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**TUCSON VALUES TEACHERS PRESENTED THE SEPTEMBER TEACHER
EXCELLENCE AWARD TO KRISTIN POWELL**

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) presented the September Teacher Excellence Award on Thursday to Kristin Powell, a second-grade teacher at Copper Ridge Elementary School. The Teacher Excellence Award honors outstanding PreK-12 educators in Southern Arizona. Powell was surprised with the award during the school’s faculty meeting.

Powell was nominated by her colleague, Shelly Pray. In the Teacher Excellence Award nominating statement, Pray said, “Kristin goes above and beyond to advocate for her students and is already helping all her students achieve academic excellence. Her ability to manage a classroom, smoothing transitions and keeping all students engaged, is what truly sets her apart.”

Powell, currently in her third year of teaching in the Vail Unified School District, previously won the district’s Rookie of the Year Award.

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 www.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) 327-7619.