



Great Teachers. Successful Students. Prosperous Community.

Mark Your Calendar:

- Register for [TREC's June Virtual Summit](#), scheduled for June 2, 3, and 4 from 4pm to 5:30pm.
- Attend the [Laffs Comedy Club](#) fundraiser for Tucson Values Teachers on June 13 at 6pm, featuring the comedy of Southern Arizona teachers.
- Celebrate education champions at Stand Up 4 Teachers on November 3 at the University of Arizona.

Southern Arizona teachers honored with Teacher Excellence Award



Tucson Values Teachers presented the [Teacher Excellence Award](#) to five Southern Arizona teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week last month.

Winning teachers received flowers, \$250 cash courtesy of [Helios Education Foundation](#), a TVT face mask and tumbler, and a \$100 gift card to Office Depot.

Thank you to all of the students and families who submitted a video nomination and special thanks to the school and district administrators who helped us surprise these excellent educators!

Ganesh Tiwari

Mr. Tiwari is a science teacher at Nogales High School in Nogales Unified School District.



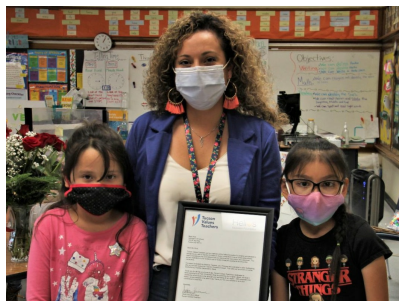
He was nominated by Adrian Velazquez-Martinez. The nomination video can be found [here](#).



Kylie Baker

Mrs. Baker is a kindergarten teacher at Manzanita Elementary School in Catalina Foothills School District.

She was nominated by Elizabeth Sipe. The nomination video can be found [here](#).



Mayra Ruiz

Ms. Ruiz is a 2nd grade teacher at Hollinger K-8 in Tucson Unified School District.

She was nominated by several students, including Sophia and Samantha. The nomination video can be found [here](#).



Jim Mentz

Mr. Mentz is a PE teacher at Palo Verde High School in Tucson Unified School District.

He was nominated by several students. The nomination video can be found [here](#).

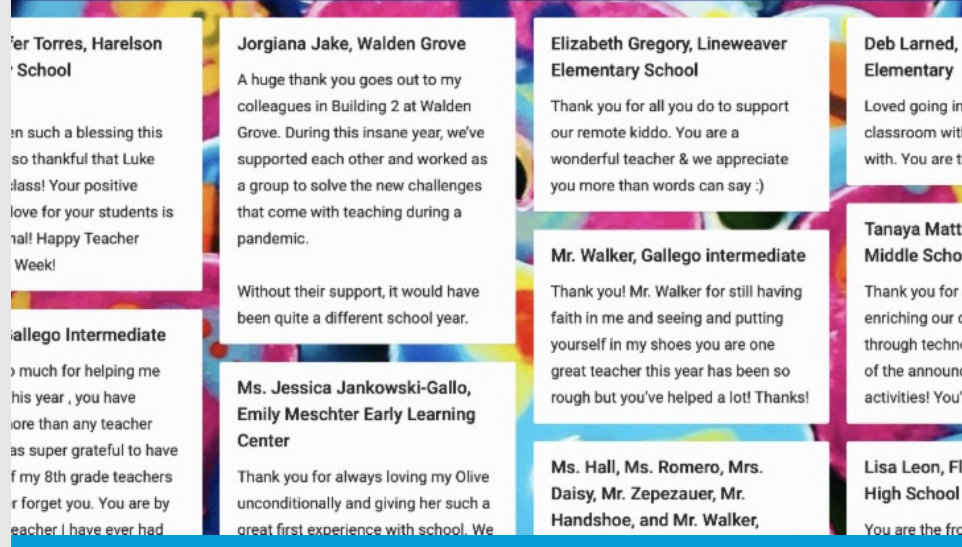


Lauren Ochoa

Ms. Ochoa is an 8th grade science teacher at Dove Mountain CSTEM K-8 in Marana Unified School District.

She was nominated by Syed Batiz. The nomination video can be found [here](#).

Messages of thanks and gratitude



Browse the virtual [Gratitude Wall](#), a partnership between Ben's Bells, TREC, SAZAEYC, and Tucson Values Teachers.

During Teacher Appreciation Week last month, community members were asked to post a message of thanks to Southern Arizona teachers. Be sure to check out what was posted or add your own message of gratitude!

[View the Gratitude Wall](#)

Register for TREC's June Virtual Summit

Tucson Regional Educator Collaborative is hosting the [June Virtual Summit](#) on June 2, 3, and 4. Teachers are encouraged to register for any or all days of this FREE event.

The Virtual Summit is for PreK-12 educators around topics of trauma-informed teaching, educator self-care, play and celebration. Each day will have a different focus and way to connect and collaborate with other educators.

Wednesday, June 2:
[Trauma-Informed Teaching](#)

Thursday, June 3:
[Wellness in the Workplace Panel](#)

Friday, June 4:
[Celebrating Educators](#)

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This supportive **3-Day Webinar Series** is for educators birth-12th grade to learn, reflect, connect, and celebrate!

TREC's June Virtual Summit

June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th from 4:00 - 5:30pm



Wednesday, June 2 **TRAUMA-INFORMED TEACHING**

Join one of two breakout rooms: **1.) PreK-6th grade educators** will learn about implementing trauma-informed strategies and evidence-based practices in the classroom OR **2.) 7th-12th grade educators** will discuss the intersection of PBIS, SEL, and TIC while creating mindfulness and trauma responsive practices.

Thursday, June 3 **WELLNESS IN THE WORKPLACE PANEL**

Join panelist as they discuss vocational wellness, suicide/depression, anxiety, and creating strategies for self-care. Tim Grivois-Shah will lead this diverse group of panelist.

Friday, June 4 **CELEBRATING EDUCATORS**

Play, Kindness, and Pandemic Positives— We will have some fun as we remember the importance of play, participate in kindness with Ben's Bells, find humor with David Fitzsimmons. and celebrate successes.

Learn more and register for FREE:

<http://bit.ly/TRECSummit>

You can register for one, two, or all three days!

TRECarizona.org

For any questions, contact
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Join us for Classroom Confidential

Join Tucson Values Teachers at Laff's Comedy Club at 6pm on June 13 for [Classroom Confidential](#). Laugh along with Tucson teachers who are going to be on stage as comedy virgins, along with experienced comics. The event is hosted by Nancy Stanley and Dave Fitzsimmons.

Classroom Confidential is a TVT fundraiser to help support our annual Tucson Supplies Teachers campaign. Space is limited so reserve your spot now!

Tickets to be in the audience are \$12 each with a two item minimum at Laff's Food or Drink.

Please direct questions to Golda Velez at Laff's Comedy Club. [Email](#) her or give her a call at 520-440-1420.

[Purchase Tickets](#)



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Come join us to laugh with some Tucson teachers who are going
to be on stage as COMEDY VIRGINS-along with experienced
comics including Nancy Stanley-all while raising money for
teachers.

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Tucson Supplies Teachers Campaign



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Governor's Office,
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Foundation, and
Arizona State
University.

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- **Murf, Inc.**

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

**Submit your
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success story!**

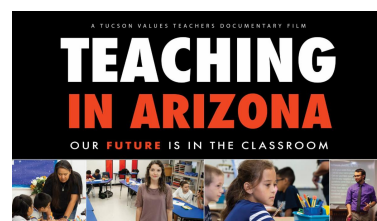
We're looking for teachers, students, and parents to [submit](#) stories, photos, and videos that allow us to highlight the innovative work happening in local education. We'll share these stories on social media throughout the year.



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Visit the Teacher Discount Card page to sign up for the 2021 card and to learn more about our business partners and the special discounts they offer for educators.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Stream the award-winning documentary short film, TEACHING IN ARIZONA

The film follows three Tucson educators, delivering an intimate portrait of what it's like to be a teacher today and the true impact of the teacher workforce crisis.

[WATCH NOW](#)

Vision:

*Great Teachers. Successful Students.
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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.*

