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## TUCSON VALUES TEACHERS PRESENTED THE APRIL TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARD TO HEATHER GRIFFITH

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) presented the April Teacher Excellence Award to Heather Griffith, a high school English teacher. Griffith has taught for 24 years, the last 20 at Amphitheater High School. This year, she teaches Senior English and Dual Enrollment Writing Composition. She is also co-sponsor of the National Honor Society chapter at her school.

Griffith was nominated by her colleague Julie Ramsey. In the nominating statement, Ramsey wrote, "Heather Griffith's dedication to kids and their success is evident in everything she does; from being the first and last to leave every day, to the excellent communication with students and families, and she regularly demonstrates the concern she has for students' well-being and learning through her interactions with students."

Ramsey went on to write, "Heather prepares her students for both college and the career field through the content she skillfully teaches. Amphi High School is lucky to have such a committed educator."

Tucson Values Teachers spotlights quality Southern Arizona teachers every month. Teachers are nominated through Tucson Values Teachers' website by colleagues, students, friends, and other community members. This month's Teacher Excellence Award winner received \$260 cash courtesy of Helios Education Foundation, a \$100 gift certificate to Jonathan's Educational Resources, flowers, a TVT tumbler, and an insulated bag from Tucson Federal Credit Union that contained small gift items including a \$20 gift card to Target.

More information about the Teacher Excellence Award can be found at www.tucsonvaluesteachers.org.

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**Tucson Values Teachers** (TVT) is a business and education partnership focused on helping schools and districts attract, retain and support the very best teachers for every PreK-12 classroom in Southern Arizona. The organization recognizes the critical role teachers play in student achievement and the vital influence they have on Tucson's future. It does this work by raising public awareness of the value of the teaching profession while providing programs that benefit teachers economically and professionally. For more information and to support TVT, visit tucsonvaluesteachers.org or call (520) 327-7619.



Julie Ramsey and Heather Griffith

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## Mission:

To inspire support of PreK-12 teachers in Southern Arizona through community collaborations that attract, retain, and celebrate teacher excellence.



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