

*Our mission is to improve the recruitment, placement and retention
of culturally competent health professionals
in rural and under-served communities of Southeast Arizona*



SEAHEC

Future Healthcare Leaders Program

Growing Our Own Health Providers since 1985

July, 2014

Karen Halverson Scholars Thank You!

With your help, SEAHEC awarded ten Karen Halverson Memorial Scholarships to seniors pursuing a career in healthcare in Arizona. SEAHEC enjoyed an exciting and successful spring this year as our high school and health professions students made inspiring discoveries in their exploration of rural health career opportunities in southeast Arizona. SEAHEC would like to express our thanks to those who supported our Arizona Gives Day campaign with your generous contributions.

SEAHEC's Future Healthcare Leaders (FHL) program creates opportunities for rural youth to explore health careers, achieve their professional potential, increase economic earnings, and ultimately contribute to improving health services in their own communities. Find out more about SEAHEC's healthcare workforce development programs at www.seahec.org

SEAHEC has health career clubs in Bisbee, Willcox and Douglas high schools, in Cochise County, Nogales and Rio Rico high schools in Santa Cruz County, Pueblo Magnet High School in Tucson, and Baboquivari High School and Tohono O'odham High School on the Tohono O'odham Nation.

This year, 100% of FHL seniors graduated high school, and 94 percent applied for financial aid and were accepted to college. SEAHEC awarded ten scholarships to students in five out of eight clubs.

Career Choices included: Registered Nurse 37%, Medicine 27% Psychologist 9%, Undecided 9%, other 18%.

"I feel grateful for receiving a SEAHEC scholarship and also very proud of myself because all my hard work finally paid off. I was very happy when I found out about the SEAHEC scholarship because it took me one step closer to achieving my educational goals,"

Miriam A. Lopez

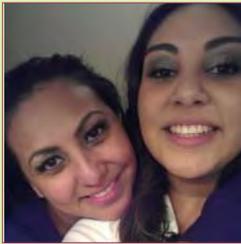
2014 Karen Halverson Scholar



2014 Future Healthcare Leaders Grand Canyon University Tour

SEAHEC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Gricel Mereida Muñoz
Douglas High School



Described as fearless, determined, and extremely hard working, Gricel is enrolled at the

University of Arizona, and plans to become a trauma surgeon.

Ashleigh Fraser
Willcox High School



Ashleigh Fraser plans to become a pediatric neurosurgeon, because the "hands-on" nature of the

work appeals to her, and because she has always been fascinated with the human brain and how it works." Ashleigh is enrolled at the University of Arizona

SEAHEC
Launches Two New
Future Healthcare
Leaders Clubs



This spring, SEAHEC launched two new Future Healthcare Leaders Clubs at Willcox High School, in Cochise County, and Pueblo Magnet High School in Tucson.

Read the full story on our website

<http://www.seahec.org/seahec-expands/>

Meghan Maddux
Douglas High School

Meghan, who is enrolled at Grand Canyon University, discovered her



passion for physical therapy through job shadowing at her local hospital. She said, "It has been a truly

touching experience working with stroke patients, injured athletes, and patients with muscular issues."

Claudia Hernandez Venegas
Willcox High School

Enrolled at the University of Arizona, Claudia plans to combine her interest in business and health,



because she sees that as a way to help the most people possible. "Helping others is a priority in my life and this scholarship, will give me Ga great start.," she said.

Elmer Barrios

Pueblo Magnet High School

Noted for his sense of compassion, Elmer plans to become a Registered Nurse, and eventually, a Family Nurse Practitioner. Enrolled at the University of Arizona, Elmer hopes to join the Peace Corps to "help in communities and be exposed to other cultures."

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SEAHEC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Rina Ornelas &
Alma Irasema Garcia
Nogales High School



Both from Nogales, Rina and Alma are bound for the University of Arizona.

Rina has been accepted as a Pre-Pharmacy major and is planning to become an anesthesiologist.

Alma plans to become a Registered Nurse, and to explore specialties in pediatric and neonatal care.

Sabrina Sanchez
Nogales High School



Bound for Northern Arizona University to pursue a Bachelor's

degree in Health Sciences and Wellness, Sabrina dreams of one day running her own clinic.

Julia Echevarría
Marquez
Rio Rico High School



“Treating sick children, and raising them into a happy and healthy stage in life is what I look forward to doing,” said Julia, graduate of Rio Rico High School.

She is enrolled in the University of Arizona College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, and looking forward to becoming a pediatrician.

Miriam A. Lopez
Nogales High School



Enrolled at the University of Arizona, Miriam is planning to

apply to medical school. She has been accepted to the University of Arizona Honors College as a pre-physiology major in the College of Medicine.



Discovering Science

SEAHEC Future Healthcare Leaders Program

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Summer Camp Highlights

TOHONO O'ODHAM

Location

Tohono O'odham
Community College
17 9th-12th Grades
100 % Tribal Members

Partners

Tohono O'odham
Community College
Tohono O'odham
Department of Health &
Human Services
Respect Our Life Project
Bureau of Applied
Research Anthropology

AZAHEC

Location

Grand Canyon University
Phoenix Arizona

Participants

34 participants
9th-12th Grades
rural and underserved
communities

Partners

GVAHEC
NAHEC
EAHEC
EAHEC
AHEC
Grand Canyon University



Tohono O' odham Summer Camp participants visit the local hospital

A Wealth of Science and Traditional Skills

The Tohono O'odham Nation hosted a summer camp for SEAHEC'S FHL Clubs from Tohono O'odham and Baboquivari High Schools as well as teens from Tucson, and a tribal member who came from California especially to attend the camp.

The students met with health professionals from the Indian Health Services (IHS) and the Tohono O'odham Department of Health and Human Services to learn about health priorities including domestic violence prevention, and cancer awareness. The students learned about health careers from a variety of disciplines and perspectives. They also participated in a seminar on Suicide Prevention hosted by the Nation's Respect Our Life Project.

A highlight of the camp was when the students, who were touring the Tohono O'odham IHS Hospital, participated in rescuing a local woman who was rushed to the emergency room after her car rolled over when she was texting while driving. It wasn't until after the patient had been treated for multiple burns and contusions that the students discovered the "emergency" was staged for their benefit by the Tohono O'odham Health Department and Hospital Staff, in cooperation with the "car crash victim." This gave the students a taste of life as an emergency room health professional.



SEAHEC FHL Members from Willcox and Pueblo High Schools at the AZAHEC Future Healthcare Leaders Summer Camp

AZAHEC FHL Summer Camp

SEAHEC collaborated with regional AZAHEC partners to sponsor a FHL Summer Camp hosted by Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. Five SEAHEC FHL members from Willcox and Pueblo High School attended the camp, which focused on college life, health career exploration, and scientific inquiry.

Activities included a "Meet the Professionals Day," in which the students visited the Tempe Fire Department, and met with nurses from Chamberlain College of Nursing. They also visited the college's SimCare Center, where nursing students get hands on experience with the lab's simulated environment. More information about the SimCare lab is available on [YouTube](#).

Camp participants also visited the [Arizona Science Center](#) in Phoenix, to explore the center's Health & Medicine Facilities, and to "have fun with science." Back on campus, the students stayed in the GCU College dorms while they researched health careers and prepared presentations to share.

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