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## 2025 RAYTHEON LEADERS IN EDUCATION AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

TUCSON, AZ — Tucson Values Teachers, in partnership with Raytheon, an RTX business, proudly announced the recipients of the 2025 Raytheon Leaders in Education Awards at the annual Stand Up 4 Teachers event. The celebration, presented by O'Rielly Chevrolet & Jim Click Automotive Team, honored the dedication and impact of Southern Arizona educators, spotlighting their essential role in shaping the region's future.

The Raytheon Leaders in Education Award program recognizes and rewards Pima County PreK–12 teachers who demonstrate outstanding classroom performance, leadership within their schools and communities, and a deep commitment to supporting their peers and the broader teacher workforce.

The four distinguished awardees, selected from a pool of 12 exceptional finalists, exemplify excellence in education across multiple divisions:

**Celina Morales** – Early Education Division  
Carrillo K-5 Magnet School, Tucson Unified School District

**Jessica Leonard** – Intermediate Elementary Division  
Butterfield Elementary School, Marana Unified School District

**Sara Mora** – Middle School Division  
Wrightson Ridge School, Sahuarita Unified School District

**Renee Shane Boyd** – High School Division  
Catalina Foothills High School, Catalina Foothills Unified School District

Each awardee will receive a \$2,500 gift from Raytheon, an RTX Business, along with an additional \$2,500 presented to their respective districts. The eight remaining finalists will each be awarded \$500 in recognition of their outstanding contributions.

“Partnering with Tucson Values Teachers on the Raytheon Leaders in Education Awards gives us a unique opportunity to celebrate and recognize the incredible contributions and dedication of our local educators,” said Mary Kohn, PhD, Senior Manager, Talent Learning and Development, Raytheon, an RTX Business. “It’s critical to celebrate and elevate the importance of the teaching profession and those who undertake this career.”

In addition to honoring these outstanding educators, the event recognized O’Rielly Chevrolet with the Spirit of Education Award for their unwavering commitment to supporting education initiatives across the community. Their partnership has played a vital role in creating new opportunities for local educators and their students.

Stand Up 4 Teachers brought together approximately 327 community members, business leaders, and education advocates to celebrate the vital contributions of teachers in Southern Arizona. The event raised essential funds to support Tucson Values Teachers’ programs, which focus on enhancing teacher resources and expanding professional development opportunities.

The event also coincided with the public launch of *Lumia*, Tucson Values Teachers’ new digital platform designed by teachers, for teachers. The digital platform is available for free, exclusively to educators, to facilitate the sharing of ideas and resources, matching new teachers with experienced mentors, and providing a unique opportunity for social and professional networking.

For more information about the Raytheon Leaders in Education Awards and Tucson Values Teachers, please visit <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](http://tucsonvaluesteachers.org) or call (520) 203-8538.



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**Vision:**

*Great Teachers. Successful Students.  
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**Mission:**

*To elevate the teaching profession in  
Southern Arizona by empowering and  
celebrating PreK-12 teacher excellence  
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