholarship opportunity.

Douglas Mexican Consul, Jorge Ernesto Espejel and University South Foundation Inc., President, Clint Imholte entered into their third Memorandum of Understanding. Previous funding has resulting in over \$51,000 in scholarships to University of Arizona Douglas students.

This partnership recognizes the amount of ‘matched’ funding that will be given towards scholarships for Mexican or Mexican-descent students who are attending University of Arizona Douglas. Resources provided by the Government of the United Mexican States through the "IME Fellowship Program” and resources from the University South Foundation has awarded scholarships to twelve students over the past two years.

As a result of this bi-national funding, the Education Unidos Scholarship Fund was created to build opportunities in our communities.



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Laptops Presented to UA Douglas Students



Pictured (left to right)
 Wendee Grinde (USF)
 Fabian Ochoa
 Maria Salcido
 Manuel Pedrego
 Angelica Alvarez
 Jessica Sanchez
 Martha Salcido
 Rose Sneskind (USF)

On December 1st, 2015 six Elementary Education students at the University of Arizona South Douglas were presented laptop computers to assist with their studies by the University South Foundation. Upon completion of the Elementary Education Program at UA South the students will be given these computers.

The University South Foundation's Vision is to further community based higher education opportunities which contribute to lifelong learning and promote quality of life for residents of Arizona. One way the Foundation supports this Vision is by providing personal laptop computers to University of Arizona Douglas Elementary Education Students. The purpose of the laptop program is to build a strong cohort of elementary education students in Douglas.

Photos from 2015



UA South Faculty Awards

The University South Foundation, Inc., granted two Superior Faculty Awards and two Superior Adjunct Faculty Awards to University of Arizona South Faculty. The winners were nominated and chosen by their peers, and provided a cash award by the University South Foundation, Inc. All represent the very finest in higher education.

These awards acknowledge UA South faculty members each semester who most clearly distinguish themselves in educational achievement. The Spring 2015 Superior Faculty Award was received by Dr. Kyle DiRoberto, and the Adjunct Faculty recipient was Mr. Eugene Lyman. The Fall 2015 Superior Faculty Award was received by Dr. Brandy Brown and the Adjunct Faculty recipient was Dr. Melody Buckner. Superior Faculty Award includes a \$2,500 cash award, and the Adjunct Faculty receives a \$1,500 cash award.



Dr. Kyle DiRoberto, Clint Imbolte



Eugene Lyman, Clint Imbolte



Dr. Brandy Brown



Dr. Melody Buckner

Outstanding Staff Awards

University South Foundation, Inc. presented two Spring Staff Awards during a Staff Recognition Day at University of Arizona Sierra Vista. Melissa Silva, Student Services Coordinator for UA Douglas, was awarded the Student's Choice Award. Students from UA South voted Silva to receive the award because she "shows a passion for service with great effort to ensure student success". Alison Barrett, Teacher and Education Coordinator, has been with UA South for two years and received the Outstanding Staff Award because she is a "positive and professional colleague who goes above and beyond and embodies the concept of 'team player'".

The Fall Outstanding Staff Awards were awarded during a University of Arizona South Holiday Party. The UA South Outstanding Staff Award was presented to Ms. Alison Van Gorp, UA South's Transition to Teach Program Director. Van Gorp makes UA South a community and represents the best kind of person we have at UA South. Van Gorp stated "It is an honor to be recognized for this award". The UA South Innovative Staff award was presented to Mr. Stephen Folino Gallo, UA South Technology Services. Gallo has transformed the way campus prepares computers for issue by automating and improving the efficiency of the process.



Rose Sueskind, Alison Barrett, Melissa Silva



Rose Sueskind, Ali Van Gorp



Stephen Gallo

Make a Difference with Planned Giving

Planned Giving is simple, yet transformational gift through your will or estate. Planned Giving is a commitment made by you today, but is not realized by the University South Foundation, Inc. until some future date. Planned gifts range from simple agreements, giving vehicles including bequests, trusts, retirement assets, annuities and life insurance. Speak to an attorney for more information on how to set up a Planned Giving Account to the University South Foundation, Inc.

Buy a Brick Campaign

Place your personal message on a Brick outside of Groth Hall for \$100. The brick inscription consists of three lines of text, which includes a maximum of 20 characters per line (spaces and punctuation are considered characters).



Sponsor a Scholarship

The University South Foundation, Inc. awards Scholarships' to The University of Arizona South students in the spring and fall of each year. A tax deductible donation to award a specialized scholarship can be awarded in your name for a specified amount. This is a great opportunity to support education in your field of interest, strengthening education for your company's future, and more...

Sponsor The University South Foundation Annual Scholarship Fundraiser, DINE UNDER THE STARS. Master Observer Title Sponsor, Galaxy Sponsor, and Supernova Sponsors will have Scholarships awarded in their business name to University of Arizona South students in the spring.

Scholarships will be for coursework at The University of Arizona South given by the University South Foundation on behalf of the donor. Donors may specify the scholarship for any UA South Campus: UA Sierra Vista, UA Douglas, UA Pima, UA Pinal, UA Santa Cruz.

Cash Gifts

An outright gift of cash is the preferred way to support the University of Arizona South. Gifts can be made all at once or pledged over a period time.

To make an outright gift, send check, money order or your credit card information to University South Foundation, Inc. at 1140 N. Colombo, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 or by visiting our website at www.universitysouthfoundation.com.

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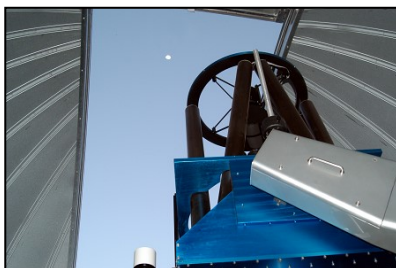
Highlights from Patterson Observatory

The University South Foundation, Inc. owns and maintains the Patterson Observatory located on University of Arizona Sierra Vista Campus. The Huachuca Astronomy Club (HAC) volunteers operates the observatory and hosts Public Viewing Nights.

These "**Public Nights**" are free and family friendly and start about a half hour after sunset. They are weather dependent (canceled during inclement weather) and are not scheduled during the monsoon months of July and August. Public Nights are announced in the Around Your Town section of the Sierra Vista Herald, on the HAC website, and on Facebook. The observatory is also available, by appointment, to serve youth, school and community organizations.

The Patterson Observatory is listed as a **NASA Space Place** and has a 16 foot dome, housing a Ritchey-Chretien telescope of 20" aperture. This telescope, with its sophisticated detectors, is capable of observing objects one million times fainter than the human eye can detect.

In the Fall of 2015, The Huachuca Astronomy Club and the University South Foundation's Patterson Observatory offered a FREE seven week Introductory Self-enrichment Exploration of **Astronomy Class**. Participants encountered the fundamental concepts of practical modern astronomy and had the opportunity to view the night sky through the Patterson observatory's telescope under the supervision of experienced amateur astronomers. The classes were fun and without tests, homework or grades. Classes were instructed by HAC volunteers; Bob Gent, Ted Forte and David Roemer. **Twenty eight students received a certificate of completion.**



Thank you!



SSVEC shielded some lights to help observation at Patterson Observatory and the Huachuca Astronomy Club and the University South Foundation just wanted to say, Thank You. Pictured is David Roemer, Huachuca Astronomy Club and Jack Blair, Chief Member Services Officer of SSVEC.

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Barchas Astronomical Telescope

This 1947, seven-inch diameter reflecting telescope is temporarily housed at Patterson Observatory while it waits for its permanent placement at the Hauser Museum.

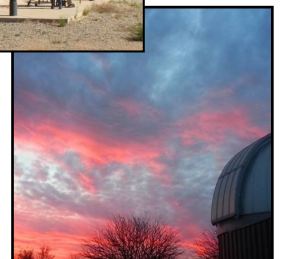


The Patterson Observatory is named after Mr. David Patterson.

Patterson and his wife, June, were founding members of the Huachuca Astronomy Club and volunteers at the Flandrau Planetarium in Tucson, Arizona. Patterson was a major contributor to the creation of the observatory, including the purchase of the telescopes, and constructing the building. His legacy continues to support the observatory and the University South Foundation.

Organizations that visited Patterson included:

Boy Scout Troops
 Cochise College STEM Day
 Cochise County Master Gardeners Association
 Elementary School Teachers
 Faculty and Staff from two Universities in Mexico
 Girl Scout Troops
 Home School Group
 Huachuca Astronomy Club Meeting
 Sierra Vista Tourism Commission Partner's Meeting
 UA South Math and Computer Science Club



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To champion the enhancement of higher education opportunities offered by the University of Arizona South by identifying, cultivating, and securing resources to support students, faculty, and staff; maintaining and enhancing physical buildings and land; building viable relationships with our communities; and serving as community advocates for the University of Arizona South at local, state, and national levels.



Vision

To further community based higher education opportunities through the enhancement and expansion of The University of Arizona South, contributing to lifelong learning and promoting quality of life for residents of Arizona and beyond.

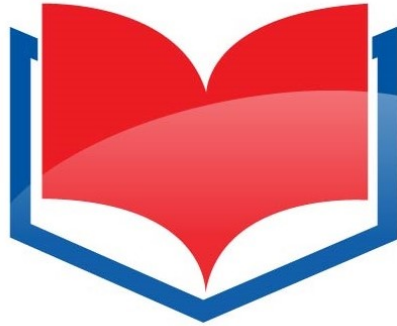


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