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Tucson Supplies Teachers is Now LIVE!



TVT is proud to announce the launch of this year's Tucson Supplies Teachers supply drive, the largest community-wide effort in Southern Arizona to provide essential classroom supplies to local educators. This annual initiative helps ensure teachers have the resources they need to create engaging and effective learning environments without having to spend their own money on supplies.

Each year, generous community members and businesses contribute financial donations, which are then distributed to teachers across the region as gift cards. With educators often spending hundreds of dollars out of pocket for basic classroom necessities, this program offers much-needed support to those shaping the future of our students.

This year TVT will also be partnering with News 4 Tucson KVOA to set up donation sites where supplies can be dropped off and financial donations can be made on the following days:

- Monday, July 28 - Sunnyside School District - Sierra K-8 School, 5801 S. Del Moral Blvd
- Tuesday, July 29- Amphi Unified School District- Amphi Middle School, 315 E. Prince Road
- Wednesday, July 30 - Marana School District – Tangerine Farms K-8 School, 10300 W Mike Etter Blvd. (in Gladden Farms)
- Thursday, July 31 –Tucson Unified School District – C.E. Rose Pre K-8 School- 710 W Michigan Drive
- Friday, August 1- Vail School District- Empire High School- 10701 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way

The drive is now open for contributions, and Tucson Values Teachers encourages individuals, businesses, and organizations to participate. Donations can be made online or via check.

Teachers: Please use the "sign up" button below to register for your chance to receive a gift card for classroom supplies!

Donate

Teacher Sign Up

Old Pueblo Pickleball Palooza

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF PICKLEBALL BENEFITTING SOUTHERN ARIZONA TEACHERS!

THURSDAY
JULY 24TH
5:30PM
AT
CORBETT'S
340 N. 6TH AVENUE
TUCSON, AZ 85705

FEATURING
LIVE MUSIC BY
THE COUNTY LINE
TUCSON, AZ

HOSTED BY
CARE Patrol
Your Partner In Senior Care Solutions

BENEFITTING
Tucson Values Teachers

Get ready for a day of fun, competition, and community spirit at the Old Pueblo Pickleball Palooza! Hosted by CarePatrol, this exciting event benefits Tucson Values Teachers, supporting educators in Southern Arizona.

Join us for a lively evening filled with pickleball games for guests of all skill levels, whether you're a seasoned player or just picking up a paddle for the first time. Enjoy live music from The County Line, bringing high-energy entertainment to keep the party going.

Come out and play, cheer on friends, and support a great cause—helping local teachers thrive in our community! Guest tickets and sponsorship opportunities can be found below!

Guest Tickets

Sponsorship Opportunities

Purchase Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle Tickets from TVT

WIN ONE
OF THREE GREAT PRIZES!

TICKET PRICE
\$25 EACH OR
5 FOR \$100

Raffle benefiting Tucson charities
100% of funds raised stays here.

GRAND PRIZE
NEW 2025 KIA CARNIVAL
HYBRID SX PRESTIGE

2ND PRIZE
TWO ROUND-TRIP, FIRST CLASS
AIRLINE TICKETS TO ANYWHERE
IN THE WORLD!*

3RD PRIZE
\$5,000 CASH!

TVT is excited to participate in the Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle, and we need your support! When you purchase a raffle ticket from TVT, 100% of the proceeds go directly to supporting teachers in Southern Arizona — helping us provide resources, recognition, and professional development for the educators who shape our future.

Tickets are just \$25 each or 5 for \$100 — and your purchase enters you to win incredible prizes, including a brand-new 2025 Kia Carnival Hybrid SX Prestige, two first-class airline tickets, or \$5,000 in cash!

Every ticket purchased through Tucson Values Teachers makes a difference. Help us uplift and support our educators while getting a chance to win big!

Get Your Tickets

Teacher Excellence Award



TVT presented six Teacher Excellence Awards in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week! The awardees included:

- Asminda Hernandez, Sahuarita Early Childhood Center, Sahuarita USD
- April Pollow, Manzanita Elementary, Catalina Foothills USD
- Shireen Behzadi, Catalina High School, Catalina Foothills USD
- Stephanie Caffrey, Marana High School, Marana USD
- Irene Gilua, Indian Oasis Intermediate School, Baboquivari USD
- Sonia Miller, Pistor Middle School, Tucson USD

Nominate your teacher for the Teacher Excellence Award! Nominations can come from administrators, colleagues, parents, or students!

Submit a Nomination!

Future Educator Scholarship



TVT is proud to announce the recipients of its first-ever Future Educator Scholarship, awarded to six exceptional high school seniors

in Southern Arizona who have shown a strong commitment to becoming future educators.

Created in response to Arizona's growing teacher shortage, the Future Educator Scholarship is designed to support graduating seniors who are planning to pursue careers in education. Each of the six recipients will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, renewable for three years, to support their college studies as they prepare to enter the teaching profession. They will also be paired with an experienced teacher to mentor them through the pursuit of their bachelor's degree in education or early childhood development.

The 2025 Future Educator Scholarship recipients are:

- Mirandah Rivera, Catalina Foothills High School, Catalina Foothills USD
- Nerissa Felix, Sunnyside High School, Sunnyside USD
- Jessica Eldred, Flowing Wells High School, Flowing Wells USD
- Madison Jordan, Mica Mountain High School, Vail USD
- Jonathan Bustos, Walden Grove High School, Sahuarita USD
- Asha Taylor, Sahuarita High School, Sahuarita USD

Teacher Appreciation Night UA Baseball Game



Thanks to a generous donation by O'Reilly Chevrolet, TVT was able to distribute 1,000 free tickets to over 300 teachers for a University of Arizona baseball game. The first pitch was thrown by Murray Hicks, a teacher and UA Baseball alumnus. The 2024 RLEA awardees were also recognized during the game for their exceptional work in the teaching field. Thank you to O'Reilly Chevrolet, UA Athletics, and all the teachers and families who joined us for a night of fun, community, and appreciation for educators!

Save the Date: Stand Up 4 Teachers 2025



Tucson Values Teachers is excited to announce that our annual event, Stand Up 4 Teachers, will take place on Thursday, November 6, 2025! This special evening celebrates the dedication and impact of Southern Arizona educators while bringing the community together to show appreciation for their hard work. Stay tuned for more details on how you can join us in honoring our incredible teachers! Early Bird Tickets are on sale now!

Get Your Tickets

DEI in Education Survey

We need YOU!

We would like to hear your perspective about recent DEI changes in education.

Looking for:

- Birth-12th Grade Educators in Southern Arizona
- Directly working with children
- Teachers, counselors, co-teachers, instructional coaches, librarians, home-care providers, etc

Select this link: [DEI Survey](#)

Or use the QR Code: 

Thank you!

An Institutional Review Board responsible for human subjects research at The University of Arizona reviewed this research project and found it to be acceptable, according to applicable state and federal regulations and University policies designed to protect the rights and welfare of participants in research.

We are reaching out to invite you to participate in an important research study aimed at understanding teachers' perspectives on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives in educational settings.

An educator's perspective is the most important piece when gathering information about the teaching profession and given the current political climate regarding DEI initiatives, your experiences and insights are invaluable to the success of this study. The goal is to gather perspectives from teachers like you, who play a crucial role in shaping the classroom environment, and understand how DEI initiatives are being implemented, perceived, and experienced in real-world teaching contexts.

What's Involved?

- Participation will involve completing a short survey (approximately 10-15 min.). If you are interested in furthering the conversation, you may volunteer to participate in a subsequent interview (approximately 30-60 min. to complete).
- We will ask you about your experiences, challenges, and thoughts on the DEI initiatives at your school or in the broader education community.
- Your responses will be confidential and used only for the purposes of this study.

Why Participate?

- Your insights will contribute to a deeper understanding of the effectiveness of DEI initiatives in education and help shape future policies and practices.
- If you opt to participate in the interview process and pending a grant application, a small monetary gift may be awarded as a token of appreciation for your time and contributions.

If you are interested in participating, here is the link to complete the survey: [DEI Survey](#)

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the study, feel free to reach out to me directly at taylorroloff27@arizona.edu.

We sincerely hope you consider contributing to this meaningful research. Your voice matters in this important conversation about the future of education.

Please share this widely with all the teachers in your district and schools. Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

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TREC Updates

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & HUMANITIES SCIENCES
Center for
Middle Eastern Studies

Arabic Language and Culture for Teachers & Social Workers

A 15-Hour Virtual Professional
Development Workshop

Taught by Mourad Abdelmebi and Brittany Power



**Simple
Conversation**

Learn things like basic introductions, numbers, time, and school vocabulary to welcome and talk to new students and their families!



**Cultural
Norms**

Learn about regional differences, gender norms, Inshallah and Alhamdulillah, and have your questions and concerns addressed.



**Additional
Resources**

Receive resource for further learning for yourselves, suggestions for lessons for your classes, and recommended resources for your classroom.

Dates: MWF, June 9-27
Times: 1-2:30 pm Arizona/Pacific Time
Cost: \$150
Contact: almmen@arizona.edu
<https://cmes.arizona.edu/events>

This month TREC is excited to share some summer opportunities from three of our partners.

The University of Arizona Center for Middle Eastern Studies is presenting a 15-hour virtual professional development workshop, **“Arabic Language and Culture for Teachers & Social Workers”**, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, starting June 9 through June 27.

Given that Arabic is the **second most common foreign language spoken in Tucson-area schools**, consider signing up today!

Register

June 18-20

THE MOON

STEMAZING INSTITUTE 2025
JUNE 10-12 | JUNE 17-19 | JUNE 18-20
Powered by **TEP**
Tucson Electric Power

PLANETARY SCIENCE INSTITUTE
EST. 1972

Moon Exploration to Cultivate STEM Minds

The STEMAZing Project with the Pima County Schools Superintendent’s Office is offering the session, **“The Moon”**, as part of its Summer Institute series. Focusing on the *The Moon* by Dr Sanlyn Buxner and contributed to by Dr. Larry Lebofsky, this workshop will include **hands-on STEM lessons for elementary students to learn about our closest extraterrestrial neighbor!**

This in-person workshop will run from 9 AM to 3:30 PM at the **Planetary Science Institute near Fort Lowell/Campbell starting Wednesday, June 18, through Friday, June 20**. Intended for PreK-5 teachers in Southern Arizona, registration is \$75 and includes breakfast/lunch AND a **STEMAZing kit worth \$450** with all of the materials you need to teach the lessons!

Only a few spots left, so make sure to register right today!

Register



Johnson Young and Associates Education Trainers presents two sessions of “**Guiding Students Through Their Transition: Preparing for Life Beyond High School**” at the Phoenix Training Center — one on Friday, June 6, and another on Friday, July 11, both from 9 AM to 3:30 PM.

The goal of this workshop is to equip middle and high school educators with strategies and tools to support students in their transition to life after high school. This transition can be daunting, and teachers are key figures in offering guidance, resources, and emotional support.

The workshop will cover practical methods for helping students navigate post-graduation pathways such as higher education, vocational training, internships, and entering the workforce.

Registration is \$125.00 per person for a team of 4, with further discounts for additional team members.

[Register](#)



These partners offer discounts to teachers AND give back to Tucson Values Teachers!

Tesoro Latin Kitchen & Cantina

- Tesoro Latin Kitchen & Cantina is a vibrant Latin restaurant with 3 full service bars and a huge outdoor patio. We are open 7 days a week with happy hour Monday-Friday from 4pm-7pm & brunch on Saturdays & Sundays from 10am-2pm!
- We proudly support our teachers in Tucson, AZ and would love to offer a 15% discount every Tuesday! (excludes happy hour options & alcohol)
- Tesoro will also donate \$1 to TVT for each Jello Shot sold!



For more information, please visit their [website](#), [Facebook](#), or [Instagram](#).

**BECOME A TVT
TEACHER DISCOUNT CARD
BUSINESS PARTNER**

TVT is seeking new business partners for our Teacher Discount Card program! To become a business partner, click the link below!

****NEW**** We now offer a Premier Partnership option that provides extra benefits for supporting TVT. For more information, please email Danicka at dallen@tucsonvaluesteachers.org.

Become a Business Partner

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Make a donation to Tucson Supplies Teachers
- Teachers: Sign up for a chance to win a Tucson Supplies Teachers gift card
- Get your tickets for the Old Pueblo Pickleball Palooza by **July 24**
- Buy your Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle Tickets from TVT
- Nominate someone for a Teacher Excellence Award
- Save the date for Stand Up 4 Teachers on **November 6**
- Complete the DEI in Education Survey
- Register for a TREC professional development course



**DONATE
TODAY!**

Donate to TVT

Your donation helps TVT celebrate and elevate teachers in Southern Arizona through a variety of programs.

DONATE NOW



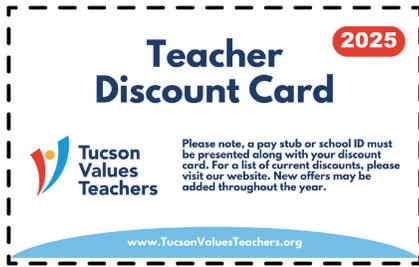
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

scholarships

PD Scholarships and Mini-Grants Available

Southern Arizona PreK-12 teachers may apply for a PD scholarship of up to \$250. PreK teachers are also eligible to apply for classroom mini-grants up to \$500!

APPLY NOW



Save with the Teacher Discount Card

Visit the Teacher Discount Card page to sign up for the 2024 card and to learn more about our business partners and the special discounts they offer for educators.

[LEARN MORE](#)



TVT partners with CommunityShare

CommunityShare connects educators to real life subject matter experts to offer unique learning experiences for their students. Sign up today to get started!

[LEARN MORE](#)

Vision:

Great Teachers. Successful Students. Prosperous Community.

Mission:

To elevate the teaching profession in Southern Arizona by empowering and celebrating PreK-12 teacher excellence through community engagement and investment.



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