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## University South Foundation Awards \$65,000 in Scholarships in 2014

University of Arizona South students were awarded over \$65,000 in scholarships. 26 students were celebrated at three receptions in 2014 on The University of Arizona Sierra Vista and The University of Arizona Douglas campuses. Plus, one student received the Rwanda Field Study Scholarship, page 5 explains more about the exciting adventure in Rwanda.

In the Spring, 10 students were awarded a total of \$20,000. Eric Bright, Jason Brumfield, and Brett Randolph received \$1,500 scholarships. Brittany Castelluccio, Deseret Harris, Robert Kelsey, Dawn Myers, and Guadalupe Tapia received \$2,000 scholarships. Craig Hopper was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship and Rebecca Bowser was awarded the \$3,000 David Patterson Memorial Scholarship. Previous scholarship winners Craig Hopper and Robert Kelsey spoke about their educational journeys and the large part both UA South and University South Foundation had in their academic and personal success.


The Mexican Consulate in Douglas, AZ, through the IME (Institute of Mexicans Abroad) Becas funds, contributed \$8,000 in scholarships to help increase the educational levels of Mexicans and Mexican-Descents living in the United States attending University of Arizona South. In addition, the University South Foundation added 50% in matching funds offering a total of \$12,000 in scholarships to four University of Arizona Douglas students, each receiving \$3,000 in scholarships. Itzel Chavez-Ramos stated that these awards make a big difference in their lives. Stephany Vanessa Quintero Galaviz thanked the Foundation for this scholarship which brings her a great feeling of content. Zueyzan Mantano shared that her scholarship will enable her to continue her university studies and reach her goal of a bachelor's degree or higher. Beatriz Greeno was honored by this scholarship and is now working as an Academic Advisor at UA Douglas.

Twelve UA South students were selected to receive scholarships in the fall of 2014. Semiramies Hastain received a \$2,000 Active Duty Military Scholarship, Cindy Chavarria-Minera, Billy Zsambok, Zueyzan Montaña and Robert Mcgrew received \$2,000 scholarships. Tyler Moore, Meagan Ellwood, Guadalupe Tapia, and Jocelyn Hernandez were awarded \$2,500 for their essays describing a local issue that concerns them. Brittany Castelluccio, Shawn Paumen were awarded \$2,500 from the Sulpher Springs Valley Electric Cooperative Scholarships. Rebecca Moore received the \$3,000 David Patterson Memorial Scholarship.

Since 2011, the University South Foundation has awarded **over \$210,500** in scholarships to students attending University of Arizona South and hopes to continue its efforts of providing financial assistance to University of Arizona South students.

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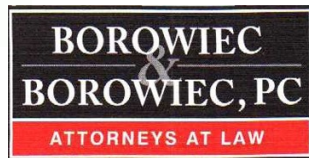

# Celebrating University of Arizona's 60 years in Sierra Vista during the 13th Annual DINE UNDER THE STARS Scholarship Fundraiser



Music and Dance Rocked a '1950's Sock Hop' during the 13th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser at **Dine Under the Stars**. Clayton & Sallee and Company provided 1950's music all night long. Hamburgers and hot dogs donated by La Casita Mexican Restaurant and Cantina allowed our guests to think they were back at a '50's diner. The Alma Dolores dancers were sensational! Les Orchekowsky was the Master of Ceremonies and was assisted by Miss Sierra Vista during the Silent Auction. Silent Auction items were in abundance this year, with 69 items raising over \$4,200. Maria Juvera hopped around to sell the 'Buy a Brick' Campaign and sold 6 Bricks this year and our 50/50 raffle offered \$725 to the lucky winner. A special Thank You was sent out to our Dine Under the Star Sponsors. Super Nova Sponsor: ISC Consulting Group. Fireball Sponsors: Heick, Hester, Smith & Associates (Ameriprise) and Sierra Toyota. Stargazer Sponsors: Arizona Lottery; Borowiec & Borowiec, PC.; Groth, Rutherford & Scott LLC.; Glenn & Brithzi Sandy; Jerry & Linda Schweitzer. Star Sponsors: Sonic; TopGun Reconstruction and Sierra Hair Zone. Plus, In-Kind Sponsorships from Alma Dolores International Dance Centre, Cherry Creek Radio, Sierra Vista Herald, and the Mountain View News. The event continues to support our mission and raised over \$12,000 for scholarships.



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# Education Unidos

## 1st Annual Education Unidos Gala was a Stunning Event



An elegant evening for 250 guests at the Gadsden Hotel made it possible for the University South Foundation to offer \$5,500 in scholarships to University of Arizona Douglas students. The Gala was well received by the Douglas Community. Tickets were SOLD OUT one week prior to this event. Dignitaries and guests enjoyed dance performances by Jumelle Dance Studio, a fashion show modeled by UofA Douglas and Cochise College students, plus dinner served by the Gadsden Hotel staff and dancing into the ‘wee’ hours offered a nice ending to the spectacular evening.

During the evening, 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 his hope that we will continue to this partnership to raise additional scholarships for the students at University of Arizona Douglas.

Recognition of the work which the Gala Committee performed was outstanding and rewarding for everyone. Thank you Melissa Silva, Norma Beltran, Pete Beltran, Alex Boneo, Angie Bustammante, Itzel, Chavez-Ramos, Joseph ‘Ike’ Dent, Dulce Figueroa, Beatriz Greeno, Aaron ‘Lalo’ Lomeli, Bernardo Morales, Ada Parra, and Rose Sueskind.





## 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 2014 the Superior Faculty Award was received by Dr. Flory Simon, and the Adjunct Faculty recipient was Dr. Linda Denno. The Fall 2013 Superior Faculty Award was received by Dr. Inger McGee and the Adjunct Faculty recipient was Michael Milazzo. Superior Faculty Award includes a \$2,500 cash award, and the Adjunct Faculty receives a \$1,500 cash award.

## Outstanding Staff Awards

The University South Foundation, Inc. and the University of Arizona South Employee Recognition Committee honored four University of Arizona South employees with Outstanding Staff Awards and Innovative Staff Awards to acknowledge their extraordinary efforts towards making a difference at University of Arizona South.

Spring Staff Awards were recognized during a Professional Development Day where Raina O'Brien received a Students Choice Award and Deb Hoeft received a Staff Innovation Award. While celebrating the holidays with the University of Arizona South, Fall Staff Awards were rewarded to Nate Espinoza for Outstanding Staff and Caroline Gonzales received the Staff Innovation Award.



## Dean Shockey Award

UA South Dean, Jim Shockey, Ph.D., awarded a “Dean’s Award of Excellence” to Sarah Wieland, Director, Academic Advising and Student Services at University of Arizona South. Ms. Wieland began at the University of Arizona Main and transferred to University of Arizona South in 2012. The “Dean’s Award of Excellence” was awarded in the Spring of 2015 and Ms. Wieland received a certificate and a \$500 cash award.



## Rwanda Field Study Scholarship

UA South graduating senior Andrea Castro took advantage of an exciting experiential opportunity to study abroad working with gorillas in Rwanda. After her essay submission, Andrea received a \$5000 scholarship from the University South Foundation to participate in the annual five week program as part of her studies.

The “hands on” Primate Studies Field School is offered each summer by Dr. Dieter Steklis, UA South professor of Anthropology and Psychology, along with his wife, Dr. Netzin Steklis, through the UofA Study Abroad & Student Exchange. Andrea was intrigued with the human to animal interactions when she heard stories of KoKo the Gorilla’s remarkable signing and communication accomplishments. In the midst of her senior year, she became aware of the opportunity to study gorillas in the summer Primate Studies Field School.



Andrea said it is important not to give up on your dreams "even though I am not going to become a veterinarian or work in a medical field, I have grown to see other ways I couldn't have imaged for the humans and animal connection."

## Faculty Support

The University South Foundation, Inc granted \$4,000 to Etta Kralovec for travel funds in fall, 2014. Dr. Kralovec was invited to visit teacher education programs at the University of Helsinki and the University of Turku in Finland to observe and analyze the teacher candidates’ field component of their teacher education program. Dr. Kralovec attended teacher education classes, visited field sites where student teachers practiced and met with colleagues to discuss teacher education practices used in Finland. Finnish students have some of the highest test scores in the world, due in part to their rigorous and innovative teacher education programs.

As Program Director for the Masters Education Programs at UA South, Dr. Kralovec has been actively involved in program re-design since being awarded the Transition to Teaching grant in 2011. For the last two years, they have been piloting some powerful innovations to the field component of our programs that they believe will mark UA South graduate teacher education programs as some of the most innovative in the state. Her collaboration with Finnish colleagues offered international recognized ‘best practices’ in teacher education that will implemented in the program re-design work they are doing at UA South.



## Student Highlight



Cindy Chavarria, is an Undergraduate student at The University of Arizona South. Ms Chavarria is studying Anthropology and Psychology and was awarded a Need Based Scholarship through the University South Foundation, Inc. in the Fall of 2014.

When asked how this scholarship would help her she replied: “This scholarship has not only helped me maintain my 4.0 GPA but also helped me to not be so stressed over the bills that I had to pay. It gave me peace of mind. As a result of receiving this scholarship, I was able to participate in research with my current mentors. It also added to my CV because I was able to put down that I won this award.”

Ms. Chavarria continued to share her advice for other students. “Even though this scholarship was a need based scholarship, I still had to write an opening statement and also answer the writing prompt that the scholarship committee gave. Having strong writing skills is a big help but I believe the best advice that I can give is having different people look over your application. This helped me to better express myself and I believe it helped the scholarship committee understand what you are trying to express because so many people looked over the application before they did.”

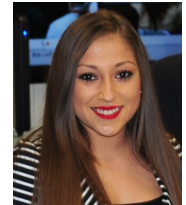
## Students Thank University South Foundation

I was thrilled when I heard that I had received the Education Unidos Scholarship in the amount of \$3000 for the Spring 2014 semester. Education is critically important to me as I pursue my career as an elementary education teacher. Your scholarship will enable me to continue my university studies and reach my goal of a bachelor’s degree or higher.

For many years I have been involved in programs that help the community in Douglas this has helped me with guidance and support to pursue my dreams. This experience has made me ever more passionate about my career as a teacher and how I can positively impact even more young lives. I am happy that there are organizations helping us build our career. I would like to extend to you my sincere gratitude for your generosity in donating money towards a scholarship at University of Arizona Douglas students. College is an expensive endeavor, but with your kind generosity, the journey is possible. I could never thank you enough for this scholarship and show you how truly grateful I am to have received it. I will receive this scholarship as another reason why I need to push on and do my best.

Thank you again for your support and your belief in me and keep helping students achieve their dreams.

Sincerely,  
Zueyzan R. Montano



First, I want to thank you for this great opportunity and for all your effort that you are putting into this program for scholarships. It is an honor for me to be benefited from this amazing program. The lack of opportunity that Mexican students face in the United States is a huge barrier. Thanks to people and associations like these our dreams come true. As a personal short story, I was initially an international student at Cochise College. I applied for the scholarship that Sonora and Arizona provide for fifty students to go and study in the state of Arizona. I got the scholarship and the benefit was that instead of paying as an international student I was paying like an in-state resident of Arizona. I always had to work full time in order to pay my tuition and books. One of the big barriers I faced was that I could only apply for a few scholarships because of my immigration status. IME Becas and the Mexican Consulate in combination with U of A South are helping students financially to have more opportunities to receive scholarships. Also, with this great gift you gave me, you made me feel that all my effort and sacrifices are worth it. You encouraged me to keep being a good student and excel in everything I do. Thank you for helping me to make my dream of getting my bachelor’s degree in Psychology to come true. Thank you so much for encouraging students to do better and for all the effort you are putting into this amazing program.

Respectfully,  
Beatriz Greeno

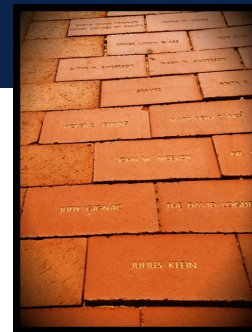


## Make a Difference with Planned Giving

Planned Giving can make a simple, yet transformational gift through your will or estate that costs you nothing during lifetime. 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 two 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. Donors may also specify the degree program for their sponsored scholarship.

## 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 the address listed on the back of this report or by visiting our website at [www.universitysouthfoundation.com](http://www.universitysouthfoundation.com).**

## 2014 Community Contributions

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Cochise Education Foundation Teacher of the Year Support

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UA South Veteran Students T-shirts

UA South Commencement Celebration party

UA South Staff and Faculty Holiday Party





## 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 each month. 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, in the Mountain View News, on the HAC website, and on Facebook.



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.

During 2014, the University South Foundation purchased a Spectrograph for the Observatory. Spectroscopy is a powerful tool in astronomy -- from it, we can often get information about the temperature, density, composition, and important physical processes of an astronomical object; like movement toward or away from us, expansion, contraction, rotation, variability etc. HAC members will use the spectroscope as a teaching tool and to do science. HAC can do demonstrations of spectroscopy for public night, and can do real science that might contribute to the study of asteroids, variable stars, double stars, supernovae, and planetary nebulae. The astronomy instructor at Cochise College is eager to bring his classes to Patterson to demonstrate spectroscopy.

The Huachuca Astronomy Club and the University South Foundation's Patterson Observatory offered a FREE seven week Introductory Self-enrichment Exploration of Astronomy Class in the Fall of 2014. 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. Nine students received a certificate of completion.

The observatory is also available, by appointment, to serve youth, school and community organizations. The following organizations utilized the Observatory Facilities in 2014: the Sierra Vista Car Club, Flory Simon's Teacher Group, Cochise College STEM Day, CCF Grants, Randy Holler's Buena Class, UA South MACS Club, Desert Eagle Security Instruction Classes, CC Physics Camp, Girl Scouts Troops, First Bethel Sierra Vista Church and Boy Scouts Troops.



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## Mission Statement

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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