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TUCSON VALUES TEACHERS HONORS TWO EDUCATORS WITH THE TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARD

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) presented two Teacher Excellence Awards in the month of January. The Teacher Excellence Award honors outstanding PreK-12 educators in Southern Arizona.

The first award was presented to Sharon Silvas, an 8th grade teacher at Richard B. Wilson K-8.

Silvas was nominated for the Teacher Excellence Award by the school's administrator, Christopher Tremble.

In the nominating statement, Tremble said, "Mrs. Silvas goes beyond curriculum, investing personal time and resources to ensure struggling students receive individualized support. Her approach to education makes her a cornerstone of our middle school, inspiring students to believe in themselves and their capabilities."

The second award was presented to Zeneida Vaquero, an English teacher at Walden Grove High School.

Vaquero was nominated for the Teacher Excellence Award by over 30 students from various classes.

In the nominating statement, one student said, "Mrs. Vaquero has been an excellent teacher for me. I've had her twice now, once in 8th grade and 11th

grade. Mrs. Vaquero's teaching style is relaxed and calm, she makes the work in her class fun and entertaining. Every day when I walk into class, I am excited to learn. She never looked down on me for struggling and always helped me understand the lesson. I think she would be a great nominee for the Teacher Excellence Award as I believe she is an excellent teacher.”

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, a \$100 gift card for classroom materials, and flowers.

More information about the Teacher Excellence Award, including the nomination form, can be found at <https://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 or call (520) 203-8538.



Mrs. Sharon Silvas and her students



Mrs. Zeneida Vaquero and her students

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