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TUCSON VALUES TEACHERS HONORED FIVE LOCAL EDUCATORS WITH THE TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARD

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) surprised five local educators this week with the Teacher Excellence Award. More information on the winning teachers can be found [here](#).

Teachers who received the Teacher Excellence Award this week include:

- **Vicki Pollock:** 2nd grade teacher at Estes Elementary School in Marana Unified School District. She was nominated by Aspen Olivia Galvan.
- **Rebecca Frericks:** High school Spanish teacher at Empire High School in Vail Unified School District. She was nominated by Leah Hicks.
- **Alexa Rodriguez:** 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math teacher at Wrightson Ridge K-8 in Sahuarita Unified School District. She was nominated by several of her students.
- **Andrea Velazco:** 2nd grade teacher at Dove Mountain CSTEM K-8 in Marana Unified School District. She was nominated by several of her students.
- **Martha Isiderio:** 6th grade inclusion math and ELA teacher at Pistor Middle School in Tucson Unified School District. She was nominated by Zoey Mendivil.

Winning teachers received flowers, \$250 cash courtesy of [Helios Education Foundation](#), a \$100 gift card to Jonathan's Educational Resources, flowers, TVT merchandise, and a gift bag from Tucson Federal Credit Union that includes a \$20 gift card to Target.

More information about the Teacher Excellence Award can be found at www.tucsonvalueteachers.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 tucsonvalueteachers.org or call (520) 327-7619.



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