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## Mark Your Calendar:

- Year-long *Onward* book study hosted by TREC starts this summer. Details below.
- Arizona K12 Center's Virtual 15th Annual Teacher Leadership Institute: Elevating Student Voice through Teacher Leadership starts on June 15. Register [here](#).

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## TVT adopts new Vision and Mission Statement to include Pre-K teachers



Tucson Values Teachers has long understood the importance of quality

early childhood education and the role Pre-K teachers play in students' development and long-term success in school.

We're excited to announce that our Board of Directors has recently approved a new Vision and Mission Statement for Tucson Values Teachers, allowing us to officially recognize and support Pre-K teachers in our signature programs and organization.

Pre-K teachers are oftentimes a child's very first teacher, introducing them to how school works and giving them the tools to work successfully with others, solve problems, and ask questions.

We want all Pre-K teachers to know how valued you are and how much our community values you as highly qualified teachers. We invite you to participate in our programs and events, including the:

- Teacher Discount Card
- Teacher Excellence Award
- Tucson Supplies Teachers
- Teacher Appreciation Nights
- Stand Up 4 Teachers
- ...and more!

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## **TREC announces Onward book study**



Emotional Resilience in educators is more important than ever as teachers adapt to the changing needs of teaching during a pandemic.

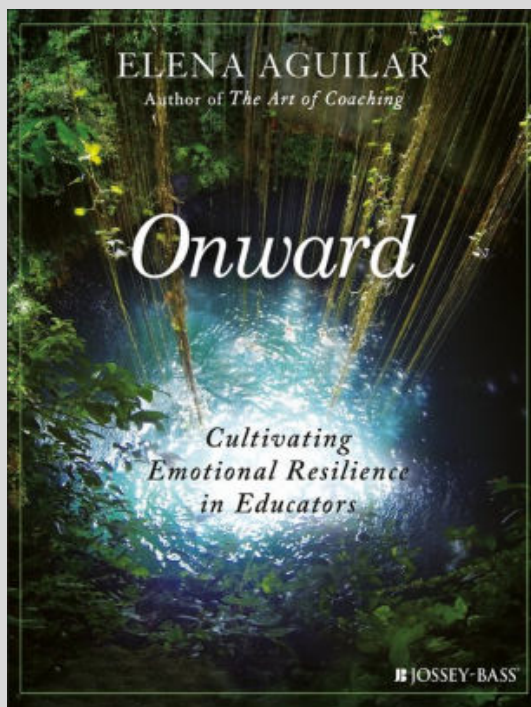
TREC Teacher Leaders will be guiding a year-long book study

on *Onward, Cultivating Emotional Resilience in Educators* by Elena Aguilar.

**Tucson Values Teachers purchased 100 copies of *Onward* for the Teacher Book Study from our local bookstore, [Antigone Books](#)!** TREC will be raffling off the copies to attendees. Let us know what you think!

If you're interested in joining this book study, please complete their [interest form](#). If you would like more information before completing the form, watch this [recording](#) from yesterday's Book Study Information Session and view informational documents [here](#).

**Fill out this interest form to learn more!**



### ***About the book:***

*Onward* tackles the problem of educator stress, and provides a practical framework for taking the burnout out of teaching. Stress is part of the job, but when 70 percent of teachers quit within their first five years because the stress is making them physically and mentally ill, things have gone too far. Unsurprisingly, these effects are highest in difficult-to-fill positions such as math, science, and foreign languages, and in urban areas and secondary classrooms—places where we need our teachers to be especially motivated and engaged. This book offers a path to resiliency to help teachers weather the storms and bounce back—and work toward banishing the rain for good.

[Learn more about \*Onward\*](#)

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## **Five local teachers received the May Teacher Excellence Award**

Social distancing didn't keep us from virtually presenting the Teacher Excellence Award to five local teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week last month.

Winning teachers received flowers, \$250 cash courtesy of [Helios Education Foundation](#), a \$50 gift card to Office Depot thanks to the [South Tucson Cyber Lions](#), plus another \$100 gift card for additional school supplies.



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!



### **Monica Baden**

Ms. Baden is a 4/5 GEM teacher at Twin Peaks K-8 in Marana Unified School District.

She was nominated by Nathan Bockstahler. His video can be found [here](#).



### **Corinne Angello**

Ms. Angello is a JTED culinary arts teacher at Mountain View High School in Marana Unified School District.

JP Paegel nominated Ms. Angello. His video can be found [here](#).



### **Amanda Campbell**

Ms. Campbell is a 2nd grade teacher at Canyon View Elementary School in Catalina Foothills School District.

Cadence Moore nominated Ms. Campbell. Her video can be found [here](#).



### **Jennifer Knight**

Ms. Knight is a 1st grade teacher at Soleng Tom Elementary School in Tucson Unified School District.

Braxton Brown nominated Ms. Knight. His video can be found [here](#).



## Kasie Betten

Ms. Betten is an English teacher at Desert View High School in Sunnyside Unified School District.

She was nominated by a group of her students. The video can be found [here](#).

## Share your virtual teaching success story

Tucson Values Teachers wants to showcase the interesting and innovative ways teachers have successfully transitioned to online teaching for the spring semester.

We know schools never closed--in fact, teachers had to quickly adapt to a new way of connecting and engaging with students with very little preparation or resources. We want to celebrate you and your accomplishments!

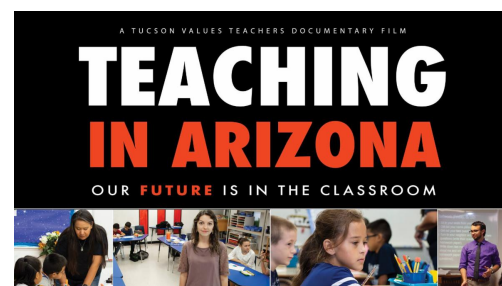
Help us share your stories with business leaders, community members, parents, and others. Please submit your story via [email](#).



### Save at more than 90 local businesses with the Teacher Discount Card

Visit the Teacher Discount Card page to sign up for the 2020 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](#)

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