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TUCSON VALUES TEACHERS PRESENTED THE OCTOBER TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARD TO STEPHANIE DREW

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) presented the October Teacher Excellence Award to Stephanie Drew, a 5th grade teacher at Copper View Elementary School in Sahuarita Unified School District. Drew has been teaching for 16 years and has been at Copper View since it opened. She also coordinates picture day and yearbook for the school. During the award presentation, her students described her as, “inspiring,” “positive,” and “very, very kind.”

Drew was nominated by the principal at Copper View, Dr. Desi Raulston. In the nominating statement, Raulston wrote, “Mrs. Drew is an effective communicator that supports a school-wide initiative of PBIS and demonstrates the importance of positively recognizing positive behavior from students. Under her leadership, Mrs. Drew has worked many hours coordinating and organizing the school yearbook and school pictures. She creates infographics for the school to share updates, events, and activities for parents. Mrs. Drew has shared technology tools with her colleagues, and they have gained insights and ideas to utilize in the classroom. As the team lead with a caring and positive attitude, Mrs. Drew supports our positive school culture and climate.”

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. This month's Teacher Excellence Award winner received \$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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Dr. Desi Raulston, Stephanie Drew, Andy Heinemann, and Dr. Manuel Valenzuela



Stephanie Drew and her 5th grade class

Vision:

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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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