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businesses and providing them with valuable work experience.

The Arizona Dream Dinner is also a chance to recognize those Arizona organizations who support the Foundation's efforts. The six sustaining organizations were recognized for their support since the ADBF's inception. They are, Maricopa Community Colleges District, Southwest Gas Company, Zwilling, Greek and Knecht, PC, City of Phoenix Aviation Department, Engelman-Berger PC, and University Mechanical and Engineering Contractors.

The keynote speaker of the evening was Dr. David Garcia, Arizona State University professor. The evening also showcased the talents of the Basha High School Jazz Band and the George Gervin Prep Academy's Pan Drummers. Artist Richard Brooks created a painting to celebrate the dinner titled "I Have a Dream." The painting was later auctioned with proceeds going to support the young Arizonians that the Arizona Dream Builder Foundation serves.

The Arizona Dream Builder Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was established to provide educational and workplace readiness opportunities to youth in Arizona for the purpose of cultivating life-long leaders for social justice who, through their actions, will strengthen their community and our state while building a culture of service. Since its inception in 2008 over **1400** High School seniors have applied to the Dream Scholar program and **20** Dream Scholars have received a four year scholarship award, totaling over **\$74,000** in scholarship funds.

In 2009, Arizona Dream Builder Foundation implemented the Dream Intern program, which provides 8-week Internships to select Arizona High School graduates. To date, the Arizona Dream Builder Foundation has managed the placement and employment of **41** Dream Interns with companies across the Valley, accounting for approximately **13,000** hours of work skills development and over **\$100,000** earned in wages by its students.

For more information about the Arizona Dream Builder Foundation including the Dream Scholar and Dream Intern programs or for information about the 6th Annual Dream Dinner to be held on November 8, 2014, visit www.azdreambuilder.org, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AZDreamBuilders or call 480-744-6293.

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ABOUT THE ARIZONA DREAM BUILDER FOUNDATION:

*Arizona Dream Builder Foundation works diligently to create greater public awareness of social justice and the tenets of the world's great leaders as it equips young people for the world of work through education, mentoring, and meaningful paid internships. The ADBF uses its highly successful "**Dream Scholar**" and "**Dream Intern**" programs to celebrate those students who demonstrate that commitment in their lives, their schools, and in their communities.*

For more information on the Arizona Dream Builder Foundation, or to be a sponsor of one of its programs, please visit www.azdreambuilder.org or call (480) 744-6293.

