

Funding option

Matt Ortega Memorial Scholarship

Donor Intent

In loving memory of our vice president of government affairs for the West and Southeast Valley Realtors Association, WeSERV proudly honors Matt Ortega through establishing a scholarship fund to be housed at Arizona State University's School of Public Affairs. Matt was a proud alumni of Arizona State University serving as student body president, well as homecoming king, during his senior year in 1990.



As a life-long public servant, Matt served as the Director of Government Relations for the Maricopa Community Colleges System, Associate Director for the Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation Authority, and the director of intergovernmental relations for the Town of Gilbert. At the time of his passing, Matt represented more than 10,000 realtors throughout greater Phoenix as the vice president of government affairs for the West and Southeast Valley Realtors Association. His infectious charm, charisma, and energy were felt throughout the association's hallways and each member he came across. His wisdom for government affairs and his countless stories on dealing with life's hurdles were some of his best qualities. Spending hours in his office listening to his stories was not uncommon for many. He will be missed by all those who had the pleasure of calling him a colleague and friend.

Scholarship criteria

The Matt Ortega Memorial Scholarship Fund provides scholarship funding for current undergraduate or graduate students within the School of Public Affairs. Preference will be given to Native American students with an affinity for public affairs and local government management.

Investment

Tuition for School of Public Affairs students, who are also Arizona residents, ranges from \$11,000 - \$15,000 per academic year depending on the program fees at various campus locations. An annual investment of at least \$15,000 would help support this scholarship fund. Scholarship funds at ASU can also be endowed with a minimum gift requirement of \$25,000, and have an annual payout of approximately 3.5%, or quasi-endowed which helps the fund to have an annual payout while accruing interest.



The mission of the **School of Public Affairs** at Arizona State University is to understand and address society's grandest challenges in public management, policy, and governance. We seek to maximize our impact through rigorous transdisciplinary research, project-based education, collaborative and inclusive community engagement, experiential learning, and innovative solutions. As one of the leading schools in the nation, the School of Public Affairs provides world-class faculty, innovative academic programs, and cutting-edge research centers, which have helped us develop unique strengths in information technology, science, and technology policy, environmental policy, urban innovation, and civic engagement and new forms of governance. Housed within Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions, the School of Public Affairs is proud to have top rankings according to U.S. News and World Report, including #3 in the U.S. for local government management, #5 for urban policy, and #5 for Public Management and Leadership.

Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions is ASU's laboratory for the innovative production of public goods. We are committed to fearlessly taking on the most daunting challenges facing society, with degree programs and research that address challenges affecting communities both locally and globally. Together, we bring creativity, systems-level thinking, and an entrepreneurial spirit to our mission of creating, sustaining, and promoting dynamic and prosperous communities.

