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JOSE NOPERI HONORED WITH TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARD

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) presented the March Teacher Excellence Award to Jose Noperi Jr., a math teacher at Valencia Middle School in Tucson Unified School District. Noperi has taught at Valencia for 12 years; currently, he teaches 6th grade math and 6th grade accelerated math. In addition, Noperi coaches the girls' soccer team.

Noperi was nominated for the award by his colleague, Briana Gomez. In her nominating statement, Gomez wrote, "Mr. Noperi has been at the school for 12 years and, even though I have only been his colleague for seven of them, watching his interactions with students who have come back to our school (or who work at businesses in our area) has confirmed to me that he is a staple of our school community. His ability to bond with the children using humor and tough love helps their social interactions and helps him emphasize the importance of accountability, good work ethic and critical thinking skills.

"Not only is he an incredible math teacher (who has helped our math scores for sixth grade outperform our 7th/8th grade scores), he has also been our girls' soccer coach for the past seven years and has made tremendous strides towards improving their self-confidence, resiliency, and team building skills. I think that, out of everyone at our school who deserves recognition for the work and dedication we give to our students, it's his time to shine."

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. Teacher Excellence Award winners receive \$250 cash courtesy of Helios Education Foundation, a \$100 gift card to Jonathan's Educational Resources, flowers, and a TVT tumbler.

More information about the Teacher Excellence Award can be found at www.tucsonvaluesteachers.org.

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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) 203-8538.



Jose Noperi Jr.

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*To inspire support of PreK-12 teachers in
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