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## **SUMMIT ANNOUNCES NATIONAL & LOCAL SPEAKERS TO CELEBRATE ARIZONA TEACHERS**

### **Registration Open for Arizona Teachers to Attend Free, Half-Day Event**

PHOENIX – November 18, 2015 – A Senior Advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Education, an Education Evangelist at Google, the Big 12 Commissioner, and a CEO committed to teaching in some of our country's most impoverished communities—these individuals are passionate about educating today's youth and supporting teachers, and they are all coming to Phoenix to speak at the [Extra Yard for Teachers Summit](#).

The second annual Extra Yard for Teachers Summit is taking place on Saturday, January 9, 2016, at the Phoenix Convention Center. The free, half-day event features TED-style talks and performances designed specifically to celebrate, honor, empower and inspire 1,000 of Arizona's K–12 teachers.

#### **The 2016 Extra Yard for Teachers Speakers**

This year's Summit features teachers who are in Arizona's classrooms and can speak to the challenges and joys they face on a daily basis, presenters who are shaping what the future of education and educators look like in the United States, and those who directly see the impact great teachers have on students who need them the most.

The confirmed list of 2016 speakers includes:

- o [Toni Blackman](#), an award-winning artist and American Cultural Specialist
- o [Natasha Bodden](#), Teacher at Public School 62 in the Bronx, NY
- o [Bob Bowlsby](#), Big 12 Commissioner
- o [John-David Bowman](#), 2015 Arizona Teacher of the Year
- o [Ruthanne Buck](#), Senior Advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Education
- o [Jaime Casap](#), Chief Education Evangelist at Google
- o [Karanja Crews](#), Founder of the Teaching With Purpose Conference
- o [Garrett Maier](#), a 9th and 11th grade English at Estrella Foothills High School in Goodyear and the winner of the Extra Yard for Teachers Speaker Contest.
- o Jasmine Muniz, 2012 Rodel Exemplary Teacher
- o [Jack Swarbrick](#), Athletic Director at the University of Notre Dame
- o [Elisa Villanueva-Beard](#), CEO of Teach for America

In addition to hearing presentations throughout the afternoon, teachers will also be treated to immersive and thought-provoking experiences to discover what inspires them as educators. Registration for the free, half-day event is open at [www.extrayardsummit.com/phoenix](http://www.extrayardsummit.com/phoenix), and teachers have until December 11 to register for the Summit.

#### **Playoff Fan Central**

As an extra bonus, teachers who attend the Extra Yard for Teachers Summit will be invited to attend Playoff Fan Central—the signature fan event taking place at the Phoenix Convention Center. After the Summit, teachers can also catch performances by Ciara and WALK THE MOON at the AT&T Playoff Playlist Live!

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“The Extra Yard for Teachers Summit is an opportunity to recognize the people who work every single day to give our children a brighter future,” said Britton Banowsky, Executive Director of the College Football Playoff Foundation. “We take a great responsibility in making sure these teachers are celebrated and honored, and that they walk away knowing how grateful we are to them.”

The Summit is part of the College Football Playoff Foundation’s philanthropic initiative, Extra Yard for Teachers, which aims to make a significant impact in the classroom. The initiative supports teachers through the development and implementation of programs in four focus areas: direct provision of resources for classroom needs, recognition of standout teachers, professional development and leadership training, and by providing inspiration for grade-school students to attend college in the future.

For more information about the Summit please visit [www.ExtraYardSummit.com](http://www.ExtraYardSummit.com).

### **About the College Football Playoff Foundation and Extra Yard for Teachers**

Extra Yard for Teachers is the College Football Playoff Foundation’s primary philanthropic initiative to honor, celebrate, inspire and empower great teachers nationally and in the communities that host the College Football Playoff. Extra Yard for Teachers seeks to support teachers through the development and implementation of programs in four key focus areas: direct provision of resources, teacher recognition, professional development and leadership training, and by inspiring a college-going culture.

For more information visit [www.collegefootballplayoff.com/extra-yard-for-teachers](http://www.collegefootballplayoff.com/extra-yard-for-teachers).

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