**Friends of Santa Cruz Valley USD #35 Present**

**“The Benchmark Foundation of Tubac and the Tubac Golf Resort and Spa Recognition of Excellence Award”**

The purpose of this award is to support an outstanding educator from Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District in his/her desire to enhance subject area knowledge, to add additional certifications, or to support personal growth. The dollars available to the Foundation for this effort have been provided by **The Benchmark Foundation of Tubac and the Tubac Golf Resort.**

Selection process for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

1. This new award will be announced at the 2019 Excellence in Education Awards banquet on Monday, April 29, 2019.
2. Teachers selected as “Influential Educators” by the students recognized at the 2019 banquet will receive an application for the Benchmark Foundation award on April 29, 2019.
3. A teacher selected as “Teacher of the Year” at individual schools will receive an application for the Benchmark Foundation award in May, after their selection by individual schools.
4. Principals at individual schools will be given copies of the application in May. The principals will be asked to encourage teachers that they feel will support the needs of the school to apply for the award.
5. The applications will be evaluated in June by two members from the Friends of Santa Cruz Valley USD #35 Foundation; one member of the Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District office administration (as selected by the Superintendent); and one member of the Benchmark Foundation of Tubac and the Tubac Golf Resort.
6. The Award will be presented at the Santa Cruz Valley USD #35 welcome back activity that occurs in early July.