

7TH ANNUAL DREAM DINNER LOCAL NONPROFIT CELEBRATES FOUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Phoenix, AZ – November 17, 2014 – Nearly 175 attendees joined the Arizona Dream Builder Foundation in celebration of the 7th Annual Dream Dinner on November 1, 2014 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. Four high school seniors were honored as the Foundation’s 2014 Dream Scholars. They are **Arial Carr**, Centennial High School (Peoria); **Matthew Kaplan**, Tesseract High School (Phoenix); **Emily Leptich**, Campo Verde High School (Gilbert); and **Marianna Martinez**, Nogales High School (Nogales). These extraordinary young leaders were chosen from over 150 applicants. Their commitment to social justice, along with their personal achievements within their community, qualified them to receive the \$4,000 Arizona Dream Builder Scholarship. All four winners are also eligible to participate in the Dream Intern program, which provides paid 8-week internships to graduating high school seniors, introducing them to local businesses and providing them with valuable work experience.



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 **1500** High School seniors have applied to the Dream Scholar program and **24** Dream Scholars have received a four year scholarship award, totaling over **\$96,000** 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 **45** Dream Interns with companies across the Valley, accounting for approximately **15,000** hours of work skills development and over **\$110,000** 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 8th Annual Dream Dinner to be held on November 7, 2015, visit <http://www.azdreambuilder.org>, follow us on Facebook at <http://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 <http://www.azdreambuilder.org> or call (480) 744-6293.