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## TUCSON VALUES TEACHERS PRESENTED THE MARCH TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARD TO KOBE HENKE

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) presented the March Teacher Excellence Award to Kobe Henke, a 7th and 8th grade math teacher at The Academy of Tucson Middle School. Henke, a native Tucsonan, began teaching at The Academy of Tucson Middle School five years ago following the completion of her undergraduate degree at Northern Arizona University.

Henke also serves as the schools' STEM coordinator. In this capacity, she advises the STEM Club and helps students prepare and submit science projects to the Southern Arizona Research, Science and Engineering Foundation (SARSEF). She also coordinates annual field trips to Disneyland for students in the club to participate in a behind-the-scenes, real-world STEM experience.

Henke was nominated by Joanna Bradley, a parent of one of Henke's 8th grade students. Bradley wrote, "Have you ever had a teacher who makes you want to come to school each day? A teacher who makes learning fun and makes you want to work even harder? She may look like a student herself, but this powerhouse goes above and beyond teaching math and leading the Middle School STEM program."

Bradley went on to write that, "Mrs. Henke's energy is contagious, her dedication is amazing, and her drive to help every child she can is exemplary. Mrs. Henke is a true star."

Tucson Values Teachers spotlights quality Southern Arizona teachers every month. Teachers are nominated through Tucson Values Teachers' website by colleagues, students, friends, and other community members. This month's Teacher Excellence Award winner received \$260 cash courtesy of Helios Education Foundation, a \$100 gift card to Amazon, flowers, a TVT tumbler, and an insulated bag from Tucson Federal Credit Union that contained small gift items including a \$20 gift card to Target.

More information about the Teacher Excellence Award, including the nomination form, can be found at <a href="https://www.tucsonvaluesteachers.org">www.tucsonvaluesteachers.org</a>.

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**Tucson Values Teachers** (TVT) is a business and education partnership focused on helping schools and districts attract, retain and support the very best teachers for every PreK-12 classroom in Southern Arizona. The organization recognizes the critical role teachers play in student achievement and the vital influence they have on Tucson's future. It does this work by raising public awareness of the value of the teaching profession while providing programs that benefit teachers economically and professionally. For more information and to support TVT, visit tucsonvaluesteachers.org or call (520) 327-7619.



Terresa Tauzin (TVT, Director of Development), Kobe Henke, and Andy Heinemann (TVT, CEO)

## Vision:

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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.



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