

Tucson Values Teachers

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Great Teachers.
Successful Students.
Prosperous Community.

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Nominate a teacher for the Raytheon Leaders in Education Award



Nominations now open!

RAYTHEON LEADERS IN EDUCATION AWARD

Do you know a fabulous teacher who deserves to be recognized? Then nominate them for the **2024 Raytheon Leaders in Education Award!**

Please note the process for this award has changed this year and requires teachers to be nominated prior to applying.

The [Raytheon Leaders in Education Award](#), in partnership with Tucson Values Teachers, is designed to recognize the contributions of Pima County teachers. The program honors four exceptionally skilled and dedicated teachers in grades PreK (Early Childhood) through 12 in all content areas. Nominees are teachers who have gained the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues, and who inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn. They distinguish themselves as leaders and play an active and useful role in their communities and in their schools.

Eligibility to receive the award include:

1. Spend the majority (over 50%) of the school day in direct instruction to students.
2. Be currently certified to teach Arizona.
3. Have completed at least four full years as a classroom teacher at the same time the application is submitted for consideration.
4. Teach any grade or combination of grades Pre-K through 12 in a school in Pima County.

Teachers may be nominated by **anyone**: colleagues, administrators, parents, students, family members, organizations, or they may self-nominate.

The deadline for all nomination submissions is 5pm on May 12, 2024. Please note multiple nominations for one person does not increase their chance of winning.

Nominate one or more teachers [HERE!](#)

If you have any questions please email Teresa Hill at thill@tucsonvaluesteachers.org.

Give for teachers on Arizona Gives Day!

INVEST IN US!



Support Tucson Values Teachers tomorrow as part of the statewide day of giving!

Your contribution will directly support our mission to inspire support of PreK-12 teachers in Southern Arizona through community collaborations that attract, retain, and celebrate teacher excellence. Donations will directly support professional development scholarships, monthly Teacher Excellence Awards, our mentorship program, and more!

Invest in us!

Fundraise on behalf of Tucson Values Teachers!

As part of Arizona Gives Day 2024, we're asking teachers to set up a fundraiser to benefit Tucson Values Teachers. Encourage your friends, colleagues, and family to donate to your fundraiser April 1-2. **If you raise at least \$200 for TVT, we'll send you a \$50 Amazon eGift Card!**

Setting up a fundraiser is simple! Go to our [Arizona Gives Day page](#) and click on "Create a Fundraiser."

Submit Teacher Excellence Award video nominations by April 15



Students are invited to submit [video nominations](#) for the Teacher Excellence Award. We'll select five winners and surprise teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, running May 6 through May 10.

All PreK-12 Southern Arizona teachers in Pima, Cochise, and Santa Cruz counties are eligible to be nominated. Students can submit a nomination individually or work together and submit as a group. Parents, administrators, and other adults may help students.

To submit a nomination, students need to:

1. Create a video explaining why their teacher should be honored with a Teacher Excellence Award. Videos must be no longer than 60 seconds and available in MP4 or MOV formats.
2. Fill out a brief nomination form that includes a *public* link to download the video.

Nominations are currently open and will close on April 15.

[Submit a video nomination!](#)

Ben's Bells honored Jonathan and Marcia Katz



The Tucson Values Teachers Board of Directors nominated Jonathan and Marcia Katz, owners of Jonathan's Educational Resources, for a Ben's Bells. Last month, we were excited to be a part of the celebration as they were belled in recognition for their life-long commitment to inspiring kindness in our community.

As part of the nomination, Nicole Tilicki wrote: "Because of Jonathan and Marcia, Tucson is a kinder place. They change lives one teacher at a time. And that kindness ripples through each child in our community, in turn making the future a better place."

Please join us in congratulating Jonathan and Marcia!

Congratulations to our March Teacher Excellence Award winner



Congratulations to our March Teacher Excellence Award winner, Jose Noperi Jr.!

Mr. Noperi is a 6th grade math teacher at Valencia Middle School in Tucson Unified School District. Mr. Noperi was nominated by his colleague, Briana Gomez.

In her nominating statement, she wrote, "Mr. Noperi has been at the school for 12 years and, even though I have only been his colleague for 7 of them, watching his interactions with students who have come

back to our school (or who work at businesses in our area) has confirmed to me that he is a staple of our school community. His ability to bond with the children using humor and tough love helps their social interactions and helps him emphasize the importance of accountability, good work ethic and critical thinking skills.

"Not only is he an incredible math teacher (who has helped our math scores for sixth grade outperform our 7th/8th grade scores), he has also been our girls soccer coach for the past 7 years and has made tremendous strides towards improving their self-confidence, resiliency, and team building skills. I think that, out of everyone at our school who deserves recognition for the work and dedication we give to our students, it's his time to shine. He doesn't go out of his way to apply for anything and no one has sincerely given him the credit he deserves for all the effort and work he's put in over the past decade+, so I'm nominating Mr. Noperi for this recognition."

Nominate a
teacher!

Teacher Appreciation Day at Arizona Baseball



TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH AT 6PM - HI CORBETT FIELD



Tucson Values Teachers is offering 2 free tickets to each teacher!
Tickets are available on a first-come-first-serve basis on the day of the game at the
Tucson Values Teachers booth at the entrance of the stadium with a teacher ID.

Use: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Tucsonvalues>
for \$5 tickets



For more info, contact : Angela Candito
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Teacher Appreciation Day at Arizona Baseball is May 4!

Tucson Values Teachers is offering a limited number of free tickets to teachers. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis on the day of the game and each teacher is eligible for up to two tickets. Stop by the Tucson Values Teachers booth by the entrance to the stadium with your teacher ID.

If you would like to receive text updates about ticket availability on the day of the game, register [here](#).

Arizona Baseball is also offering teachers discounted \$5 tickets to this game. To purchase these tickets, go [here](#).

2023 Arizona Educator Profession Survey report now available



The 2023

Arizona Educator Profession

Survey

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In 2023, Tucson Values Teachers, Tucson Regional Educator Collaborative (TREC), and the University of Arizona College of Education once again developed a survey to explore the needs and resources for educators in the region by determining the accessibility of professional development and support opportunities and overall educator perspectives on job satisfaction, financial obligations, and teacher identity.

A report of findings from this survey was recently published. The report in its entirety can be found [here](#). Below are key findings:

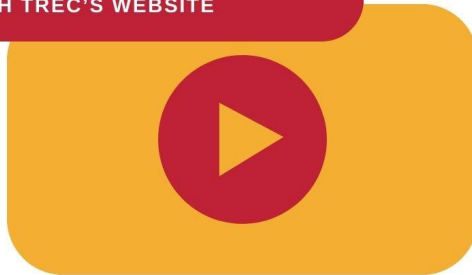
- **50 percent of educators feel satisfied in their profession** and a majority of educators reported feeling that their presence has a positive effect on the school environment. When asked what benefits were most important to educators, dental insurance, a safe school space, and a family friendly work schedule were by far emphasized as most important.
- **Approximately two-thirds of educators do not know or would not recommend becoming an educator to other people.** Many educators reported overwhelming workloads, lack of societal respect, and low pay as reasons for this. Twenty-five percent of educators reported preparations to leave the profession within 3-5 years.
- Active student participation/student engagement, social/emotional learning, project-based learning, and classroom management/behavior guidance were listed as the top four sought out professional learning opportunities educators would benefit from.

MATH FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Presented by TREC and CRR



IS NOW AVAILABLE ON DEMAND THROUGH TREC'S WEBSITE



A TREC PROFILE IS REQUIRED TO VIEW WEBINAR SERIES.



<https://bit.ly/491WE68>

Early Childhood Educators can now access the ON DEMAND resources from the **Math for Early Learners webinar series**, presented in partnership with TREC and the Center for Recruitment and Retention of Mathematics Teachers (CRR), and made available through the generous support of Helios Education Foundation. This access includes both the webinar video itself and the materials participants used to follow along.

Find all four webinars [here](#).

Please note: this resource is only available to those educators who have an [active profile on the TREC website](#). Educators who either teach in TREC partner districts or are early childhood teachers can create a profile for free! Scholarships are also available from TVT for non-EC educators who are outside of partner districts but are still in the Tucson region. You will be prompted to request this scholarship opportunity when you set up your TREC profile. [Join today!](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Submit a [student video nomination](#) for the Teacher Excellence Award by **April 15**. Teachers will be surprised during Teacher Appreciation Week!
 - Join us for Teacher Appreciation Night at UA Baseball on **May 4**.
 - Support TVT for Ice Nights at Jeremiah's Italian Ice of Northwest Tucson on **June 4**.
 - Save the date for the [Nature Every Day Summit](#) on **June 8**.
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Special thanks to our new **Teacher Discount Card** business partners:

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[Learn more](#) about the Teacher Discount Card, including a full listing of partnering businesses and special discounts.

mentorship program

Receive Support from a Teacher Mentor

Tucson Values Teachers offers a FREE mentorship program to all PreK-12 teachers looking for additional support and guidance from teacher leaders with many years of experience.

APPLY NOW

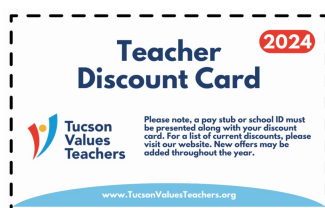
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

scholarships

PD Scholarships and Mini-Grants Available

Southern Arizona PreK-12 teachers may apply for a PD scholarship of up to \$250. PreK teachers are also eligible to apply for classroom mini-grants up to \$500!

APPLY NOW



Save with the Teacher Discount Card

Visit the Teacher Discount Card page to sign up for the 2024 card and to learn more about our business partners and the special discounts they offer for educators.

LEARN MORE



TVT partners with ODP Business Solutions

ODP Business Solutions provides access to discounted supplies, equipment, and technology, providing Southern Arizona teachers with increased access to essential resources.

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