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### **AzRC awards 2020 grants and scholarships for recycling initiatives**

The Arizona Recycling Coalition is pleased to announce over \$21,000.00 in grants and scholarship awards to municipalities, schools and aspiring college students in the field of sustainability. Four grant recipients and four scholars were recognized for their innovative submissions to further recycling efforts throughout the state.

“The highly qualified applicant of grants and scholarships made the selection process for the AzRC grants very competitive this year” said Ariel LaBarron, Grants/Scholarships Coordinator and AzRC Board Member.

This year’s grant recipients are as follows:

- City of Peoria - \$2,900 - Composting at Home Program
- El Mirage - \$2,500 - Recycling Education Magnets and other educational items.
- Rover Elementary (Tempe) - \$3,000 - School composting/garden
- The Azulita Project (Flagstaff) - \$3,055 - Reusable bag for restaurant/food delivery

Scholarships will be awarded to the following Arizona State University students representing the School of Sustainability and Materials Science and Engineering.

#### Adora Shortridge

Ms. Shortage’s goal is to create a zero waste store and offer educational resources for shoppers about adopting a zero waste lifestyle.

#### Angela Fox

Ms. Fox’s goal is to become a sustainability professor and educate the community about sustainability. She has volunteered and started her own non-profit called Simple Sustainability

#### Hailey Campbell

Ms. Campbell’s goal to is to become knowledgeable and provide solutions in food insecurity and food waste. She has volunteered and worked in diverse areas of sustainability.

#### Natalie Mann

Ms. Mann’s is interested in pursuing a career in solar and is currently researching methods to recycle solar panels and developing a solar recycling network.

“AzRC’s mission is to expand recycling and waste prevention throughout the state of Arizona, and these grants and scholarships are one of the primary ways we do that. We’re excited to see the impacts of this year’s grants and scholarships, which are designed to incubate exciting initiatives and future leaders in both the public and private sectors, “ stated Dylan Lenzen, AzRC Chairperson and Sustainability Specialist for the City of Flagstaff.

Grant and scholarship recipients will be recognized at the AzRC annual meeting held virtually on Thursday, February 11, 2021. Funding provided in part by the members of AzRC and through the generosity of the Waste Management Phoenix Open and Thunderbird Charities.

For more information or to get involved, please email [info@arizonarecyclingcoalition.org](mailto:info@arizonarecyclingcoalition.org) or visit [www.arizonarecyclingcoalition.org/](http://www.arizonarecyclingcoalition.org/)

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#### ABOUT ARIZONA RECYCLING COALITION:

The Arizona Recycling Coalition (AzRC) is a membership-based, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting waste, reuse, reduction, and recycling throughout Arizona and our southwestern region.

The AzRC recognizes the continued importance of recycling and we are dedicated to making a difference for the future of Arizona. We have members join us from every industry and sector- private, public, government, non-profit, and education- and we continue to grow throughout the state and the region. We host quarterly meetings throughout the state and host an annual conference. The AzRC proudly awards grants and scholarships each year to help promote innovation in reuse, reduction, and recycling.