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#### "Even the strongest blizzards start with a single snowflake." — Sara Raasch





## 2024 National PTA Reflections Student Arts Showcase!

Join National PTA at 7:00 p.m. EST Jan. 31, 2024 on National PTA's YouTube channel to celebrate the amazing national winners from the 2022-2023 *Show Your Voice!* Reflections program! You don't want to miss hearing from the students about the inspiration behind their art. RSVP now 2024 Reflections Showcase RSVP Page (informz.net)



# **October Arizona PTA Teacher of the Month**

Congratulations to Ms. Vanessa Akin of Western Peaks PTSA for being selected the October Arizona PTA Teacher of the Month. Her PTSA is amazed at how much of a supporter she is for their local unit. School families agree that she makes an impact on their kids every day. Congratulations Vanessa for going above and beyond for your school community. Great work!



### Time to Shop!



You can <u>get what you need for your PTA/</u> <u>PTSA!</u> ShopPTA.com is a great resource for membership supplies, Reflections awards, board gifts, teacher appreciation and so many other items that assist in positive branding at the local PTA/PTSA unit level. Best of all each item sold earns a 15% royalty to Arizona PTA.

## **Arizona Grant Recipients**

Congratulations to the Arizona local PTA/PTSA unit recipients' of 2023 National PTA Grants. Great work all!

<u>Healthy Minds Grant</u> - Acacia PTA, North Phoenix & New River PTA, New River

<u>Ready, Tech, Go! Grant</u> - Collier PTA, Tucson & Tigers PTA, Buckeye

<u>STEM + Families Science Festival Grant</u> - Civano Parent Association, Tucson

<u>STEM + Families Propelling Our World Grant</u> - Williams Elementary & Middle School PTSA, Williams



## November Arizona PTA Teacher of the Month.



**Congratulations to Mrs. Anna** Sanders from Magee Middle School PTA, who won Arizona PTA's **November Teacher of the Month** award. Mrs. Sanders has championed the PTA Reflections Art program at her school. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that every student that would like to enter the program has the opportunity and encouragement needed. It is said she is embodying the mission of PTA, to make every child's potential a reality, with her calm demeanor and care for EVERY student she has. Thank you, Mrs. Sanders, for a job well done.

### Walmart Business for PTA/PTSAs

Be sure to register for a special webinar joining Walmart on February 27, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. (EST) to learn about the FREE one-year Walmart Business + membership for PTA/PTSAs. This item is available until March 31, 2024. You can also learn about resources to help celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. <u>Meeting Registration - Zoom</u>

PTA member organizations get 1 free year of Walmart Business+

Visit <u>business.walmart.com/PTA</u> to start your trial.\*

\*Membership auto-renews at \$98/year plus tax unless canceled before end of trial term. Additional terms apply.





### Lifetime Achievement Award

An Arizona PTA Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest honor that may be bestowed upon an individual by a local PTA/PTSA unit for distinguished service to children and youth. Your unit may decide to honor someone at any time. Recognize those that have led the way for the children in your community. Arizona PTA Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award (formsite.com)



## **December Arizona PTA Teacher of the Month**

Congratulations to Ms. Kristen Roemer of Western Peaks PTSA for being selected the Arizona PTA Teacher of the Month for December. Kristen was chosen by her PTSA for her dedication to her student's growth and development. She fosters a sense of community in her classroom promoting teamwork and kindness. Kristen attends PTSA events and leaves a lasting impact on her school. Well done and thank you Ms. Roemer!



## New "Notes from the Backpack Podcast

Be sure to listen to the recent podcast from PTA Notes from the Backpack. From book bans to censorship, Denise Forte, president and CEO of the Education Trust, delves into the tensions facing education today. Tune in to discover current challenges and bright spots and to explore where we go from here.

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## **Mountain America Foundation Scholarship**

The Mountain America Foundation will award scholarships to 120 graduating high school students who are pursuing education at accredited colleges, universities and vocational/technical schools. Applicants must live in Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico or Utah and open a Mountain America account prior to receiving funds. Applications close February 11, 2024.

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Scholastic records
- Character and core values
- Work ethic and experience
- Community involvement and contributions
- Leadership in action
- Additional eligibility requirements Flevate Scholarshin I MACII

#### Calendar

1/20/2024 -Local PTA/PTSA Membership Reporting on Givebacks Due

2/1/2024 - Reflections Program Registration Deadline <u>Reflections</u> <u>Arts Program | National PTA</u>

2/6/2024 - Safer Internet Day <u>Home - Safer Internet Day</u> 2/26-3/1/2024- Public Schools Week <u>Public School Proud</u> 3/7-8/2024 - National PTA Legislative Conference - <u>Legislative</u> <u>Conference - Events I National PTA</u>

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