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TWO TEACHERS PRESENTED WITH THE TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARD

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) presented two teachers with the Teacher Excellence Award this month. On Dec. 8, Evan Hummel, a humanities and speech and debate teacher at Wakefield Middle School, received the award for the month of November. Lisa Aukee, a Spanish and AP Psychology teacher at Canyon Del Oro High School, was surprised yesterday with the December award.

Hummel was nominated by his colleague, Amber Parris. In her nominating statement, she wrote, "Evan is a true gem in our school community. With unwavering compassion, he connects with students on a personal level, making them feel heard and valued. His lessons are more than just curriculum; they're a journey into real-life relevance. Evan nurtures critical thinking by encouraging kids to debate big ideas, teaching them to articulate their thoughts eloquently through debate. He embodies the essence of positive school culture, fostering an environment where every student's voice matters."

Aukee received two nominations, both from parents of current students. Rachelle Ferris wrote, "My student comes home talking about the new things she has learned and the fun ways they get to practice the content." Ferris went on to write, "Through her words and actions, she instills a sense of self-belief and resilience in her students, motivating them to strive for excellence in all aspects of life. The hallmark of Ms. Aukee's teaching style is its engagement and authenticity."

Shey Meyers, who also nominated Aukee for the award, described her as a caring and dedicated teacher. "I appreciate all she does for my child and the entire CDO community."

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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Amber Parris, Andy Heinemann, Evan Hummel, Josephine Lane, and Brian Lambert



Dr. Scott Baker, Lisa Aukee, Andy Heinemann, Tara Bulleigh, and Brent Spencer.

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*To inspire support of PreK-12 teachers in
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