

Outstanding Educator



Kristin Gould, Teacher, Project MORE High School

The Outstanding Educator Award is given to an individual who has ignited a passion in inquisitive minds for new ways to end men's violence against women and girls.

Kristin was born in Los Angeles and raised in Tucson. She attended the University of Arizona, where she majored in Creative Writing and Women's Studies.

Soon after receiving her post-bachelor's degree in education, Kristin began her teaching career in the Tucson public schools. After teaching for eight years in several schools, Kristin "found her home" at Project MORE, ironically, the high school from which she was graduated.

Kristin says that Project MORE has given her a fantastic opportunity to teach gender studies to young women and men on a daily basis. She has incorporated sexual violence prevention workshop materials into her own curriculum and, in 2006, was the inspiration for our community's first Tucson Youth Take Back the Night.

Tucson Youth Take Back the Night was an event organized by and for Tucson youth to provide them with a forum in which they could speak out about sexual and domestic violence and how this violence affects their lives. The first Tucson Youth Take Back the Night was so successful that the students have made it an annual community event.

Kristin's colleagues say she is a model teacher who is not afraid to demonstrate her own vulnerability in touching the lives of and inspiring young people throughout Tucson.