



# Branching Out Educational Consultants



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## News

### What's New

Executive Director Greetings

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Stars of Wonder  
Registration Link

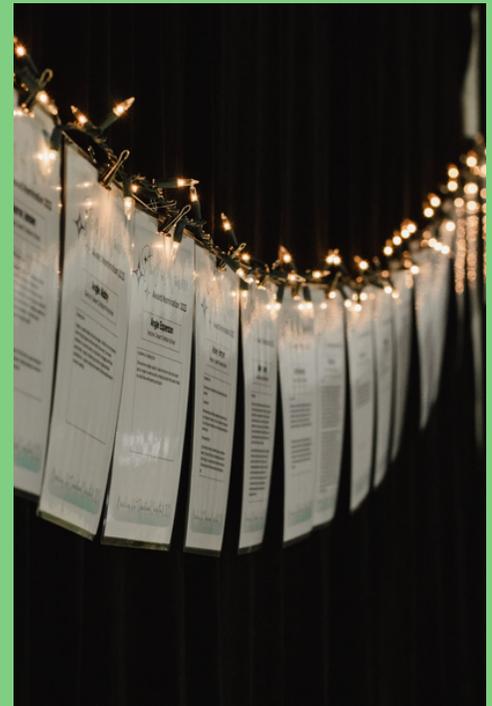
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Calendar Updates

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Stars of Wonder  
Nominees

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## HELP US CELEBRATE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TEACHERS!

*ROYCE NELSESTVEN*

When I joined Branching Out in 2021, I wanted to try something new. What if we celebrated teachers and asked businesses and community members to sponsor our event? That's how Stars of Wonder was born! And, here we are planning for our 3rd Annual Stars of Wonder dinner event! The buzz is real, the excitement is tangible, and the teachers are WORTH IT! The core of Branching Out's mission is the teachers - what better way to promote our mission than to promote our teachers?

If you've been to EEI or Advanced Practices, you probably heard me say (just a few times!) that Christian school teachers have the biggest hearts in the world. They love big, they teach big, they serve on mission for the least of these - and for very little worldly gain. Providing a night of recognition and affirmation seems to be the least we could do.

Do you know a business owner at your school that loves teachers and wants to see them supported year round? Then ask them to sponsor a table so that you and your teacher friends can join us dinner and awards! The link is here and the list of teachers nominated for awards is also included. We are so thankful for our partner schools!

Plan to join us on April 5, 2024 at Faith Community Church/Academy, 6pm for the big night.

*Click below to register for the Stars of Wonder Dinner*



## Upcoming Events & Trainings

Early Education Day: Hosted at Family Life Academy

- Saturday, April 27, 2024

Tucson EEI: Hosted at Desert Christian High School

- Day 6 March 5, 2024

Phoenix EEI: Hosted at Carefree Christian Academy

- Day 6 Feb. 23, 2024

Northern Arizona EEI - Flagstaff: Hosted at Flagstaff Christian School

- Day 6, March 1, 2024

The Christian Teachers Conference, at Grace Christian School in Tempe, AZ

- Feb. 20, 2024

# *Stars of Wonder 2024 Nominees*

## **Calvary Christian School**

- Adam Robinson
- Denise Garcia
- Jesse Sigurdson
- Matt Balanda
- Vanessa Frisinger

## **Casas Christian School**

- Amber Kramer
- Angela Moore
- Brenda Woody
- Charlotte Tarpley
- Katrina Dedmon
- Kevin Reinke
- Shelby Romero

## **Desert Christian Schools**

- Aaron Jansen
- Alexa Bathe
- Angie Espenson
- Ashley Lyons
- Beth Edwards
- Brian Baker
- Christy Punnoose
- Claire Rasmussen
- Fred Boice
- Hope Springetti
- Jon Parsons
- Karen Tvrdy
- Lainey Kaullen
- Marcelyn Brown
- Rachel Dean
- Ray Philips
- Shelley Kruis
- Stefanie Kellogg
- Wennie Mall
- Michelle Sandifer

## **Faith Christian Academy**

- Cheryl Kramer
- Edna Lane
- Gay Menditto
- Kenneth Kramer
- Linda Gomez
- Lisa Lewis
- Lucy Irrizary
- Michelle Johnson
- Noel Johnson

## **Faith Community Academy**

- Annette Pursley
- Briana Botello
- Cassie Karras
- Colleen Sexton
- Daisy Maynard
- Deanna Nunez
- Jessi Robson
- Kathie Thomas
- Kellie Edmunds
- LeAnn Brock
- Linda Salcido
- Maja Quintero
- Marie Keplar
- Matt Lewis
- Stephanie Lewis

## **Flagstaff Christian**

- Cara Richman
- Jessie Pierce
- Olivia Yingling

## **Family Life Academy**

- Diane Yeager
- Flo Espino
- Gabby Zagura
- Linda Manas
- Tanisha Fisher
- Miss Lynn
- Courtney Lyman
- Cydney O'Kelley
- Lisa Brouse
- Michele Aguilar
- Tim Boyd
- Dan Beach

## **First Southern Christian School**

- Adela Tarango
- Betty Gilfoy
- Faith Zanta

## **Grace Christian Academy**

- Cory Bradford
- John Kingsley
- Kelvin Inouye
- Stephanie Gray
- Valerie Berry

## **Redeemer Christian School**

- Sharon Kiehne
- Hannah Cunningham

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**Veritas Christian Academy**

- Nick Dunlap
- Lori Justen
- Joe Burton
- Mrs. Shaffer
- Julia Hardeman
- Ciara Hull
- Thad Hardeman
- Kelly Murdock

**Verde Christian Academy**

- Ben Russel

**West Valley Christian School**

- Aleah Growdon
- Babylyn Cristobal
- Chris Ratliff
- Courtney Mockbee
- Emily Thursam
- Jeanette Wahlstrom
- Jen Pyer
- Miss Macy
- Jamie Molquentin
- Ms. Heiden
- Ms. Rovey
- Rita Plyler
- Sheila Eccles
- Shelley Smith
- Steve DeVore

Thank you for nominating these wonderful educators! Finalists for each category will be announced in March. Award winners will be recognized at April's *Stars of Wonder Fundraiser Dinner!*