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Spirit of Education Awardee & Raytheon Leaders in Education Awards Finalists Announced



Tucson Values Teachers is thrilled to present the 2025 Spirit of Education Award to O’Rielly Chevrolet for their outstanding commitment to strengthening education in Southern Arizona. Through their consistent generosity and community partnerships, O’Rielly Chevrolet has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to supporting teachers and students.

In addition, we are excited to recognize the finalists for the Raytheon Leaders in Education Awards. These teachers exemplify excellence in the classroom, inspire innovation, and are shaping the future of our community. This year’s finalists are:

- **Renee Shane Boyd** (Grades 9-12, Instrumental Music) Catalina Foothills High School, Catalina Foothills Unified School District
- **Mandi Cordell** (Grade 4) Innovation Academy, Amphitheater Public Schools
- **Melissa Dwyer** (Grade 8, Math) Esmond Station K-8 School, Vail School District
- **Patrick Kelly** (Grades 6-8, CR Social Studies) Miles Exploratory Learning Center, Tucson Unified School District
- **Cary Kelly** (Grades 9-12, English) Flowing Wells High School, Flowing Wells Unified School District
- **Jessica Leonard** (Grade 6) Butterfield Elementary School, Marana Unified School District
- **Mary Markley** (Kindergarten) Pusch Ridge Christian Academy Grammar Campus, Pusch Ridge Christian Academy
- **Sara Mora** (Grade 6-8, CTE, Digital Media) Wrightson Ridge School, Sahuarita Unified School District
- **Celina Morales** (Kindergarten) Carrillo K-5 Magnet School, Tucson Unified School District
- **Marian Smith** (Grade 11, History) Flowing Wells High School, Flowing Wells Unified School District
- **Hilaria Szelog** (Grade 5) Los Amigos Tech Academy, Sunnyside Unified School District
- **Ashlee Manley Watson** (Grade 1) Innovation Academy, Amphitheater Public Schools

The Raytheon Leaders in Education Award recipients will be revealed live during Stand Up 4 Teachers on Thursday, November 6th.

Join us in celebrating these incredible educators and community champions who are making a lasting impact on education in Southern Arizona!

Stand Up 4 Teachers 2025 Tickets On Sale Now



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. Early Bird Tickets are on sale now!

Get Your Tickets

CommunityShare Mix & Mingle Event

Pima CommunityShare



Mix & Mingle

A special event for educators and community partners



Thursday, September 4, 2025

4:30 - 6:00pm

Union Public House

4340 N. Campbell Ave. Ste 100

Scan to RSVP
by Sept. 2



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Join us for the CommunityShare Mix & Mingle on Thursday, September 4th from 4:30–6:00pm at Union Public House (4340 N. Campbell Ave, Ste 100).

Come connect with fellow educators, community partners, and friends who are passionate about supporting students and strengthening our community. This is a great opportunity to share ideas, build relationships, and enjoy a fun, casual evening together.

Date: Thursday, Sept. 4

Time: 4:30–6:00pm

Location: Union Public House, 4340 N. Campbell Ave, Ste 100

We'd love to see you there! Bring a colleague or a friend—everyone is welcome.

RSVP

Last Chance: Tucson Supplies Teachers!



Our annual Tucson Supplies Teachers drive is coming to a close on August 31, 2025. There's still time to get involved before the deadline!

Teachers can continue to sign up for a chance to receive supply gift cards through the end of the month, helping them start the school year with the tools they need for their classrooms. Community members can also make donations until August 31, ensuring even more teachers get the support they deserve.

This program has made a huge difference for hundreds of teachers and students across Southern Arizona, and we are grateful for everyone who has participated so far. Let's finish strong together!

Teachers: Please use the "sign up" button below by August 31 to register for your chance to receive a gift card for classroom supplies!

[Donate](#)[Teacher Sign Up](#)

Legendary Teacher Day: Submit Your Tributes!



Legendary Teacher Day is just around the corner, and we invite you to join us in celebrating the educators who have made a lasting impact in our lives and community. This special day is all about recognizing the teachers whose influence goes beyond the classroom—those who inspire, guide, and leave a legacy that shapes generations.

You can honor a teacher by submitting a Legendary Teacher Tribute. Tributes can be written by anyone — students, parents, colleagues, or community members — and serve as a powerful way to express gratitude and share stories of how a teacher has made a difference.

TVT will also be holding a drawing for a \$100 gift card for classroom supplies each week in September for current teachers who receive a tribute this year!

[Submit a Tribute](#)

Purchase Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle Tickets from TVT

WIN ONE
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TICKET PRICE
\$25 EACH OR
5 FOR **\$100**

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

GRAND PRIZE
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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



It's a new school year which means it's time to nominate your favorite teachers for a Teacher Excellence Award! Awardees will receive \$250 cash, a \$100 gift card for school supplies, and TVT goodies!

Nominations can come from administrators, colleagues, parents, or students!

Submit a Nomination!

SAZAEYC Annual Conference Early Bird Registration

2025 **sazaeyc**
Annual Conference



Spark Joy, Spark Learning



To register, visit sazaeyc.org,
or text "25CONF" to
(520) 655-4025.



The SAZAEYC Annual Conference is approaching, and early bird registration is now available!

Event Details:

Theme: Spark Joy, Spark Learning

Dates: November 14–15, 2025

Location: Tucson, Arizona

Click below to register today!

[Register](#)

CommunityShare Educator Fellowship



 **COMMUNITYSHARE**

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**EDUCATOR
FELLOWSHIP**

Tap into the knowledge and skills of your community to design learning experiences that ignite student curiosity, engagement, and contribution.

APPLY BY SEPT. 8: [COMMUNITYSHARE.ORG/EDUCATOR-FELLOWSHIP](https://communityshare.org/educator-fellowship)

Bring Real-World Learning to Your Students: Apply for the CommunityShare Educator Fellowship!

Are you a PreK-12 educator ready to design meaningful, community-engaged learning experiences for your students? Applications are now open for the Community Catalyst Educator Fellowship with CommunityShare!

This virtual fellowship, starting September 2025, provides:

- Take a deep dive into Community-Engaged Learning—learn how to transform any project or unit into a curiosity-driven, real-world learning experience
- Build tools for effective communication and collaboration with community partners
- Receive 1:1 coaching and join a monthly virtual community of practice
- Earn 20 hours of professional learning credit and participate in a celebration of learning
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Spots are limited—don't miss out! Learn more from [this flyer](#) and [APPLY HERE](#) by September 2nd.

Apply

Main Event Tucson Educator Open House



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TODAY**



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Join us at Main Event Tucson for an exclusive **Educator Open House** — a special event where you'll get a firsthand look at how we

bring learning, fun, and fundraising together under one roof.

 **Main Event Tucson**
 **September 6, 10am-12pm**

Whether you're planning a STEM field trip, a teacher celebration, a PTO fundraiser, or an end-of-year bash, Main Event has the space, staff, and service to make it unforgettable.

Enjoy light refreshments, play in our award-winning center, and connect with our team to learn about our educator-exclusive packages and perks.

We can't wait to show you what's possible when education meets celebration.

Reserve your spot today!

[Register](#)

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

Dave & Buster's

- Dave & Buster's Tucson will offer a discount to teachers of "Buy 100 Chips of gameplay and get 100 chips of gameplay FREE!"

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



To learn more about these offers, or to find out about other Teacher Discount Card Partners, please visit our [website](#).

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@tucsonvaluesteacheers.org.

[Become a Business Partner](#)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Buy your tickets for Stand Up 4 Teachers 2025 by **November 6**
- Join us for the CommunityShare Mix & Mingle on **September 4**
- Register to win a \$100 gift card for classroom supplies by **August 31**
- Make a Legendary Teacher Day Tribute during **September**
- Buy your Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle Tickets from TVT
- Nominate someone for a Teacher Excellence Award
- Attend the SAZAEYC Annual Conference on **November 14-15**
- Apply for the CommunityShare Educator Fellowship by **September 8**

- Attend the Main Event Tucson Open House Event on **September 6**



Donate to TVT

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

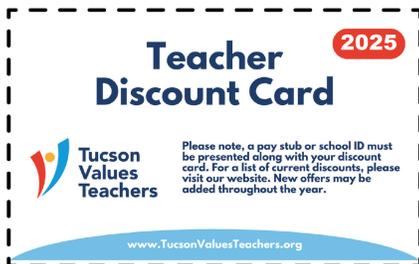
[DONATE NOW](#)



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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