

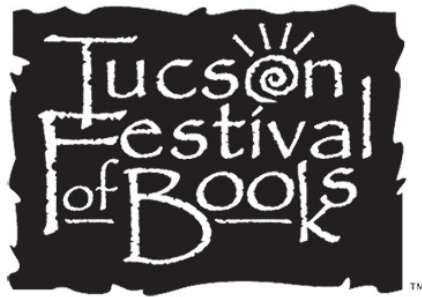


Great Teachers. Successful Students. Prosperous Community.

Mark Your Calendar:

- Attend the virtual [Tucson Festival of Books](#) on March 6 and 7.
- [Apply](#) to be a 2021-2022 TREC Teacher Leader by March 22.
- Support Tucson Values Teachers on [Arizona Gives Day](#), April 6. Early giving starts March 16.
- Apply for the Noyce Borderlands Master Teacher Fellow program by Earth Day, April 22.
- Submit [Teacher Excellence Award](#) nominations all year long to help us recognize outstanding PreK-12 Southern Arizona teachers with a monthly award presentation.

The Tucson Festival of Books goes virtual



The [Tucson Festival of Books](#) will be a virtual festival this year, with all of the sessions available online on March 6 and 7.

The children's and young adult sessions will be available online and live. View the Children's and Teen session schedule [here](#).

- Stage 1 features interactive sessions with children's authors and illustrators.
- Stage 2 features panels of children's authors and illustrators of picturebooks and middle grade novels around themes such as story and imagination, fantasy journeys, cultural identity, hope and comfort, and healing.
- Stage 3 features panels of young adult authors who will talk about themes of magic and intrigue, imposters, heartbreak, survival and hope, sports and equity, and fantasy worlds.

Participants will be able to use the chat function to interact with

authors and the Q & A box to submit questions for the moderator to ask the authors during the question-and-answer time at the end of each session.

Teacher Professional Development

Educators can receive professional development clock hours during the Tucson Festival of Books by documenting their attendance at children's and teens' author presentations and workshops.

Credit is available for all Children and Teen online sessions, at one hour per session.

[Learn more about PD at the Festival](#)

Save the date for Arizona Gives Day



SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 6, 2021

Support our cause. Invest in your community.

#AZGIVESDAY



Give for teachers on Arizona Gives Day! Please consider supporting Tucson Values Teachers on April 6 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.

Early giving begins on March 16!

[Give for Teachers](#)

Noyce Borderlands Master Teacher Fellow program seeking STEM teachers



Partnering Together To

**CHANGE
THE WORLD**

The University of Arizona's Masters in Secondary Education is seeking 13 exemplary STEM teachers to participate in the National Science Foundation funded Noyce Borderlands Master Fellows program.

Fellows will earn a Teaching STEM in ELL Environments Certificate and earn a salary supplement of \$11,000 per year for the five years of teaching service commitment in a high-need local education agency. Participants will lead a robust learning community through the Sin Fronteras program and will develop curriculum for active field science stations in the region.

Master Teaching Fellows must be teachers with master's degrees in their field.

For more information about applying, please contact Alison Van Gorp, program manager at UA Masters in Secondary Education, at 520-266-0536 or avangorp@arizona.edu.

The deadline to apply is Earth Day, April 22!

Become a TREC Teacher Leader

The Tucson Regional Educator Collaborative (TREC) is offering an exciting leadership opportunity for teachers. If you're interested in becoming a leader in the Tucson region, and have at least five years of teaching experience, you are encouraged to apply!

TREC is looking for 10 to 12 teachers to join as 2021-2022 Teacher Leaders. **Applications are due March 22.**

Please contact Jen at JKinser@email.arizona.edu with any questions.

[Apply to be a TREC Teacher Leader](#)

WANT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE?



BECOME A TREC TEACHER LEADER!

DO YOU HAVE 5 OR MORE YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE?

Consider applying as a Teacher Leader. This is a leadership opportunity within the Tucson Regional Educator Collaborative (TREC) for birth – 12th-grade teachers. We seek a diverse group of teachers who are or hope to become, leaders in their schools and districts. The goal of TREC is to leverage the resources in the community and this is one way we are doing just that. We are looking for 10 – 12 teachers to join as 2021-2022 TREC Teacher Leaders.

Possible stipend of \$1,000!

For more information and to fill out an application please go to <http://bit.ly/3b28r8E>

Applications are due, Monday, March 22nd at 11:59 pm.

Questions: email Jen TREC Director, jkinser@email.arizona.edu

Meet our Teacher Excellence Award winner: Joni Lightcap



Congratulations to our February Teacher Excellence Award winner, Joni Lightcap!

Ms. Lightcap is a math teacher at Tanque Verde High School. She was nominated by her colleague and former Teacher Excellence Award winner, Judy Dasse!

[Nominate a teacher!](#)

"Joni keeps me motivated to do my job. She's a huge part of why I am surviving this year. We are collaborating on one class we both teach at the same high school. Thankfully she is a great communicator and is organized. She drives me to try new things and encourages me to find ways to engage students. We share experiences and encourage each other. Joni takes on leadership roles in our department and at our school. She is a part of the leadership committee at our site as well as a member of the TREK group of teachers at UA. She is also a parent at our school. She values partnership, working together as a staff, communication and how we can learn from each other. I am so

grateful that Joni is my work partner and my friend. I would not be where I am today without her support in my life. I love to see her interact with students as well. She develops rapport with students and connects with some students that have a hard time connecting to other adults. One other thing that I really appreciate about Joni is that she models self-care and positivity. She regularly exercises to 'burn off the crazies' and she always has a nice positive thing to share." - Judy Dasse

Upcoming teacher job fairs

**Vail Unified
School District**



March 5

9am to 3pm

Registration required

[Learn more](#)

**Marana Unified
School District**



March 6

10am to 1pm

Appointment required

[Learn more](#)

**Tucson Unified
School District**



**TUCSON UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

March 27

9am to 1pm

Registration required

[Learn more](#)

***Please join us
in thanking
outgoing
board
member, Eric
Renaud, for
his years of
service to
Tucson
Values
Teachers!***



Explore the Virtual Teacher Institute

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Education Foundation



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ASU Prep Digital has created the [Arizona Virtual Teacher Institute](#) to help teachers across the state with online instruction.

This training is provided at no cost to schools or teachers through the

Sign up for upcoming trainings and 24/7
online tools and resources

generous investment of
the Arizona Department
of Education, the
Governor's Office,
Helios Education
Foundation, and
Arizona State
University.

Special thanks to our new **Teacher Discount Card** business partners:

- **Classy Leather Bags**
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- **Steel Horse Leather**

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

Submit your virtual teaching success story!

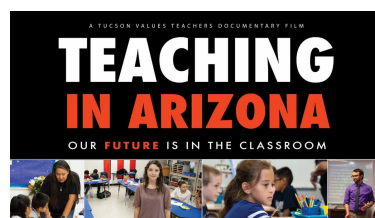
We're looking for teachers, students, and parents to [submit](#) stories, photos, and videos that allow us to highlight the innovative work happening in local education. We'll share these stories on social media throughout the year.



Save at more than 80 local businesses with the Teacher Discount Card

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](#)

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