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**TUCSON VALUES TEACHERS HONORED FIVE LOCAL EDUCATORS WITH
THE TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARD**

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tucson Values Teachers surprised five local educators this week with the Teacher Excellence Award. As a special edition of the award for Teacher Appreciation Week, Tucson Values Teachers asked students to submit video nominations, highlighting ways their teachers are going above and beyond with virtual instruction. More information on the winning teachers and the student-submitted video nominations can be found here.

Teachers that received the Teacher Excellence Award this week include:

- **Monica Baden:** 4/5 GEM teacher at Twin Peaks K-8 in Marana Unified School District. She was nominated by Nathan Bockstahler.
- **Corinne Angello:** JTED culinary arts teacher at Mountain View High School in Marana Unified School District. She was nominated by JP Paegel.
- **Amanda Campbell:** 2nd grade teacher at Canyon View Elementary School in Catalina Foothills School District. She was nominated by Cadence Moore.
- **Jennifer Knight:** 1st grade teacher at Soleng Tom Elementary School in Tucson Unified School District. She was nominated by Braxton Brown.
- **Kasie Betten:** English teacher at Desert View High School in Sunnyside Unified School District. She was nominated by a group of her students.

Winning teachers received flowers, \$250 cash courtesy of Helios Education Foundation, a \$50 gift card to Office Depot thanks to the South Tucson Cyber Lions, plus another \$100 gift card for additional school supplies.

More information about the Teacher Excellence Award 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 K-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.