



Tucson Values Teachers

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

Great Teachers.
Successful Students.
Prosperous Community.

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Support Tucson Values Teachers on Arizona Gives Day!



Give for teachers on Arizona Gives Day! Please consider supporting [Tucson Values Teachers](#) on April 2 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.

Don't want to wait? Donations are accepted all year long!

Give for Teachers!

Tucson Values Teachers at the Tucson Festival of Books



Tucson Values Teachers will once again participate in the [Tucson Festival of Books](#) on March 9-10, 2024 at the **University of Arizona**! This is one of the largest book events in the country and we're excited to participate and support literacy.

This year we'll be at Booth 401, located on the Mall near the entrance to the Children's Area. You're invited to stop by our booth to say hello and register for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to Jonathan's Educational Resources!

Learn More About
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Congratulations to our Teacher Excellence Award winner



Congratulations to our February Teacher Excellence Award winner, Lindsey Gilchrist!

Ms. Gilchrist is a 2nd grade teacher at Rio Vista Elementary School in Amphitheater Public Schools. TVT received two nominations for Ms. Gilchrist. One was submitted by her principal, Mamie Spillane.

In Ms. Spillane's nominating statement, she wrote, "Mrs. Gilchrist has created a learning environment in which students have voice and choice in their learning." She went on to say, "Mrs. Gilchrist's classroom is a magical place in which all students receive the best education and social support one could hope for."

Pamela Kenney, who also nominated Ms. Gilchrist for the award, described her as an amazing teacher. "She makes these kids feel great about themselves and excited to do better. She goes above and beyond to communicate with parents and find positive plans for each and every student in her class."

[Nominate a teacher!](#)

Now accepting student video nominations for the Teacher Excellence Award



We're excited to announce the return of the special edition of the monthly Teacher Excellence Award program for the sixth year in a row!

For Teacher Appreciation Week 2024—running from May 6 through May 10—Tucson Values Teachers will be surprising five PreK-12 Southern Arizona teachers with the award based on [video nominations submitted by students](#). **Nominations are currently open and will close on April 15.**

Students can submit a nomination individually or work together and submit as a group. Parents, administrators, and other adults may help students. All PreK-12 Southern Arizona teachers in Pima, Cochise, and Santa Cruz counties are eligible to be nominated.

To submit a nomination, students will need to:

1. Create a video explaining why their teacher should be honored with a Teacher Excellence Award. Videos must be no longer than 60 seconds and available in MP4 or MOV formats.
2. Fill out a brief nomination form that includes a *public* link to download the video.

Submit a video nomination!

Love of Reading Week



Dr. Hill celebrated Love of Reading Week at Douglas Elementary School on February 13. She read to Ms. Powers' 2nd grade class and Ms. Switalski's 3rd grade class.

Special thanks to Dr. McAllister for welcoming Tucson Values Teachers to Douglas Elementary so we could share our love of reading with students!

2024 Teachers Institute and Leading Change



TOGETHER



2024 Teachers Institute and Leading Change

CRADLE TO CAREER

June 5th-7th, 2024

Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel & Spa
9495 W Entertainment Blvd, Glendale, AZ 85305

FEATURED SPEAKERS:



Malcolm Mitchell

Malcolm Mitchell is a native of Valdosta, Georgia. Malcolm was drafted by the New England Patriots, becoming a Super Bowl Champion in February 2017. In 2015, Malcolm authored and published a children's book, "The Magician's Hat" and created a youth literacy initiative called Read with Malcolm. In 2016, he went on to establish a 501c3 organization, Share the Magic Foundation with a sole purpose: to transform children's lives through literacy.



Melody Ilk

Melody Ilk, M.A., is a national literacy consultant with years of successful experience in schools and districts around the country. Melody has a strong history of involvement in the implementation of scientifically based literacy practices, school improvement systems, and the infrastructures necessary for increased literacy performance.



Gerry Brooks

Gerry Brooks has been an educator for 25 years, beginning as a third-grade teacher in Palm Bay, FL. He earned his master's in administration and has been an elementary principal for 12 years. Originally using humorous videos to encourage his staff, Gerry has become a national encourager for teachers through social media and speaking events. He is a voice for teachers, but his passion is leading others to be responsible for their own personal climate and culture in the workplace.

[TILC Registration Link](#)

[Hotel Registration Link](#)

Cost: \$550
Hotel: \$110 Block Rate per night

For the most up-to-date information, visit our website at:
<https://www.azed.gov/tilcconference>

Come together with Arizona's dedicated educators, including teachers, administrators, and other professionals for the [2024 Teachers Institute and Leading Change](#) on June 5-7!

The three-day conference in Glendale features keynote speakers and a rich array of sessions. All sessions are delivered by experienced educators, administrators, and field experts. These sessions cater to the needs of educators from birth to grade 12.

Explore diverse topics including technology in education, academic standards, effective leadership, assessments, evidence-based practices, and much more.

Learn
More

Save the Date:
Nature Every Day Summit on June 8



Nature Every Day Summit

SAVE THE DATE

06-08-2024

What: Join us for the inaugural Nature Every Day Summit! A summit designed for early childhood educators eager to embrace nature-based education and play.

Who: Early childhood providers of the Southwest

Details: TBD

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Nature Created Play is hosting the inaugural Nature Every Day Summit on June 8! This event is designed for early childhood educators eager to embrace nature-based education and play.

[Nature Every Day Summit](#) provides an enriching space for passionate educators to actively participate in nature wellness, overcome barriers and fears, and foster a supportive community among their peers. Participants will collaboratively formulate actionable plans and cultivate innovative ideas to integrate into their schools or communities.

Fill out the Interest
Form!

Updates from TREC

TREC TEACHER LEADER PROGRAM



APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 8, APPLY TODAY!

<https://bit.ly/495WGdO>

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**Check Out the
TREC Website for
PD Resources and
Opportunities!**

<https://trecarizona.org>



**Sign up for TREC's
Newsletter for Updates!**
<https://trecarizona.org/get-updates>

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Apply for the TREC [Teacher Leader Program](#) by **March 8**.
- Visit the Tucson Values Teachers booth at the [Tucson Festival of Books](#) on **March 9 and 10**.
- Submit a [student video nomination](#) for the Teacher Excellence Award by **April 15**. Teachers will be surprised during Teacher Appreciation Week!
- Join us for Teacher Appreciation Night at UA Baseball on **May 4**.
- Support TVT for Ice Nights at Jeremiah's Italian Ice of Northwest Tucson on **June 4**.
- Save the date for the [Nature Every Day Summit](#) on **June 8**.
- Submit [Teacher Excellence Award](#) nominations all year long to help us recognize outstanding PreK-12 Southern Arizona teachers.

**mentorship
program**

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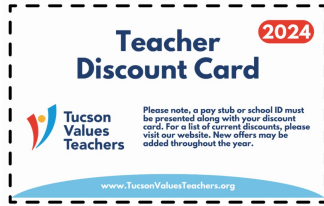
Tucson Values Teachers offers a FREE mentorship program to all PreK-12 teachers looking for additional support and guidance from teacher leaders with many years of experience.

[APPLY NOW](#)

Development Scholarships Available

Southern Arizona PreK-12 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](#)

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