



Tucson Values Teachers

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Great Teachers.
Successful Students.
Prosperous Community.

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We love our teachers!



February is the perfect month to express just how much we care about our teachers! It is such an honor to support you and showcase the amazing work you do for your students each and every day. Thank you for your continued dedication. It is valued. It is appreciated. It is recognized by your community.

Thank you for being part of our Tucson Values Teachers family!

Upcoming Job Fairs

Vail Unified School District

February 3
9am to 1pm

10800 E Valencia Rd
Scheduled interviews and walk-ins

[More information](#)



Sahuarita Unified School District

February 3
9am to noon

350 S Sahuarita Rd
Scheduled interview required

[More information](#)



Sunnyside Unified School District

February 3
9am to 2pm

4101 E Valencia Rd

[More information](#)



Marana Unified School District

February 3
9am to 11:30am

3901 W Linda Vista Blvd
No appointment needed

[More information](#)



Catalina Foothills School District

February 10
9am to noon

3435 N Sunrise Dr
Scheduled interview required

[More information](#)



CATALINA FOOTHILLS
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Amphitheater Public Schools

February 10
9am to noon

701 W Wetmore Rd
Registration required

[More information](#)



Tucson Unified School District

February 17
9:30am to 1pm

260 S Church Ave
Scheduled interview required

[More information](#)



Congratulations to our Teacher Excellence Award winner



Congratulations to our January Teacher Excellence Award winner, Maggie Derksen!

Ms. Derksen is a teacher at the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind Preschool. She was nominated by her fiancé, Joseph Lopez.



In his nominating statement, Mr. Lopez wrote:

"Maggie Derksen worked in TUSD as a sign language interpreter when she then took the challenge to become a full-time teacher at ASDB. During her first year at ASDB she was working full-time and also a full-time student getting her masters in deaf education. She specializes in helping kids adapt language by showing them sign and spoken language as well so they have the ability to do both. She just finished her masters in May and passed her teachers certification. Her passion to help these kids make her a great candidate for this award."

Love of Reading Proclamation



At its meeting on January 23, the Pima County Board of Supervisors proclaimed February 2024 to be “Love of Reading Month” in Pima County.

Supervisor Rex Scott presented the proclamation to Tucson Values Teachers CEO, Dr. Teresa Hill.

We know teachers spread the joy of reading to students in their classrooms and we proudly celebrate this proclamation on behalf of all Pima County teachers!

Principal for a Day



Tucson Values Teachers hosted our first in-person "Principal for a Day" program earlier this week! This is an exciting new initiative that provides our region's top community and business leaders with the opportunity to shadow school principals. We believe this program will continue to strengthen the connections between our business and

education communities, and increase respect for our teachers.

This year, we partnered with Sahuarita Unified School District. It is our hope to expand this program to other Southern Arizona districts to have an even greater impact and to showcase the amazing work being done throughout our region.

Special thanks to Dr. Valenzuela and all the school principals who opened their doors to TVT!

Principal for Day 2024 Participating Schools and Business Leaders

Anza Trail K-8

Edmundo Gamillo - Executive Director for the Commercial Bank in Tucson, JP Morgan Chase Bank

Mary Kohn - HR, Leader Effectiveness & Career Development, Raytheon an RTX Business and TVT Board Member

Darlene Robinson - Principal and TVT Board Member

Copper View Elementary

Angie Harmon - Freeport McMoRan

Sahuarita High School

Kim Ernzen - President, Naval Power Raytheon an RTX Business

Andy Heinemann - Former CEO, Tucson Values Teachers

Sahuarita Intermediate School

Shelley Watson - Senior Vice President, SALC and TVT Board Member

Sahuarita Primary School

Danette Bewley - President, CEO Tucson Airport Authority

Sahuarita Middle School

Dr. Robert Berry - Dean College of Education, University of Arizona and TVT Board Member

Sopori Elementary School

Amber Smith - CEO, Pipeline Arizona

Walden Grove High School

Garry Brav - Principal, Brav Holdings LLC

Phil Swaim - Principal, Swaim Associates Architects

Teresa Hill - CEO, Tucson Values Teachers

Wrightson Ridge K-8

Michael Guymon - President, CEO Tucson Metro Chamber

Educator Celebration

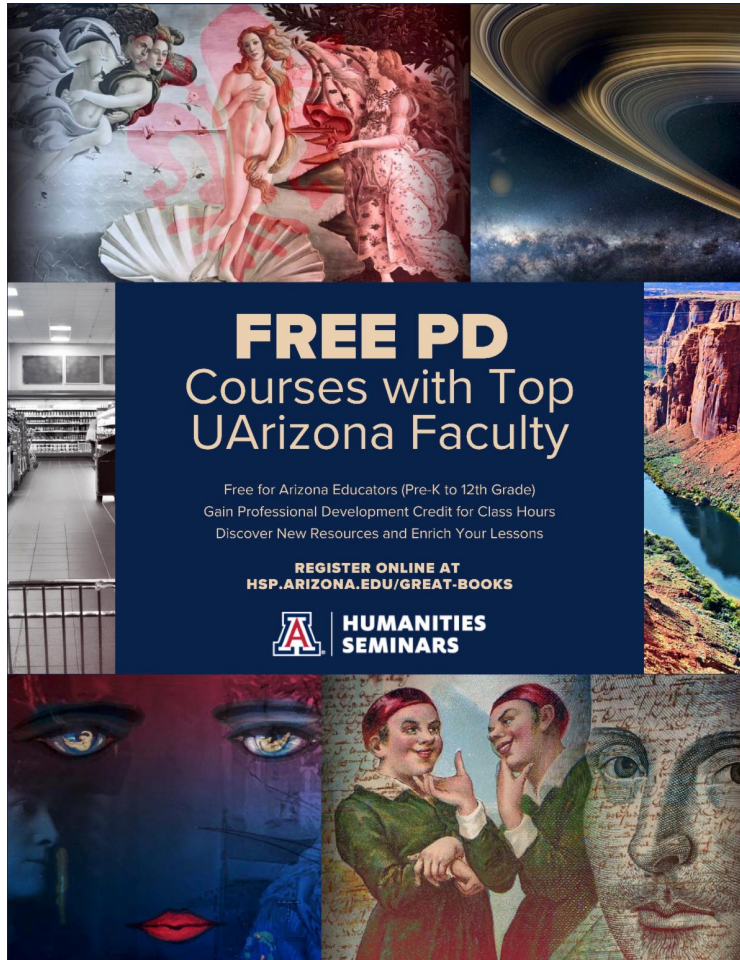


We love to celebrate our teachers!

As part of our commitment to celebrate teacher excellence, we partnered with TREC, Ben's Bells, the Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, and Fox Tucson Theatre to host the 2024 Educator Celebration at Hotel McCoy on January 25.

Special thanks to our partners and our TVT board members for showing our local teachers that they are valued!


Great Books Series for Arizona educators



FREE PD
Courses with Top
UArizona Faculty

Free for Arizona Educators (Pre-K to 12th Grade)
Gain Professional Development Credit for Class Hours
Discover New Resources and Enrich Your Lessons

REGISTER ONLINE AT
[HSP.ARIZONA.EDU/GREAT-BOOKS](https://hsp.arizona.edu/great-books)

 **HUMANITIES SEMINARS**

Are you an Arizona educator seeking innovative ways to teach classic and innovative texts in your classroom? **Take advantage of this free, high-quality continuing education experience led by top university professors.**

[Enroll today](#) to reserve your place as space in the series is limited!

This series gives teachers access to free courses in hopes of providing you with new insights into classic literary, historical, scientific, and philosophical texts that you can, in turn, make deeply meaningful to your students.

Through the College of Humanities at the University of Arizona's renowned Humanities Seminars Program—including its dozens of award-winning university instructors—they are offering free courses for Arizona teachers. Most of these courses will be offered as live courses available on campus, online, or via recording to maximize their accessibility throughout the state.

Upcoming courses include:

- [Truth in Food Labeling: It's Anyone's Guess](#) with Professor

- Daniel Engeljohn
- [Cleopatra: Performing Power](#) with Professor Alison Futrell
- [The Fiction of Edith Wharton and F. Scott Fitzgerald](#) with Professor Charles Scruggs

Learn More!

Updates from TREC



WHAT IS THE TREC TEACHER LEADER PROGRAM?

The TREC Teacher Leader Program is a cohort-based opportunity for birth-12th grade educators to build key leadership competencies, create spaces to reflect on their instructional practices, and provide social/emotional support for their fellow teachers.

LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES

- Communication
- Professionalism
- Advocacy
- Professional Learning

WHAT DO TREC TEACHER LEADERS DO?

The TREC Teacher Leader Program is a two-year commitment, with cohorts focused on identifying and addressing key professional learning needs for teachers in the Tucson region.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have 3+ years of teaching experience with at least 50% of their contract time teaching birth-12th grade students.

Apply Today!



Applications are due **Friday, March 8, 2024, at 11:59 pm**. For any questions, please email Alicia Durbin, TREC Project Coordinator adurbin@arizona.edu.



<https://bit.ly/495WGdO>

Applications for the TREC Teacher Leader Program — Cohort 5 are now open!

The [TREC Teacher Leader Program](#) is a cohort-based opportunity for birth-12th grade educators to build key leadership competencies, create spaces to reflect on their instructional practices, and provide social/emotional support for their fellow teachers.

This program is a core feature of TREC — a partnership of Tucson-area schools, districts, community organizations, and the University of Arizona — and is designed to promote high-quality professional learning that is both made for and led by classroom educators.

TREC seeks to build cohorts that reflect the diversity of identities and experiences present in the Tucson educator community, and consist of teachers who are, or are motivated to become, leaders in their schools and districts.

Who should apply to the TREC Teacher Leader Program?

TREC is looking for 10 – 12 birth-12th grade teachers who have three or more years of teaching experience and spend at least 50% of their contract time teaching students in a classroom setting.

Learn more and apply

TREC and CRR Presents

MATH FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Four Part Webinar Series
4:30pm to 6:00pm via zoom

Presented By Melissa Holsten


These sessions are free to participants thanks to a generous grant from the Helios Education Foundation.

COMING UP—

- FEBRUARY 1
- FEBRUARY 15
- MARCH 7

Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions but are welcome to join as they are able.

REGISTER NOW



<https://bit.ly/47ZQEeZ>

CRR
CENTER FOR RECRUITMENT & RETENTION OF MATHEMATICS TEACHERS

TUCSON REGIONAL EDUCATOR COLLABORATIVE

TREC and The Center of Recruitment and Retention of Mathematics Teachers (CRR) have partnered together for this four-part [Math for Early Learners Series!](#)

They will focus on supporting early childhood educators to bring math topics such as Numbers & Cardinality, Measurement, Geometry, Algebraic Thinking, and Data Analysis into their classrooms. **This series can be viewed as individual sessions, but the greatest understanding and connections will be made by attending as many as possible.**

Coming Up!

Part 2: Thursday, February 1 from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM —Geometry

Part 3: Thursday, February 15 from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM —Algebraic Thinking

Part 4: Thursday, March 7 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM — Data Analysis and Measurement

Each childhood is full of experiences and explorations into mathematics. Looking at the world of a young child helps us find beautifully relevant ways to learn counting, cardinality, measurement, geometry, data analysis, and algebraic thinking. Come and explore these topics in our series.

The sessions will be via zoom on Thursdays and will be led by CRR's Melissa Hosten.

Register

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Apply for the TREC [Teacher Leader Program](#) by **March 8**.
- Visit the Tucson Values Teachers booth at the [Tucson Festival of Books](#) on **March 9 and 10**.
- Submit [Teacher Excellence Award](#) nominations all year long to help us recognize outstanding PreK-12 Southern Arizona teachers.




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

Professional Development Scholarships Available

Southern Arizona Pre-K teachers may apply for a scholarship of up to \$250 to help pay tuition, registration fees, or materials related to a PD conference or workshop.

[APPLY NOW](#)



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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.

[CREATE AN ACCOUNT](#)

Vision:
Great Teachers. Successful Students.
Prosperous Community.

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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