

Dear Parents,

WOW! What a lovely night we had together, celebrating teachers and raising support for Branching Out Educational Consultants. We could not have done it without you!



Over 72 teachers from nine different schools were nominated for awards this year. I sincerely hope you will plan to nominate teachers in the future. Thanks to your nominations, we increased our award categories from seven to eight.

Each of the 72 teachers received a page acknowledging them as a "STAR" and identifying what areas their admirers nominated them. Kind comments and stories were shared with the teachers, keeping the identities of the parents anonymous. Through our committee, 26 teachers were identified as finalists, and eight teachers received awards and a small gift of appreciation.

Be sure to congratulate the teachers in your community!

Here are the names of the finalists and award recipients in each category:

Award	Finalists	Award Recipient
Creative Star	Jennifer Whittaker, Desert Christian School Annette Pursley, Faith Community Academy Celeste Mims, Family Life Academy Cheryl Kramer, Faith Christian Academy	Celeste Mims, Family Life Academy
Inspiring Star	Sherri Jones, Desert Christian School Helena Anderson, Veritas Academy of Tucson Sallie Taylor, Faith Community Academy Kailene Coffin, Desert Christian School	Helena Anderson, Veritas Academy of Tucson
Guiding Star	Jon Self, Desert Christian High School Aaron Jansen, Desert Christian School, K8 Jessi Robson, Faith Community Academy Diane Yeager, Family Life Academy	Jon Self, Desert Christian High School
Faithful Servant Star	Karen Tvrdy, Desert Christian School Lucy Irizarry, Faith Christian Academy Sallie Taylor, Faith Community Academy Catherine Summerset, Faith Lutheran School	Sallie Taylor, Faith Community Academy
Shepherding Star	Fred Boice, Desert Christian School Thad Hardeman, Veritas Acad. of Tucson Derek Oliver, First Southern Christian School Susie Ackerley, Desert Christian School	Fred Boice, Desert Christian School
Peer Leadership Star	Rachael Peterson, Desert Christian School Dave Jorg, Desert Christian School Ray Phillips, Desert Christian School Claudia Gross, Desert Christian School	Dave Jorg, Desert Christian School
Academic Star	Angie Espenson, Desert Christian School Maja Quintero, Faith Community Academy Celeste Mims, Family Life Academy Cheryl Kramer, Faith Christian Academy	Cheryl Kramer, Faith Christian Academy
All Star (nominated in all categories multiple times)		Sherri Jones, Desert Christian School

If any parents or school community members would like to help with next year's program, please contact royce@branchingoutconsultants.com. We can talk about areas of assistance and how much your time and effort will make a difference to encourage the Christian school teachers in our community.

From my heart to yours – Thank you!



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