



*Great Teachers. Successful Students. Prosperous Community.*

## Mark Your Calendar:

- Apply by October 16 for the Fiesta Bowl's [Wishes for Teachers](#) program for a chance to win a \$2,500 grant.
- [Stand Up for Teachers](#), a celebration of education champions and the presentation of the Raytheon Leaders in Education Award, is scheduled for November 4.
- [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.

## RSVP to Stand Up 4 Teachers

### 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

Stand Up 4 Teachers features the presentation of:

#### The Spirit of Education Award



Ron Shoopman,  
Arizona Board of Regents  
and One of the Founders  
of Tucson Values  
Teachers

#### The Raytheon Leaders in Education Award

Honoring three  
exceptional Pima  
County teachers

**Raytheon**



All proceeds benefit Tucson Values Teachers. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please visit [TucsonValuesTeachers.org](http://TucsonValuesTeachers.org) or call 520-327-7619

Stand Up 4 Teachers, our annual celebration of education champions, is going virtual this year! Join us for an interactive event, streamed live from the University of Arizona on Nov. 4 starting at 6pm.

[Register](#)

Help us honor Ron Shoopman, one of the founders of Tucson Values

Teachers, with the Spirit of Education Award. We'll also recognize our Raytheon Leaders in Education Award winners and finalists during the event. Registration is free!



### Stand Up 4 Teachers by becoming an event sponsor!

Let the Southern Arizona community know that your business values teachers. Sponsorship opportunities are now available.

[Learn More](#)

## Record number of teachers sign up for Tucson Supplies Teachers campaign

This year's Tucson Supplies Teachers campaign has officially ended! More than 3,000 PreK-12 teachers signed up for a chance to receive an Amazon gift card or a gift certificate to [Jonathan's Educational Resources](#).

Thanks to the generous contributions we received from local businesses, foundations, and individual donors, we were able to raise almost \$100,000 for teachers!

Join us in thanking our program sponsors: [Tucson Electric Power](#) and [Eli Group](#). Plus thank you to everyone who donated during Andy Heinemann's one-week challenge. You met his match!

We will begin this month to notify teachers if they were selected to receive a gift card. Check your inbox for updates!

### TUCSON SUPPLIES TEACHERS: BY THE NUMBERS

**\$93,584**

Amount raised from individuals, businesses, and foundations.

**66**

Number of donors

**3,365**

Number of teacher registrations

## TVT purchases medical supplies for teachers thanks to \$20K grant



Tucson Values Teachers, as part of the Tucson Supplies Teacher campaign, has purchased medical supplies to help ensure the health and safety of PreK-12 teachers in Southern Arizona.

With a \$20,000 contribution from the [Thomas R. Brown Foundation](#), Tucson Values Teachers is able to purchase and distribute face masks, hand sanitizers, face shields, forehead thermometers, and spray bottles.

The supplies were purchased from local business [Lexicon Medical Supply](#). Special thanks to owners, Jeff and Jennifer Bell, who donated additional items for teachers, including disinfectant, hand sanitizer, and face masks!

We're excited to partner with local school districts who requested these items and we will be distributing materials throughout the month.

## Meet our Teacher Excellence Award winner: Lindsey Shotwell



Congratulations to our September Teacher Excellence Award winner, Lindsey Shotwell!

Ms. Shotwell is a PreK teacher at Play and Learn Preschool Center in Marana Unified School District. She was nominated by Laura Strickler.

[Nominate a teacher!](#)

*"Lindsey is a wonderful person and the most dedicated teacher. She works with preschool aged students with developmental disabilities and she pours her entire heart into her work. She builds strong relationships with her students and their families working incredibly hard to provide families the tools they need to prepare for Kindergarten. She has made a huge impact on my life and my family. She has taught me things about my son, and myself and I am forever grateful to her." – Laura Strickler*

## Principal For A Day held on Sept. 24

We had a successful inaugural  
Principal for a Day virtual event on

Sept. 24 with local business and community leaders and Sahuarita Unified School District administrators.

We believe that through the power of partnership we will create stronger connections between our business and education communities, which will be felt through the advancement of new educational activities, workforce development efforts, and other mutually beneficial programming.



We look forward to continuing the conversation and working to build understanding, find common ground, and explore action steps to strengthen business and education partnerships.

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## 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 from September to December 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.

### October Schedule

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#### October 2

David Bowles and Charlene Bowles tell about their new graphic novel, *Rise of the Halfling King*, that follows the adventures of a magical boy from Mayan mythology.

[Register](#)



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#### October 9

Adam Rex features his new picturebook, *On Account of Gum*, about the hilarious misadventures of a child trying to solve the problem of gum in the hair.



[Register](#)



## October 16

Christina Soontornvat shares *All Thirteen, The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team*, the thrilling story of their 18 days trapped in a flooding cavern.

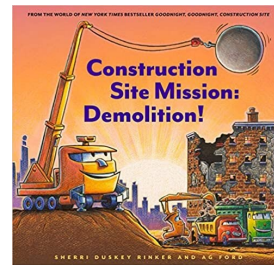
[Register](#)



## October 23

Sherri Duskey Rinker features *Construction Site Mission: Demolition!* as the construction team has an exciting job of smashing, crushing, sorting and hauling.

[Register](#)



## October 30

Michael Rex invites readers in *We're Going on a Goon Hunt*, as a family treks through spooky landscapes looking for a monster. Perfect for Halloween and a good scare.

[Register](#)



## Business Leaders Breakfast and the impact of COVID-19



We had a great conversation on Sept. 17 at our virtual Business Leaders Breakfast about the impact COVID-19 has had on teachers and schools.

Thank you to everyone who joined us, including our speakers and panelists: TVT Board Chair Clint Mabie, Superintendent Kathy

Hoffman, SALC President Ted Maxwell, Sunnyside Unified School District Superintendent Steve Holmes, Amphitheater Public Schools Superintendent Todd Jaeger, teachers Nicole Tilicki and Steve Uyeda, and SAZAEYC Executive Director Kelly Ann Larkin.

If you are interesting in viewing a recording of the Business Leaders Breakfast, please contact [Terresa Tauzin](#).

## Explore the Virtual Teacher Institute

**Helios**  
Education Foundation



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

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

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

- **Number 1 Auto Transport**
- **OneAZ Credit Union**
- **Objective Wellness**

[Learn more](#) about the Teacher Discount Card, including a full listing of partnering businesses and special discounts.

**Submit your  
virtual teaching  
success story!**

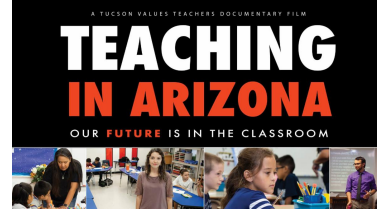
We're looking for teachers, students, and parents to [submit](#) stories, photos, and videos that allow us to highlight the innovative work happening in local education. We'll share these stories on social media throughout the fall.



## 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.

[WATCH NOW](#)

### ***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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