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**TUCSON VALUES TEACHERS PRESENTED THE JANUARY
TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARD TO SUSAN LUCIANO**

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tucson Values Teachers presented the January Teacher Excellence Award today to Susan Luciano, a third-grade teacher at E.C. Nash Elementary School in Amphitheater Public Schools. Luciano is in her fourth year teaching at Nash after moving with her family to Tucson from New Jersey.

Luciano was nominated by her colleague and third-grade team member, Miranda Busch. In her nominating statement, Busch said, “Mrs. Luciano has guided, helped, supported me this year so far in my first year of teaching. She is such a hard worker always putting everyone else first and always goes out of her way to help her students no matter what. She had a student that got rushed to the hospital over a weekend and immediately went up to the hospital to check on that student. She truly is beautiful inside and out.”

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.

Editor’s Note: Attached is a photo of Tucson Values Teachers CEO, Andy Heinemann, Susan Luciano, and Nash Elementary principal Robert Hehli.

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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.