

## ASU@Lake Havasu's Sparky Received the Coveted Sparky Scholarship

Each college has its own mascot that represents the spirit of that college. ASU is not an exception: Sparky is ASU's mascot, officially known as a sun devil. He always shows up at every ASU event to spread the college spirit everywhere. That is why ASU@Lake Havasu is lucky to have its own Sparky! As our campus is located in a city with a beautiful lake, we have a lot of lakeside events, where Sparky is the most expected.

However, to bring Sparky to event, one of the students needs to be employed to be Sparky for his or her campus. Luckily, ASU at Lake Havasu has found its Sparky two years ago, and that student (whose identity must remain a mystery) has been fulfilling Sparky's responsibilities with joy since that time. This year, this student has received a scholarship called "Sparky Scholarship." The Anna and Brian Wales Sparky Scholarship was created to financially support the students who represent ASU as Sparky. This scholarship opportunity is for current undergraduate students who serve as Sparky for at least one semester. Anna and Brian Wales see how Sparky takes care of our community, and they want to take care of the students who fulfill such a vital role to ASU and in the community. There are 11 individuals who get to play the role of Sparky (throughout all ASU campuses), including our very own! Of the 11 students, 3 were selected to receive the scholarship. Sparky had to submit a video explaining what it means to be a Sun Devil and the importance of Sparky's appearances in the community. After that, our Sparky was selected to receive that great opportunity for all his hard work for our campus.

As it was mentioned, Sparky's main responsibility is spreading a school spirit whenever he makes an appearance in all weather conditions, which is especially tough due to extreme heat in Arizona. Our current Sparky has the honor

to actually be the very first Sparky of the Lake Havasu campus selected two years ago. During all these years, he has been enjoying the time being Sparky as he could clearly see how he is affecting college life.

According to that student, he has a lot of favorite parts about being our Sparky. He is really outgoing person, and that is why he likes to engage with faculty, staff, and students and get them excited during all the events. More that everything, our Sparky just loves to be with the crowd, feel that energy of college events, and be a center for that spirit. The fact that he fulfills Sparky's responsibilities with love and happiness likely helped him to receive so well-deserved scholarship.

