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Mark Your Calendar:

- Teacher Appreciation Day at Arizona Baseball on May 1. A limited number of free tickets will be available. [Register](#) for updates. Teachers may also purchase [discounted tickets](#).
- Teacher Appreciation Day at FC Tucson on May 7. A limited number of free tickets will be available. [Register](#) for updates. Teachers may also purchase [discounted tickets](#).
- TREC's Math for Early Learners webinar on May 14 from 9am to 12:30pm. [Register](#) for free! This session covers The Geometry of Letters and Problem Posing in Preschool: Connecting Storytelling to Mathematics.
- TREC's Math for Early Learners webinar on May 21 from 9am to 12:30pm. [Register](#) for free! This session covers Counting Adventures: Connecting Mathematics to Science and our Community and Visualizing Change: A Powerful Tool for Algebraic Thinking.
- Save the date for the [TREC June Summit](#) on June 4. Registration opens May 2.

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week from your Tucson Values Teachers team!

We'd like to take a moment to thank all Southern Arizona teachers for your dedication to your students and your community. We value your expertise in the teaching profession and it is our hope that you feel appreciated each and every day!

As a Southern Arizona PreK-12 teacher, you are part of the Tucson Values Teachers family. We are here to support you. Please let us know how we can help!

We're excited to start our week-long celebration of teachers. Thank you for all that you do!

Andy Heinemann
CEO, Tucson Values Teachers

Terresa Tauzin



Kelly Prevenas
PR Consultant

Teacher Excellence Award Presentations

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, we're going big by surprising FIVE Southern Arizona teachers with the Teacher Excellence Award!

Winning teachers will receive flowers, \$250 cash courtesy of [Helios Education Foundation](#), a \$100 gift card to either Amazon or Jonathan's Educational Resources, and a special gift from Ben's Bells.

Winners were selected from student video nominations.



Check our [Facebook page](#) for daily winner announcements!

Teacher Appreciation Day at Arizona Baseball on May 1

A limited number of FREE tickets are available for teachers to the May 1 Arizona Baseball game. *Please note the start time has been moved to 12pm.*

Tickets are available on a first-come-first-serve basis on the day of the game, limit two per teacher. School ID is required to receive the free tickets.

Tickets will be available at the TVT table outside the stadium starting at 11am on the day of the game.



[Sign up](#) for text message notifications on the status of available tickets on game day.

Teachers may also purchase discounted \$4 tickets using promo code BBTVT2022.

Teacher Appreciation Day at FC Tucson on May 7

A limited number of FREE tickets are available for teachers to the May 7 FC Tucson soccer game.

Tickets are available on a first-come-first-serve basis on the day of the game, limit two per teacher. School ID is required to receive the free tickets.

Tickets will be available at the TVT table outside the west gates starting at 6pm on the day of the game.



[Sign up](#) for text message notifications on the status of available tickets on game day.

Teachers may also purchase discounted tickets.

Meet our April Teacher Excellence Award winner: Lucila Herrera



Congratulations to our April Teacher Excellence Award winner, Lucila Herrera!

Ms. Herrera is a PreK teacher at Prince Head Start.

She was nominated by Site Supervisor Tamara Paganini. In her nominating statement, Ms. Paganini wrote that Ms. Herrera "is an excellent teacher because she is open to understanding each family's story and background. This understanding allows her to better individualize and support the children's developmental and emotional needs. Lucy embraces diversity and feels that diversity enhances the classroom community."

New TVT programs now available for Southern Arizona PreK-12 teachers

Tucson Values Teachers Mentorship Program

Tucson Values Teachers is now offering a **FREE mentorship program** to all PreK-12 teachers to provide support and guidance from our Teacher Advisory Council members, all proven teacher leaders with many years of experience in Southern Arizona.

Our program is personalized to your needs with your mentor and is offered in addition to any program your district may offer. Some of the reasons you may request guidance:

- New teachers in their first 1-3 years of teaching
- Short-term class projects or goals
- A colleague to talk to when needed
- Any of your specific needs or questions

If you're interested in being contacted by a mentor from TVT, please email Teresa at ttauzin@tucsonvaluesteachers.org or Andy at ahainemann@tucsonvaluesteachers.org. We're here to support you!

Professional Development Scholarships

Tucson Values Teachers is now awarding scholarships for Southern Arizona PreK-12 teachers to participate in professional development opportunities. **Teachers may apply for a scholarship of up to \$250 to help pay tuition, registration fees, or materials/resources related to a specific conference, workshop, or professional development course.**

The amount of TVT scholarships offered is contingent upon the amount of grant funding available for that calendar year and will be distributed quarterly. Not more than one TVT scholarship will be awarded to any one applicant each calendar year.

TREC's Math for Early Learners webinars

TREC has once again partnered with the Center for Recruitment and Retention of Mathematics Teachers (CRR) to present Math for Early Learners, a set of webinars focused on bringing math to Pre-K and Kinder students.

TREC is presenting Math for Early Learners on two separate days: Saturday, May 14th and Saturday, May 21st, from 9am-12:30pm both days. Participants can attend *one* or *both* days. See the descriptions below for additional information. You must register separately for each day.

For more information and to register follow the links below!

Math for Early Learners: May 14; 9am-12:30pm

<https://bit.ly/3KAmltx>

Math for Early Learners: May 21; 9am-12:30pm

<https://bit.ly/38K7XGH>

FREE Webinars

Saturday, May 14, 9AM-12:30PM

The Geometry of Letters (PreK-K)

Young children learn letters, sounds, and numbers in much the same way--both as a symbol and an experience. Come and explore ways in which children can connect shape, space, sound, and symbol across mathematics and reading in a fun and engaging way.

Problem Posing in Preschool: Connecting Storytelling to Mathematics (PreK-K)

Young children learn letters, sounds, and numbers in much the same way--both as a symbol and an experience. Come and explore ways in which children can connect shape, space, sound, and symbol across mathematics and reading in a fun and engaging way.

Saturday, May 21, 9AM-12:30PM

Counting Adventures: Connecting Mathematics to Science and our Community (PreK-K)

What if we learned counting through a series of exciting adventures? We will go on berry hunts, we will explore cactus, and we will learn all about desert animals! Counting is FUN; come and have fun with counting!

Visualizing Change: a powerful tool for Algebraic thinking (PreK-K)

Change is an important understanding that not only builds flexible thinking, but it also sparks creativity. When we focus on change, our learners' minds grow. Come and experience everyday contexts for the preschool learner that can be used with some simple instructional routines to focus on change, reinforce structure, and spark creativity



Melissa Hosten has worked in education for more than 25 years, currently as a Co-Director at the University of Arizona Center for Recruitment and Retention of Mathematics Teachers. Melissa has worked with early childhood math educators for the past 6 years in South Eastern Arizona as part of a summer workshop series.

Register soon for the TREC June Summit

Registration opening May 2nd

Announcing

TREC'S 2022 JUNE SUMMIT

"CELEBRATING AND SHARING SUCCESSES"

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Juliana Urtubey, NBCT

2021 National Teacher of the Year



(Photo Credit: Melissa Esparza)

Saturday, June 4th, 9am-3pm
in-person @ UArizona's ENR2 Building

View more information here:
<https://bit.ly/36y9dvr>

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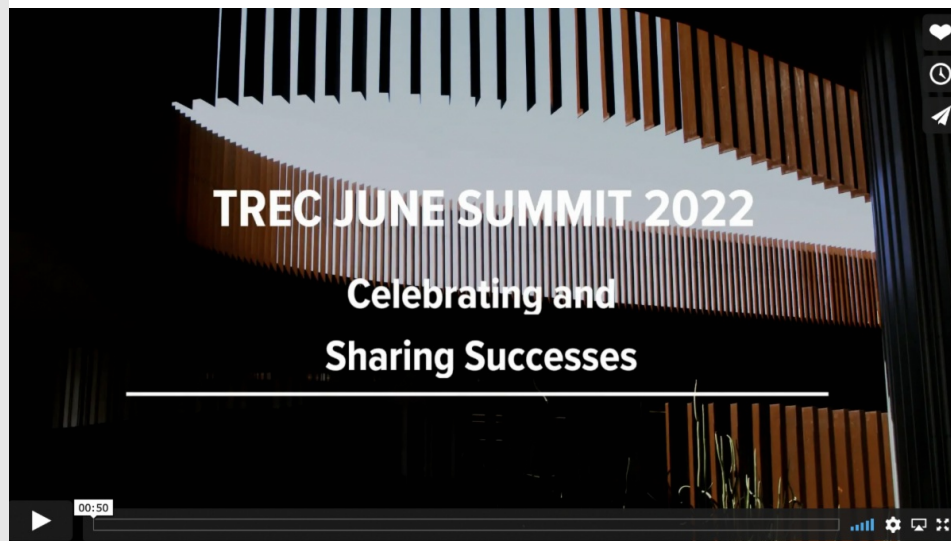
TREC's June 4th Summit, Celebrating and Sharing Successes, is happening soon! The summit will be at the beautiful ENR2 building at the University of Arizona providing the opportunity for educators to come together. TREC wants to celebrate YOU by offering an engaging learning experience that you won't want to miss.

The event's morning workshops are being announced soon! Here is a sneak peak of a few of the amazing workshops you will be able to attend:

- An Introduction to Project Based Learning
- Seven Essential Skills Every Child Needs to Thrive
- Effective Discourse Strategies for Creating Inclusive Classrooms
- Creating a Mindful and Supportive Community in the Classroom

Registration will open on May 2!

[Learn More](#)



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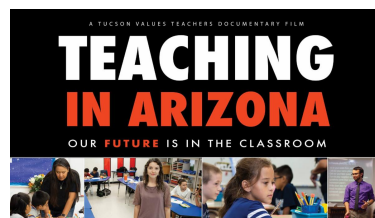
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Visit the Teacher Discount Card page to sign up for the 2022 card and to learn more about our business partners and the special discounts they offer for educators.

[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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Mission:

*To inspire support of PreK-12 teachers in
Southern Arizona through community
collaborations that attract, retain, and
celebrate teacher excellence.*

