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**TUCSON VALUES TEACHERS PRESENTED THE OCTOBER  
TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARD TO KARLA CASH**

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) presented the October Teacher Excellence Award to Karla Cash, a K-2 teacher at Tucson International Academy (TIA). Cash first started teaching in 1997, spending 11 of those years at TIA's West Campus and her past two years at the main location. Cash was surprised with the award this morning in her classroom.

Cash was nominated by several of her colleagues, including Philip Trejo, the principal at TIA. In his nominating statement, he wrote, "I have had the opportunity to work with hundreds of teachers in multiple states as a leader and consultant. Ms. Cash is without question the best primary teacher I have seen."

Trejo went on to write that, "Ms. Cash is exactly the type of teacher I would want my daughter to have. She gives her young scholars a sense of belonging, structure, love, and fosters a joy of learning that is critical for their educational journey."

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. Winners of the Teacher Excellence Award receive \$250 cash courtesy of Helios Education Foundation and flowers.

More information about the Teacher Excellence Award, including the nomination form, can be found at [www.tucsonvaluesteachers.org](http://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](http://tucsonvaluesteachers.org) or call (520) 327-7619.*

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***Vision:***

*Great Teachers. Successful Students.  
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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.*



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