



Thank You, Principals!

October is [National Principals Month](#), a time to honor and recognize the essential role that principals play in making their schools safe and supportive learning environments. They are the mobilizing force behind student success. Principals have many responsibilities:

- Set the school's vision and strategic plan;
- Build relationships with students, staff, parents, and community members;
- Hire and develop teachers and other staff members;
- Manage the school's budget and resources;
- Oversee the implementation of curriculum and instruction; and
- Assess student progress

The UNC [Center for Urban Education](#) is grateful to our partner principals for they do to support teacher candidates in their schools. CUE teacher candidates learn so much from their apprenticeship experiences in schools.

Be sure to #ThankAPrincipal this month with a shout out on social media and a wave and a smile in the hallway.



Scholarship Awardee Jazmin Ubaldo

Daniels Fund Scholarships a Big Help to CUE Students

The UNC Center for Urban Education thanks the [Daniels Fund](#) for awarding \$2,500 [Boundless Opportunity Scholarships](#) to 16 of our teacher candidates to help pay tuition fees for the fall semester. Scholarships were awarded to students from one or more non-traditional populations:

- Adults entering or returning to college;
- Active military members or veterans entering or returning to college;
- GED recipients;
- ROTC participants;
- Former foster care youth; and
- Former juvenile justice youth

Jazmin Ubaldo

Jazmin Ubaldo said the scholarship lifts a weight off her shoulders financially and helps her purchase books this semester. “I am also able to put my money toward Praxis, which is awesome because it gives me a boost to finish this semester strong.”

Ubaldo said she feels very supported by the people at the Center and also enjoys the way classes are organized—block classes, interim classes, and full semester classes—because it lets students tackle more classes but doesn’t overwhelm them.



Scholarship Awardee David Rodriguez

David Rodriguez

David Rodriguez said that the scholarship represents a pivotal moment in his educational journey, allowing him to focus more on his coursework and extracurricular activities without worrying about financial constraints. "This scholarship has empowered me to pursue my dreams and aspirations and serves as a reminder of the incredible support that foundations like the Daniels Fund provide to students like me. My family and I sincerely appreciate your kindness and belief in my potential. Thank you for making a profound impact on my life and the lives of many students."

Rodriguez encourages current and future students to apply for as many scholarships as they can and to work with their advisors and mentors as much as possible. "The need for educators is rising and foundations and other organizations want to see students and schools thrive."



Scholarship Awardee AlanaBlu Cooley

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AlanaBlu Cooley said that the scholarship has been a game changer for her. "It allows me to concentrate on my education without the constant worry of financial burdens. This support has made it much easier to focus on my studies and take full advantage of my learning opportunities."

Cooley said that the Center has offered her "fantastic resources" for financial aid. "The commitment the professors have to their students' success is remarkable. They really care about our personal growth and learning experience. Their approach is very student-centered, fostering a supportive community where we feel known and valued. It's comforting to know that all staff at the Center are invested in our individual journeys."



Scholarship Awardee Yolanda Corona

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Yolanda Corona said, "Without the scholarship, I would have to decide whether to pay tuition fees for me or my son, and of course, he would be the one to attend school."

We asked her what she would say to someone who wants to enroll at the Center but is worried about the cost. "It is a conversation I had with my sister. She is considering enrolling in college, but as a single mother, she is worried about how she will pay for her classes. I told her that UNC offers many scholarship opportunities."



Scholarship Awardee Juan Contreras

Juan Contreras

Juan Contreras said that the scholarship allows him to focus more of his time on his studies instead of trying to work to make ends meet. “The Center for Urban Education is really good about seeking opportunities for their students, so if you work hard in your classes and achieve academic excellence, the Center will find ways to help you pay for school.” Contreras is grateful to have professors from diverse backgrounds.

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