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MEDIA RELEASE

Fresno State Matches Scholarship Funds from The Foundation for Fresno Unified Students for Bulldog Bound Students

Fresno State will provide $25,000 in matching scholarship funds for students in the Bulldog Bound program, in partnership with The Foundation for Fresno Unified Students. Twenty-five Bulldog Bound students who were awarded $1,000 Fresno Unified Scholarships will receive a matching award from Fresno State. The matching funds will be applied to the students' full-time enrollment tuition for a total of $500 each semester.

"We're thrilled that the matching scholarship dollars from Fresno State for our Bulldog Bound students will continue to bridge the financial gap and empower our students to achieve

their college dreams," said Fresno Unified Superintendent Misty Her.

Since its inception in 2009, over $2 million in Fresno Unified Scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors. This year, $400,000 is being awarded to 315 graduates, along with an extra $41,200 in additional scholarships for a total of $441,200 being awarded to 333 graduates. This represents the largest amount in Fresno Unified history, made possible by philanthropic fundraising efforts of The Foundation for Fresno Unified Students.

"Investing in our students is crucial, and we are deeply grateful to Fresno State for their dedication and partnership through the Bulldog Bound program," said Wendy McCulley, chief of the Office of Engagement and External Partnerships and CEO of The Foundation for Fresno Unified Students.

The Foundation for Fresno Unified Students' mission is to ensure every student in the district has the tools and resources to reach their full potential. As the strategic fundraising partner for Fresno Unified, the Foundation for Fresno Unified Students is working with schools, the district and the wider community to drive student success through funding of the highest impact investments.

"At Fresno State, we are committed to making higher education more accessible and affordable for every student in our region," said Dr. Saul Jiménez-Sandoval, president of Fresno State. "Through this partnership with Fresno Unified and The Foundation for Fresno Unified Students, we are not only opening doors — we are building pathways that empower students to reach their full potential and contribute meaningfully to the Central Valley's future."

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