



Mark Your Calendar:

- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4 - May 8.
- 4-week SEL Webinar Series from TREC starts May 5. [Register](#) for free.
- Submit a message for graduating seniors by May 16. Details below!

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

Teacher Appreciation Week looks a little different this year. While we can't meet up at the Arizona Baseball game or enjoy an in-person happy hour downtown, Tucson Values Teachers wants all of our teachers to know how much you are appreciated and valued.

This year, more than ever, has required teachers to go above and beyond for their students. We know that teachers are working overtime to meet the demands of virtual instruction, working with families to ensure basic needs are met, and connecting with students so no one feels like they are alone. And in many cases, doing all of this while taking care of their own family.

Thank you for your dedication and continued resiliency! We value your role in our community. Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

**We're presenting the
Teacher Excellence Award
to five teachers this week!**

We may be practicing social distancing but that won't keep us from virtually presenting the Teacher Excellence Award this week!

Winning teachers will receive



flowers, \$250 cash courtesy of [Helios Education Foundation](#), a \$50 gift card to Office Depot thanks to the [South Tucson Cyber Lions](#), plus another \$100 gift card for additional school supplies.

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

Give thanks to the teachers in your life



Oftentimes teachers receive flowers, candy, and other treats during Teacher Appreciation Week from students. We know that despite the distance, families still want to express their appreciation of teachers.

Here are some great ideas from [This is Tucson](#) to show your thanks all week long!

Write a heartfelt message: Send an email, virtual greeting card, or take a photo of a handmade card.

Make a video: Use your phone, computer, or other device to record a message to a teacher.

Send an e-gift card: You can support local businesses and thank a teacher by sending a virtual gift card right to their inbox.

Looking for more ideas? Check out Expect More Arizona's [Teacher Celebrations 2020 page](#) for more ideas on how you can honor educators this week because #AZTeachersRock!

Celebrate our 2020 graduates



Tucson Values Teachers wants to serve as a platform for teachers to share their words of encouragement to students that are moving on after graduation in May.

As part of the statewide Arizona Graduate Recognition Day on May 20, we are asking teachers to submit videos, photos, and quotes for us to share with our graduating seniors and our community.

Without notes in yearbooks or speeches at ceremonies, we hope to provide an outlet for teachers through our **Teachers Value Students: Messages to our Graduating Seniors** project.

Submit your message by [email](#) no later than May 16. We will share these on our social accounts and website on May 20!

SEL Webinar Series hosted by TREC



Tucson Regional Educator Collaborative (TREC) is hosting a free 4-week SEL Webinar Series focused on educator emotional resiliency and fostering emotional learning.

Tuesdays in May from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

[Register for FREE](#)

**SESSION
1**

May 5:

Stress Strategies for the Educator and the Classroom

**SESSION
2**

May 12:

Compassion Fatigue, Stress, and Self Care

**SESSION
3**

May 19:

Social Emotional Learning

**SESSION
4**

May 26:

Moving Forward with Social Emotional Learning

**Thank you for supporting teachers on
Arizona Gives Day**

Thanks to the support of Helios Education Foundation, community members, education advocates, and others, Tucson Values Teachers was able to reach our goal of raising \$3,000 on Arizona Gives Day!



These funds were used to directly support the needs of local teachers due to the new demands of teaching during the COVID-19 crisis.



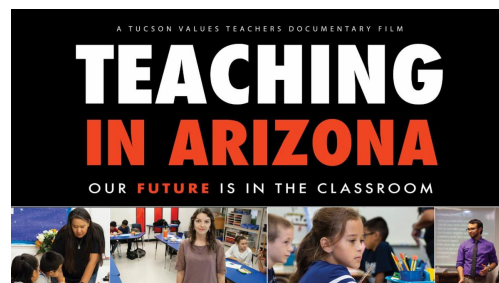
We're excited to share that not only were we able to support local teachers with our Arizona Gives Day funds, but we were able to support a local business by purchasing and distributing gift cards to [Jonathan's Educational Resources](#)!



Save at more than 90 local businesses with the Teacher Discount Card

Visit the Teacher Discount Card page to sign up for the 2020 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.

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