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**STTE FOUNDATION & CREEED HONOR LOCAL EDUCATORS WITH
TEACHER AWARDS**

Eight area teachers recognized as part of broadcasted awards show

(El Paso, TX) -- The Success Through Technology Education (STTE) Foundation and CREEED recognized the tremendous accomplishments of eight El Paso-area educators as part of the **2021 STTE Foundation/CREEED Teacher Awards**. Thanks to a partnership with KVIA-TV, this year's Teacher Awards were presented during a broadcasted awards show.

"Although we took a different approach with this year's Teacher Awards due to the pandemic, I am proud to recognize these eight teachers and broadcast their accomplishments across the region," said Joseph Sapien, executive director of the STTE Foundation. "With traditional education completely changed since the pandemic, It is only fitting that we honor these amazing teachers - for their efforts to not only teach the curriculum, but also ensure each child feels supported to succeed in any environment."

Educators recognized during today's awards show displayed their dedication to students and families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic by developing creative solutions to ensure children continued to learn and grow, even in virtual learning environments. Specifically, today's winners have excelled at encouraging students to pursue careers in the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics (STEAM) fields, providing innovative approaches to curriculum, afterschool programming, and access to various means of professional development to students in the El Paso region.

The eight awardees honored during this year's event are:

- **Texas One Gas Education Leadership Award** - Fan Chen, El Paso Community College
- **STTE Foundation Regional Innovator Award** - Laura Ramos, Hillside Elementary School, El Paso ISD
- **Western Tech Inspirational Pathway Award** - Veronica Garcia, Americas High School, Socorro ISD
- **WestStar Bank Math Architect Award** - Rosalinda Gaucin, Anthony Middle School, Anthony ISD
- **Technology Cultivator Award** - Arturo Ordaz, Mesa Vista Elementary School, Ysleta ISD
- **TFCU Entrepreneurship Producer Award** - Sherral Trotter, Northwest Early College High School, Canutillo ISD
- **CREEED Outstanding School Achievement Award** - Claudia Anaya, Tornillo Intermediate School, Tornillo ISD
- **El Paso Electric STEAM Creator Award** - Lisa Roskosky, Canutillo Middle School, Canutillo ISD

Serving as the event’s lead sponsor, CREEED reinforces its dedication to supporting educators in the region by investing in key initiatives and establishing programs that help teachers train, enter, and advance within the profession.

“When we initially formed CREEED in 2014, we knew that if we sought to improve student attainment in our schools, there needed to be a sharp focus on supporting teachers in their development as educators,” said Richard A. Castro, Chairman of CREEED. “We are pleased to have partnered with key community organizations, like the STTE Foundation, to continue our work and make an impact on our region’s educational and economic trajectory.”

The 2021 STTE/ CREEED Teacher Awards was also sponsored by El Paso Electric, TFCU, Texas One Gas, WestStar Bank, and Western Tech. For more information, please visit www.sttefoundation.org/education-awards. The full awards show is also available on STTE’s [SayWhat.TV YouTube channel](#).

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About STTE Foundation:

The Success Through Technology Educational foundation is the Borderplex region’s continued effort to develop, deploy, and advance educational programs and initiatives focused on harvesting youth entrepreneurship ecosystems and technology comprehension. Support towards these efforts will help prepare the next generation on future opportunities and challenges the economy faces. STTE Foundation is funded by the Hunt Family Foundation and with additional financial

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About CREEED:

CREEED is a nonprofit organization focused on increasing the number of high-performing seats in El Paso's public education system to assure a college-ready, competitive and talented workforce. This is accomplished by investing in initiatives that are creating measurable outcomes to close the achievement gap for El Paso students. CREEED supports organizations, initiatives, and policies that prepare students to succeed in college and in our future workforce. CREEED's efforts are focused on increasing the quality of education that students receive in El Paso. Our efforts fall into three categories: Increasing Student Attainment; Increasing Teacher Talent & Leadership Development; and Increasing Parent and Community Engagement. For more information visit www.creed.org.