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Teachers, Our Everyday Heroes

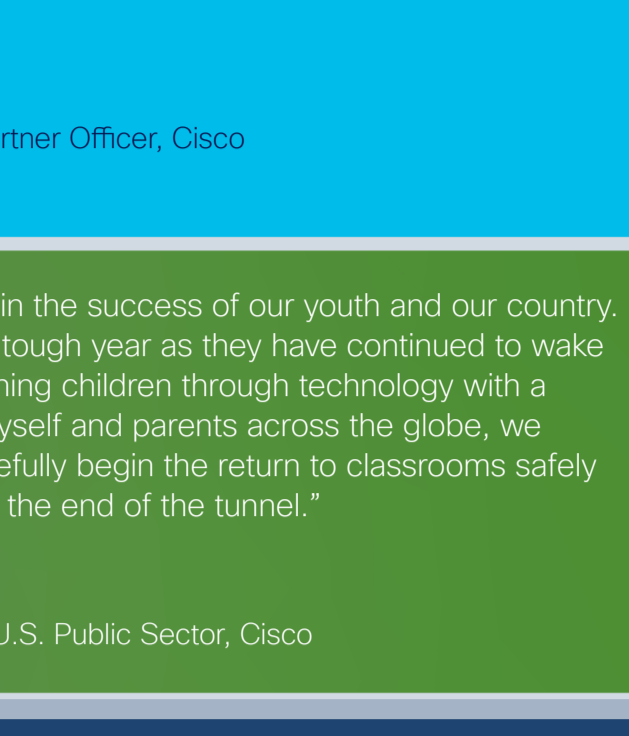


"This last year teachers have shown incredible humanity and heroism. Each day you reimagine how to connect and engage with your students to keep them learning and growing whether they are in a classroom, at home or in a hybrid model. Thank you for your dedication - your grace, patience and care for our children is inspiring!"

Chuck Robbins
Chairman and CEO, Cisco

"The pandemic has been a stark reminder of two things: first, we need to be better at celebrating our everyday heroes. And two, there are certain institutions, certain people that we naturally look to when the world is shifting around us. Our teachers fit both categories. At the onset of the pandemic, 1.2 billion children moved into virtual or hybrid education. Our teachers handled that shift with their patented blend of compassion, selflessness, and bravery. They brought joy, hope, and consistency to our students and our communities. They showed up and we are forever grateful."

Gerri Elliot
Executive Vice President, Chief Customer and Partner Officer, Cisco



"Teachers are critical in the success of our youth and our country. They have endured a tough year as they have continued to wake up day after day teaching children through technology with a smile. On behalf of myself and parents across the globe, we salute you as we hopefully begin the return to classrooms safely with a positive light at the end of the tunnel."

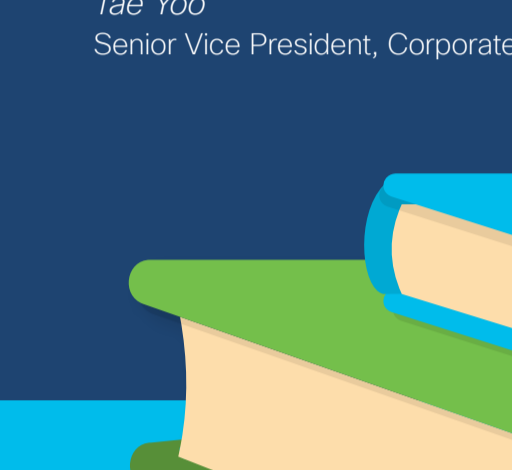
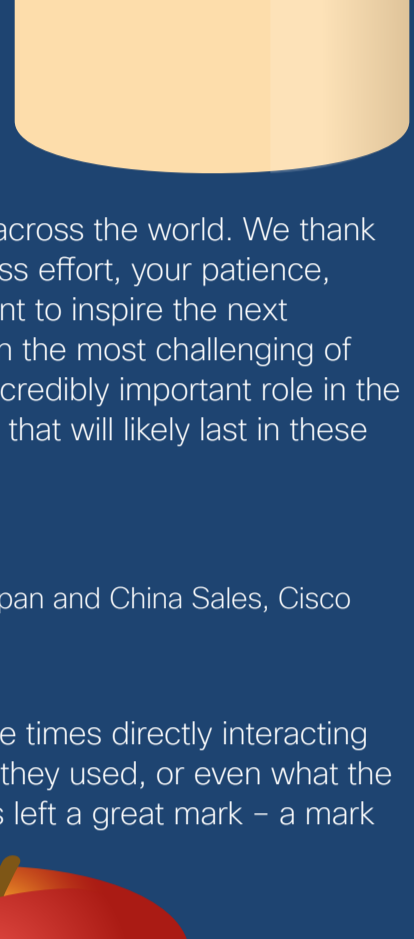
Nick Michaelides
Senior Vice President, U.S. Public Sector, Cisco

"The societies of the past, present and future are shaped and formed by our teachers. The care, the passion, and creativity they bring to guiding and inspiring all of us and future generations is unmatched; they are an absolutely critical pillar of strength in our world. I'm incredibly grateful for our teachers, for expanding my mind, for the curiosity that they've sparked in my children, and for the foundation they've created for an innovative future and community of inclusive and caring individuals. Thank you for everything that you do!"

Thimaya Subaiya
Senior Vice President, Customer Experience, Cisco

"Whether they're in the classroom, virtual, or hybrid, our teachers are true heroes in my book! Their flexibility, creativity and innovation in the name of keeping our kids safe, current and inspired, is unparalleled, and for that, I extend a spirited round of applause and thanks."

Jim Walsh
Senior Vice President, Growth Marketing, Cisco



"Technology has played a crucial role in enabling education over the course of the pandemic, but it's our teachers who really made it possible, bringing virtual classrooms to life in homes across the world. We thank teachers everywhere for your tireless effort, your patience, your creativity, and your commitment to inspire the next generation through learning, even in the most challenging of circumstances. You've played an incredibly important role in the lives of young people during a time that will likely last in these students' memories for a lifetime."

Dave West
Senior Vice President, Asia Pacific, Japan and China Sales, Cisco

"A teacher's impact is not limited to the time in the classroom or the times directly interacting with their students. Although I may not remember the exact words they used, or even what the subject was, my teachers' commitment to helping me succeed has left a great mark - a mark that continues to inspire me to this day."

Tae Yoo
Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Cisco



"The teachers of today are modeling heroic behavior, showing our future generations what it is to be truly adaptable and resilient. To our teachers: thank you for keeping the dreams and goals of our children alive, amidst a time of uncertainty and challenge."

Michelle Chiantera
Vice President, Americas Growth Marketing, Global Segments and Industries, Global Partner Marketing, Cisco



"Each year we give thanks to our nation's teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Given the immense stresses our Educators endured this year, there can be no greater time to show our appreciation for what they have collectively accomplished.

I think it only appropriate to also recognize the staff, faculty, volunteers, parents, IT workers, and school boards who all came together to keep our education system running for our nations children.

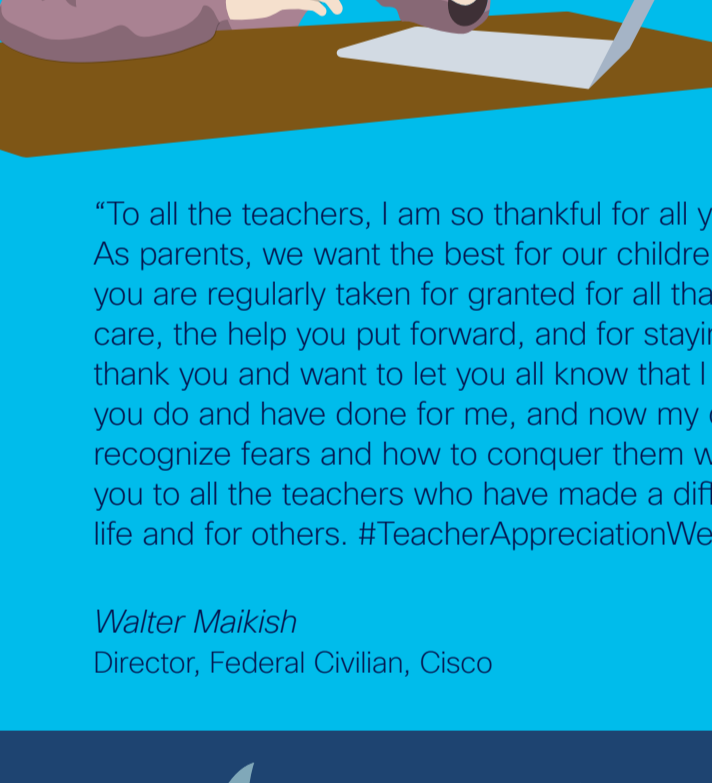
I think we can all agree all of them went well beyond the call of duty this year. And for that we are profoundly grateful. #AGratefulNation #TeacherAppreciationWeek #HugAnEducator"

Gary DePreta
Vice President, SLED, Cisco



"The last year has shown everyone the irreplaceable value of our teachers. You have never been more important or appreciated. Thank you for shaping our next generation of leaders and innovators."

Guy Diedrich
Vice President and Global Innovation Officer, Cisco



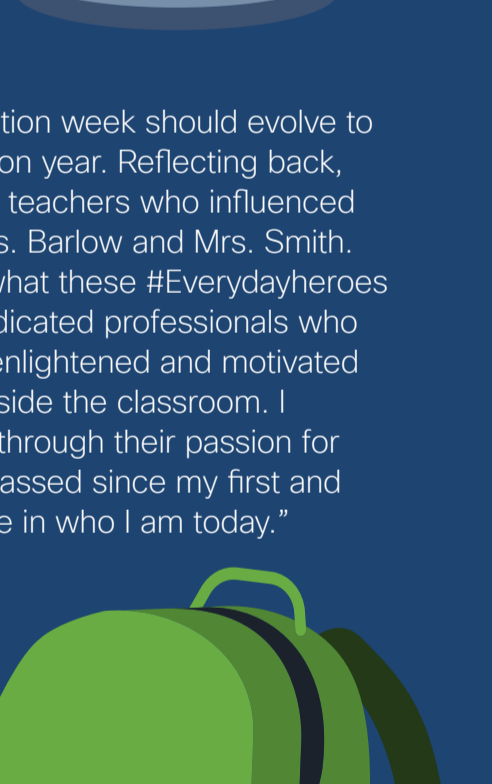
"In-person, virtual and everything in-between. Teachers do it all. I have kids at each level - Elementary, Middle and High School who have been educated and supported by the exceptional teachers here in Fairfax County, VA. As we faced unimaginable challenges, they found a way not only to help students continue to learn, but to overcome and thrive."

Gary Hall
Senior Director, U.S. Public Sector Strategy, Operations & Market Access, Cisco



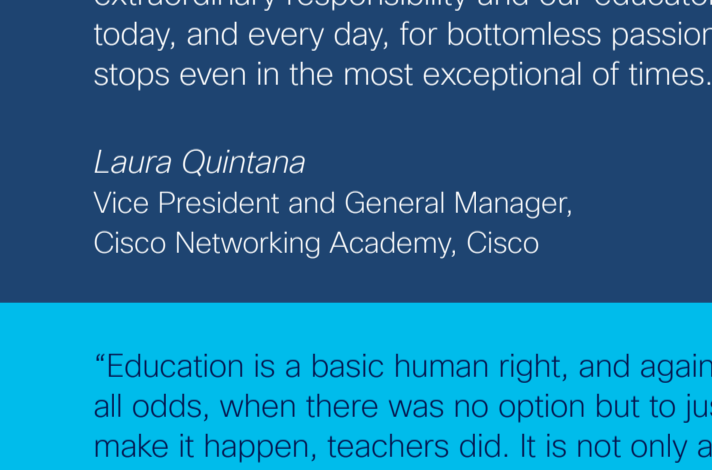
"With the end of the pandemic getting closer and forms of normal returning, it's all about resiliency and flexibility for organizations and teams. Those traits, plus dedication and focus, are the hallmarks of our teachers. They continue to amaze and have a huge impact on not only our students, but also our future. Teachers deserve huge praise."

Gene Hall
Vice President, Security Marketing, Cisco



"To all the teachers, I am so thankful for all you have done. As parents, we want the best for our children. As do - the care, the help you put forward, and for staying motivated. I thank you and want to let you all know that I appreciate what you do and have done for me, and now my children. You recognize fears and how to conquer them with grace. Thank you to all the teachers who have made a difference in my life and for others. #TeacherAppreciationWeek"

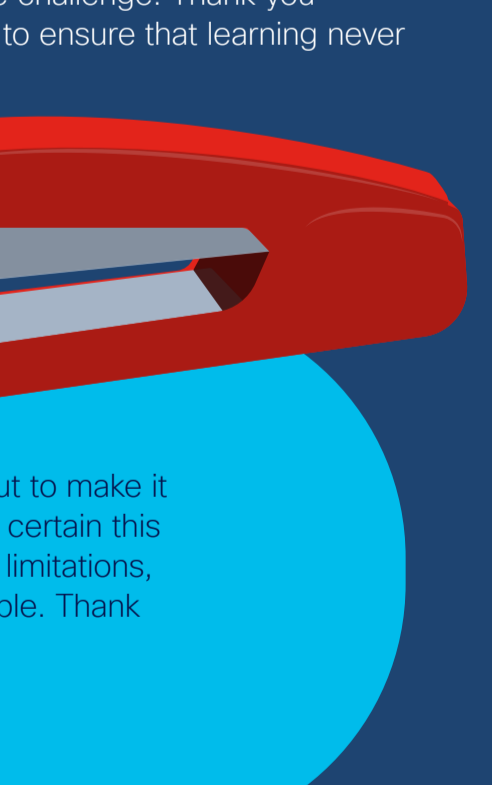
Walter Malkish
Director, Federal Civilian, Cisco



"Teacher appreciation week should evolve to teacher appreciation year. Reflecting back, way back, the two teachers who influenced me most were Mrs. Barlow and Mrs. Smith. Both epitomized what these #Everydayheroes do. They were dedicated professionals who inspired, guided, enlightened and motivated me inside and outside the classroom. I

didn't realize it at the time, but they made the world a better place through their passion for education, and love for their students. Although many years have passed since my first and fourth grades, they did touch my life forever and played a major role in who I am today."

Marcus Moffett
US Public Sector, Director, Systems Engineering, Cisco



"Sometimes, the only person a child has is her teacher, especially during this global pandemic, when so many are suffering so much. You have shown flexibility, courage, and enthusiasm in an incredibly uncertain time. Having been in your shoes, I can honestly say it's one of the most challenging and rewarding jobs in the world, made even more so by recent events. I'm grateful to teachers worldwide for showing deep compassion, a listening ear, and an open heart with children - there's no way to thank you for special care you take of our kids."

Renee Patton
Global Director of Education and Healthcare, Cisco

"At Cisco Networking Academy, we know education transforms lives of learners everywhere. The past year has crystallized the power of the educator who calms the chaos, motivates across miles, and inspires despite interruption. You spark the love of learning for the next generation of leaders, innovators, and go-getters who will drive a new era of impact. It's an extraordinary responsibility and our educators continually rise to the challenge. Thank you today, and every day, for bottomless passion and unending energy to ensure that learning never stops even in the most exceptional of times."

Laura Quintana
Vice President and General Manager, Cisco Networking Academy, Cisco



"Education is a basic human right, and against all odds, when there was no option but to just make it happen, teachers did. It is not only an inspirational feat to teach and help shape our future generations, but to make it possible when the world changed, and uncertainty hit. One thing is certain this past year, teachers stepped in when it mattered most, to eradicate limitations, embrace change, and most importantly look out for our young people. Thank you, each one of you is an inspiration to us all."

Aruna Ravichandran
Chief Marketing Officer, Webex / Collaboration, Cisco



"Teachers make a difference in all of our lives. From a young age, they see our hidden strengths and talents and dedicate their lives to helping us reach our full potential. Today and every day, I am in awe of the work they do, the role they play in our lives and how they've adapted to find new innovative ways to keep us learning. To all of our teachers, thank you for what you've done and are doing to continuously spark our curiosities, ignite our passions and shape the generation of tomorrow."

Cassie Roach
Vice President, Public Sector, Cisco

"We always say that small schools make big impact, but we are also very mindful that one of the most important elements here is around the teachers. Teachers are helping to keep learning alive during a very difficult time. They are truly our everyday heroes, and we can't thank them enough for all that they do each and every day to give our future generations hope. We know it hasn't been easy so thank you to all of the small schools, and thank you to all of our teachers."

Faith Wheller
Director, Global Small Business Marketing, Cisco



"When schools abruptly closed last year, teachers pivoted to a brand-new modus operandi, without notice. Parents the world over, newly saddled with supervising their kids' learning, marveled at the patience and tenacity of teachers to educate children with diverse needs and abilities. We heralded them as heroes then, but now, over a year later, teachers have proven to be true superheroes, guiding learners through a whole curriculum, using entirely new tools, techniques, and skills to optimize learning in a digital or hybrid environment. Their creativity, determination, and flexibility exemplify the ethic and leadership we all hope to instill in children."

Dan Wiggins
Vice President, Industry Solutions Group, Growth Marketing Segments & Industries, Cisco



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