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**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE RAYTHEON LEADERS IN
EDUCATION AWARD**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Applications for the annual Raytheon Leaders in Education Award are now open. The program recognizes and rewards Pima County teachers in grades K-12 who are achieving outstanding classroom performance, demonstrating leadership in their schools and communities, and supporting their peers in a committed teacher workforce. Application materials can be found at TucsonValuesTeachers.org and are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020.

Through a rigorous evaluation process, judges will narrow down applicants to nine finalists and ultimately choose three awardees—one representing grades K-5, one for 6-8, and one for 9-12. Raytheon will award the three winners with \$2,500 cash each; an additional \$2,500 in matching gifts will be presented to each teacher’s respective school.

To be eligible for the Raytheon Leaders in Education award, teachers must:

- Spend the majority of a school day in direct instruction to students.
- Be currently certified to teach in Arizona.
- Have completed at least four full years as a classroom teacher.
- Teach grades K-12 in a Pima County school.
- Be a full-time teacher and plan to continue in active teaching status through 2021.
- Be the subject of a completed application with a submission deadline of September 21, 2020.

Tucson Values Teachers’ Chief Executive Officer, Andy Heineman, said, “It’s important for teachers to understand that they are valued and respected as professionals in the field—especially during this unprecedented time as educators across the region are working overtime to engage students through remote learning. The Raytheon Leaders in Education Award rewards teachers for their hard work while also giving us the opportunity to showcase their dedication to the greater community. We appreciate Raytheon’s continued commitment to reward these teachers and elevate the teaching profession.”

Finalists and winners of the Raytheon Leaders in Education Award will be honored at Tucson Values Teachers’ Stand Up 4 Teachers event on Nov. 4.

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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) 327-7619.

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