



*Great Teachers. Successful Students. Prosperous Community.*

## Mark Your Calendar:

- Celebrate education champions on Nov. 4 at [Stand Up for Teachers](#), streamed live from the University of Arizona from 6pm to 7pm.
- Register for TREC's [Social-Emotional Learning Webinar by Playformance](#) on Nov. 19 from 4:30pm to 6pm.
- Register for TREC's December SEL event, [Bright Spots & Educator Celebration](#) on Dec. 4 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.
- Register for [Imagination Fridays](#), weekly virtual author talks for students.
- Submit [Teacher Excellence Award](#) nominations all year long to help us recognize outstanding PreK-12 Southern Arizona teachers with a monthly award presentation.

## Celebrate education champions on Nov. 4

### STAND UP 4 TEACHERS

## A *VIRTUAL* Celebration of Education Champions

November 4, 2020 • 6:00-7:00pm  
An Interactive Event Live Streamed from  
the University of Arizona

Our [Stand Up 4 Teachers](#) event is only two days away! We look forward to celebrating with you, honoring our winners and finalists with the Raytheon Leaders in Education Award, and presenting the Spirit of Education Award. We're excited to announce that Stand Up 4 Teachers will be emceed by Edmund Marquez!

Register



Please consider making a [donation](#) to support the many amazing programs we offer to our teachers. **Our goal is to raise \$12,000 this**

**evening in honor of Tucson Values Teachers' 12 years of serving our community!**

Starting at 6pm on Nov. 4, you can join us on our event page to see our progress on the fundraising goal, cheer on our teacher honorees live from our audience, and learn about special opportunities for gifts.

Prefer to host a watch party on social media? Connect to our [Facebook page](#) and you and your friends can interact in real time.

**On November 4, starting at 6:00pm, click one of the buttons below to enjoy the event on our Event Page or on Facebook Live!**

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**TVT Facebook Live**

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## **Raytheon Leaders in Education Award winners and finalists**



Shelley Valencia



Jessica England



Christopher Pankraz

The Raytheon Leaders in Education Award program recognizes and rewards Pima County teachers in grades K-12 who are achieving outstanding classroom performance, demonstrating leadership in their schools and communities, and supporting their peers in a committed teacher workforce.

Through a rigorous evaluation process, judges selected three awardees from among nine finalists. Raytheon will award the three winners separate \$2,500 gifts, plus an additional \$2,500 in matching gifts to each of the teacher's respective schools. The six finalists who were not selected as the winners will receive \$500 each from Tucson Values Teachers.

#### 2020 Raytheon Leaders in Education Award winners:

- **Shelley Valencia:** Centennial Elementary School, Flowing Wells Unified School District
- **Jessica England:** Sahuarita Middle School, Sahuarita Unified School District
- **Christopher Pankratz:** Flowing Wells High School, Flowing Wells Unified School District

#### 2020 Raytheon Leaders in Education Award finalists:

- **Latricia Ferguson,** Cottonwood Elementary School, Vail Unified School District
- **Vanessa Schiess,** Hendricks Elementary School, Flowing Wells Unified School District
- **Gricelda Meraz,** Hollinger K-8 School, Tucson Unified School District
- **Adam Scafede,** Dove Mountain CSTEM K-8, Marana Unified School District
- **Eric Freitchen,** Desert View High School, Sunnyside Unified School District
- **Julie Ramsey,** Amphitheater High School, Amphitheater Public Schools



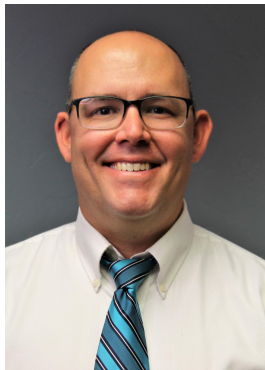
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## Meet our Teacher Excellence Award winner: Eric Wagner



Congratulations to our October Teacher Excellence Award winner, Eric Wagner!

Mr. Wagner is a 7th grade science teacher at Gallego Intermediate Fine Arts Magnet School in Sunnyside Unified School District. He was nominated by five of his former students!

[Nominate a teacher!](#)



"I believe Mr. Wagner deserves this award for multiple reasons. He is kind, funny, supportive and such an amazing friend. I only had Mr. Wagner for one school year but he's already made such a big impact on me. He was always there for me and was always able to make me laugh and smile. It wasn't only me either. He was always there for all of his students. Mr. Wagner managed to turn anything into fun while still helping us learn. Hopefully this helps to show you why I think Mr. Wagner is worthy of such an amazing award." – Sara Valenzuela-Castro

## Sign up for Imagination Fridays



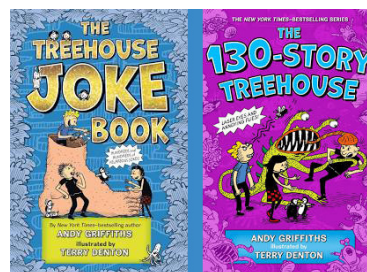
[Worlds of Words](#) and the [Tucson Festival of Books](#) are hosting weekly virtual author events for students! Presentations occur every Friday at 1pm and are available virtually for classrooms and children at home.

Teachers can pre-register students for the webinar, which will include the author's discussion of the book, a writing or illustration experience, and a Q&A session.

### November Schedule

#### November 6

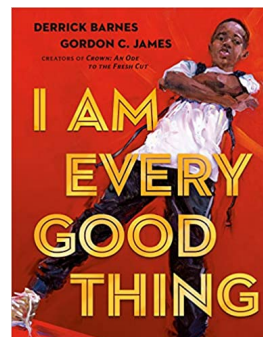
Andy Griffiths all the way from Australia shares his newest book, "The Treehouse Joke Book," and his upcoming 10th book in the series, "The 130-Story Treehouse." "The Treehouse Joke Book" is chock-full of gags, quips, puns and cartoons.



Register

#### November 13

Illustrator Gordon C. James shares his new book, "I Am Every Good Thing," written by Derrick Barnes. This book challenges the negative images and feelings that surround Black boys by saying they are "worthy of success, respect, safety, kindness, happiness—they are every good thing."



Register

#### November 20

Max Brallier, author of the “Last Kids on Earth” series will share the highly anticipated sixth book in this bestselling series, “The Last Kids on Earth and the Skeleton Road.” In their latest adventure, Jack, June, Quint and Dirk go on a road trip to search for the villain Thrull and his skeleton army. “The Last Kids of Earth” is now available as a Netflix series.

Register



## TREC announces new SEL webinar

Registration is now open for TREC's third fall SEL webinar.

Social-Emotional Learning Webinar by Playformance is scheduled for Nov. 19 from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

Teachers will be able to connect with colleagues and discover how to incorporate and practice SEL.

Register

Plus, join TREC for the December SEL event, [Bright Spots & Educator Celebration](#), scheduled for Dec. 4.



NOV. 19TH | 4:30-6:00PM

TREC'S FALL SEL WEBINAR #3

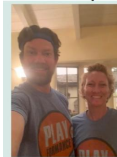
### **SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING WEBINAR BY PLAYFORMANCE**

Take time to honor yourself by joining Anna and Kevin as we explore ways to fill up our teacher well with movement, play, and mindfulness activities. Let's connect with other teachers in our community and share our personal success and obstacles. When we take care of ourselves we will have more to give our students and the world!

#### **Goals:**

- Develop a basic understanding of the Teacher Well and social-emotional learning (SEL).
- Connect with colleagues in breakout rooms for engaging discussions.
- Discover methods to incorporate and practice SEL

#### **About the speakers:**



Anna and her husband, Kevin, met as teachers in Tucson and became the proud parents of two daughters, both of whom have cystic fibrosis. In their honor, they founded Playformance, a successful indoor gym offering play-based curriculum that develops character and strength. Tragically, their oldest daughter died at the age of 10, in 2017 due to complications related to cystic fibrosis. While learning how to survive the unbearable, Anna and Kevin manage to find beauty in every day, and continually strives to provide their surviving daughter with the care and love she needs with her own diagnosis and grief.

Register at:  
<https://bit.ly/2TDeVMc>

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## Gratitude for Educators

*Ben's Bells and TREC invite you to thank an educator!  
Share a message of thanks or gratitude today, and your responses will be collected and shared with educators in December to let them know the community appreciates their vital work.*

Thank a teacher!

## Explore the Virtual Teacher Institute

ASU Prep Digital has created the [Arizona Virtual Teacher Institute](#) to help teachers across the state with online



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instruction.

This training is provided at no cost to schools or teachers through the generous investment of the Arizona Department of Education, the Governor's Office, Helios Education Foundation, and Arizona State University.

Sign up for upcoming trainings and 24/7  
online tools and resources

## Special thanks to our new **Teacher Discount Card** business partners:

- **Healing Spirit Soaks**

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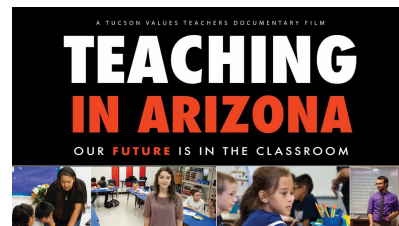
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virtual teaching  
success story!

We're looking for teachers, students, and parents to [submit](#) stories, photos, and videos that allow us to highlight the innovative work happening in local education. We'll share these stories on social media throughout the fall.



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The film follows three Tucson educators, delivering an intimate portrait of what it's like to be a teacher today and the true impact

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of the teacher workforce crisis.

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***Vision:***

*Great Teachers. Successful Students.  
Prosperous Community.*

***Mission:***

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



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