



Tucson Values Teachers

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Great Teachers.
Successful Students.
Prosperous Community.

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Happy New Year from Tucson Values Teachers!

On behalf of our staff and Board of Directors, we wish everyone a happy and healthy 2024!

Last year, Tucson Values Teachers celebrated our 15th anniversary of serving Southern Arizona teachers. We're proud of the work we have done to elevate the teaching profession, bringing together our business and education communities to support local educators.

We'd like to thank our former CEO, Andy Heinemann, for all he has done for teachers and our organization. We wish him a happy retirement!



As we look ahead, we're excited to continue our mission to attract, retain, and celebrate teacher excellence under the guidance of our new CEO, Dr. Teresa Hill.

You can learn more about Dr. Hill and her extensive experience in education and commitment to local educators in our [press release](#).

Thank you to our business and community partners for your support and thank you to our Southern Arizona educators! It is going to be a great 2024!

Sign up for the 2024 Teacher Discount Card



A new year means a new Teacher Discount Card! If you're a Southern Arizona teacher, sign up for the free 2024 card and start saving at more than 50 businesses.

[Sign up now!](#)

Special thanks to our Teacher Discount Card partner businesses for providing special deals and discounts for educators. **Below is a partial list of our business partners.** Visit our [Teacher Discount Card page](#) for a full list and to learn more about specific discounts.

AUTOMOTIVE

Klipper Automotive

FINANCIAL

ELL Group Real Estate
Meridian Wealth Management, LLC
Pima Federal Credit Union
Tierra Antigua Realty - Bethanie Narramore
Vantage West Credit Union

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Alvernon Optical
Barefoot Dreams Reflexology
BodyBasics Health & Fitness
Casabona Chiropractic
Eclips Cuts Salon
F45
Gadabout SalonSpas
Switzer Family Chiropractic
The Yoga Connection
Undercover Laser
Wild Wellness Naturopathic and Integrative
Medicine

TEACHER SUPPLIES

Friends of Pima County Library
Jonathan's Educational Resources

HOME & FURNISHINGS

Inspecting Homes Arizona
Old Pueblo Garage Doors
Progressive Plumbing Systems
Safi Home Works
Schmitz Carpet Care
The Solar Store

RECREATION

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
Biosphere 2
PhotoFunBooth
The Loft Cinema
Topgolf

RESTAURANTS

Button Brew House
Catalina Brewing Co
Reilly Craft Pizza & Drink

RETAIL

Goodwill Industries of Southern Arizona
ODP Business Solutions
Perri Jewelers

We're always looking for local businesses to join our Teacher Discount Card!

Congratulations to our Teacher Excellence Award winners



Congratulations to our November Teacher Excellence Award winner, Evan Hummel!

Mr. Hummel was a humanities and speech and debate teacher at Wakefield Middle School in Tucson Unified School District. He was nominated by his colleague, Amber Parris.

In her nominating statement, Ms. Parris wrote:

"Evan is a true gem in our school community. With unwavering compassion, he connects with students on a personal level, making them feel heard and valued. His lessons are more than just curriculum; they're a journey into real-life relevance. Evan nurtures critical thinking by encouraging kids to debate big ideas, teaching them to articulate their thoughts eloquently through debate. He embodies the essence of positive school culture, fostering an environment where every student's voice matters."



Congratulations to our December Teacher Excellence Award winner,

Lisa Aukee!

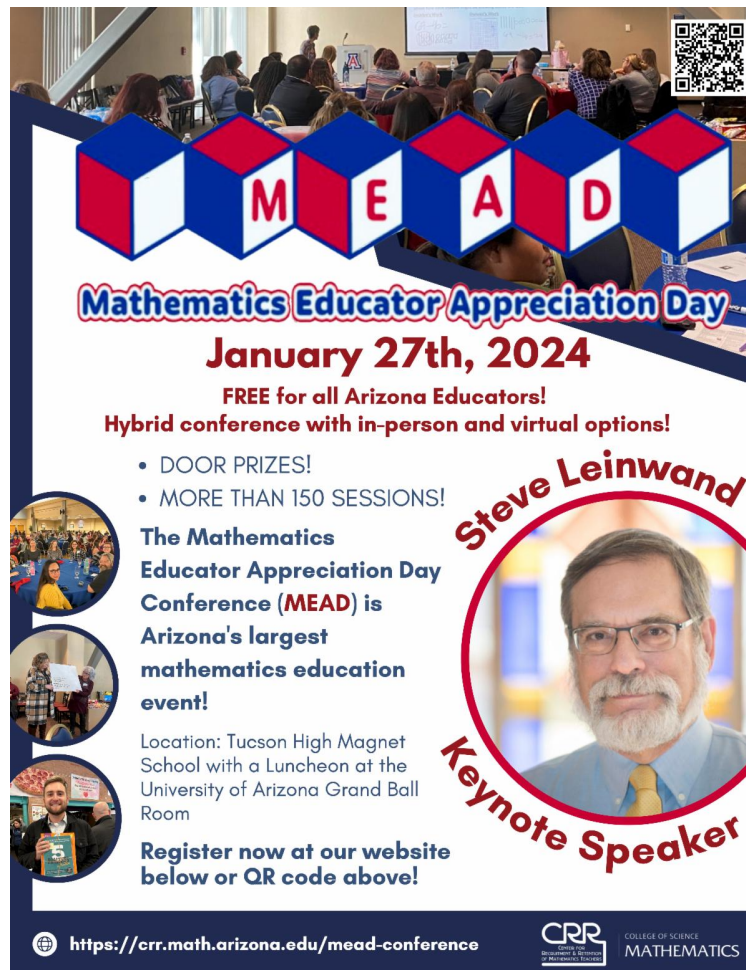
Ms. Aukee is a Spanish and AP Psychology teacher at Canyon Del Oro High School in Amphitheater Public Schools.

Ms. Aukee received two nominations, both from parents of students. Rachelle Ferris wrote, "My student comes home talking about the new things she has learned and the fun ways they get to practice the content." Ms. Ferris went on to write, "Through her words and actions, she instills a sense of self-belief and resilience in her students, motivating them to strive for excellence in all aspects of life. The hallmark of Ms. Aukee's teaching style is its engagement and authenticity."

Shey Meyers, who also nominated Ms. Aukee for the award, described her as a caring and dedicated teacher. "I appreciate all she does for my child and the entire CDO community."

Nominate a
teacher!

Register for MEAD 2024



The poster for the MEAD 2024 conference features a background image of a large audience seated in a conference hall. At the top, the acronym 'MEAD' is displayed using large, 3D cubes in red, white, and blue. Below this, the full name 'Mathematics Educator Appreciation Day' is written in a stylized font, followed by the date 'January 27th, 2024'. A QR code is located in the top right corner. The text 'FREE for all Arizona Educators!' and 'Hybrid conference with in-person and virtual options!' is prominently displayed. A list of bullet points includes 'DOOR PRIZES!' and 'MORE THAN 150 SESSIONS!'. On the left side, there are three circular inset photos showing people at the event. The central text describes the conference as 'Arizona's largest mathematics education event!' and provides the location: 'Tucson High Magnet School with a Luncheon at the University of Arizona Grand Ball Room'. It encourages registration with the text 'Register now at our website below or QR code above!'. On the right side, a circular portrait of Steve Leinwand is shown, with the text 'Steve Leinwand' above it and 'Keynote Speaker' below it in a red, curved banner. At the bottom, the website URL 'https://crr.math.arizona.edu/mead-conference' is provided, along with the logo for the Center for Research in Mathematics Education (CRR) and the College of Science Mathematics department.

MEAD
Mathematics Educator Appreciation Day
January 27th, 2024
FREE for all Arizona Educators!
Hybrid conference with in-person and virtual options!

- DOOR PRIZES!
- MORE THAN 150 SESSIONS!

The Mathematics Educator Appreciation Day Conference (MEAD) is Arizona's largest mathematics education event!

Location: Tucson High Magnet School with a Luncheon at the University of Arizona Grand Ball Room

Register now at our website below or QR code above!

Steve Leinwand
Keynote Speaker

<https://crr.math.arizona.edu/mead-conference>

CRR COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
MATHEMATICS

Register for the 20th Annual Mathematics Educator Appreciation Day Conference (MEAD)!

This is the largest mathematics education event in Arizona. MEAD 2024 will take place on January 27 with more than 150 sessions and featuring Keynote Speaker, Steve Leinwand, winner of the NCSM National Leadership and NCTM Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Thanks to a partnership with the Arizona Department of Education, registration is FREE for all Arizona teachers and administrators, and \$125 for non-Arizona educators.

MEAD will be a hybrid event with in-person (Tucson) and virtual options for registration. You will select EITHER an in-person or virtual ticket during registration and be limited to those types of sessions. The registration deadline is Friday, January 12!

Learn
More

Apply for an Educator Fellowship



Join an inspiring community of educators who are re-imagining education and catalyzing real-world learning. Build meaningful connections with your students, ignite community-engaged learning, and gain effective strategies that will enhance your instruction and leadership skills.

During this 5-month professional learning journey, we'll explore transformative, practical, and fun strategies to boost student engagement by connecting your students and community in real-world, project-based learning experiences. You will design, implement, and reflect on at least one illuminating community-engaged learning experience to create engaged and authentic learning for your students. We support and celebrate you along the way!

As a fellow, you'll gain access to:

- 15-hour Community Engaged Learning (CEL) Deep Dive
- Learning community of creative, dedicated, and inspiring educators
- Up to two hours of 1:1 support from our highly experienced CEL coach
- The opportunity for you, your students, and community partners to share and celebrate your work with a global audience

The Educator Fellowship provides the critical resources and infrastructure to support engaging, relevant, real-world learning.

Magic happens when students are able to work with community partners and teachers to solve real-world problems.

-CommunityShare Educator Fellow

Ignite student engagement and passion through COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING

As a fellow, you'll explore Community-Engaged Learning. Our framework integrates community, curiosity, and contribution to create meaningful, real-world learning across content areas and age levels.

Driven by student **curiosity**

Enriched by the knowledge, skills, wisdom, and unique assets of our **communities**

To make authentic **contributions** to ourselves and community



CommunityShare is offering a fellowship for educators to learn how to design authentic, real-world learning experiences with students and community partners.

The **Community Catalyst Educator Fellowship** is designed to provide educators with practical, transformative strategies for community-engaged learning.

CommunityShare's Community Catalyst Educators Fellowship includes:

- 5 month professional learning journey beginning January 27, 2024
- Community-Engaged Learning Deep Dive (15 hours of professional development)
- A supportive network of educators
- One-on-one coaching and support
- Opportunity to showcase your work globally

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More

Updates from TREC

The graphic features a large red circle on the left containing the text 'TREC and CRR Presents MATH FOR EARLY LEARNERS' and 'Four Part Webinar Series 4:30pm to 6:30pm via zoom'. To the right is a circular portrait of Melissa Holsten with the caption 'Presented By Melissa Holsten'. Below the portrait is a yellow circle stating 'These sessions are free to participants thanks to a generous grant from the Helios Education Foundation.' At the bottom left, a dark blue circle lists the dates: 'JANUARY 18', 'FEBRUARY 1', 'FEBRUARY 15', and 'MARCH 7', followed by the text 'Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions but are welcome to join as they are able.' Logos for TREC and CRR are at the bottom.

TREC and CRR Presents

MATH FOR EARLY LEARNERS

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

Presented By Melissa Holsten

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- JANUARY 18
- FEBRUARY 1
- FEBRUARY 15
- MARCH 7

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CRR
Center for Research & Retention
of Mathematics Teachers

TUCSON REGIONAL EDUCATOR COLLABORATIVE

Math for Early Learners

Get ready for TREC's four-part **Math for Early Learners Workshop Series**—coming this spring via Zoom! We will focus on helping early childhood educators bring math topics such as *Numbers & Cardinality*, *Measurement*, *Geometry*, *Algebraic Thinking*, and *Data Analysis* into their classrooms.

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

- January 18: Numbers & Cardinality and measurement
- February 1: Geometry
- February 15: Algebraic Thinking
- March 7: Data Analysis and measurement

Register

JOIN US!

EDUCATOR CELEBRATION

Thursday January 25, 2024

5:00 PM-7:00 PM



Hotel McCoy

720 W Silverlake Rd, Tucson, AZ 85713

IN PERSON | FREE ATTENDANCE
Food, Fun, and Giveaways

Kick off the new year with TREC, TVT, SAZAEYC, Fox Theatre, and Ben's Bell's for the 2024 Educator Celebration! Come celebrate yourself and everything you do!



REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/2WHHD5RUGX7C79827](https://forms.gle/2WHHD5RUGX7C79827)

Kick off the new year with TREC, TVT, SAZAEYC, Fox Theatre, and Ben's Bell's for the **2024 Educator Celebration!**

Come celebrate yourself and everything you do! You are valued, loved, and appreciated, and we can't wait to celebrate this at the Educator Celebration. We will have giveaways, food, and fun! Drinks available for purchase.

The celebration will take place on Thursday, January 25, 5pm to 7pm *in-person* at Hotel McCoy.

Hotel McCoy is a wonderfully unique art hotel with murals around every corner, located near downtown Tucson at 720 W Silverlake Rd, Tucson, AZ 85713.

Register

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Apply for the [Community Catalyst Educator Fellowship](#) by **January 19**.
- Register for [Early Childhood Day at the Capitol](#) scheduled for **January 22**.
- Register for our [Educator Celebration](#) on **January 25** at Hotel McCoy.
- Attend the [Mathematics Educator Appreciation Day](#) on **January 27**.
- 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

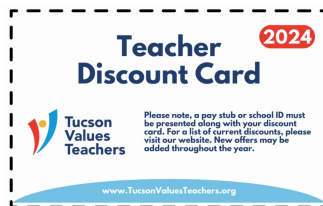
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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



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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