

# Legendary Teacher Day

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*Legendary Teacher Day was established on the fourth Thursday of September in 2014 by Nicholas I. Clement Ed. D. Dr. Clement currently serves as the Ernest W, MacFarland Citizens Chair in Education at Northern Arizona University.*

## The Beginning

This day of tribute to teachers was established on the fourth Thursday of September in 2014 by Nicholas I. Clement, Ed. D. As a long-time school administrator, he spent his career identifying, developing, and celebrating teachers in a variety of assignments. Over time, he established a successful recruiting and development effort with the Legendary Teacher in mind.

Following his retirement in 2013 as a long-time school administrator, Dr. Clement was appointed to the Ernest McFarland Citizen's Chair in Education by the Dean of the College of Education at Northern Arizona University. In this endowed full-time faculty position, Dr. Clement is responsible for teaching and advocating for education throughout Arizona and the nation.



## The Legendary Teacher

Legendary teachers are everywhere. In fact, it is likely that all of our teachers serve our students with legendary virtues each and every day.



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## The Concept of a Legendary Teacher

The first step in celebrating a legendary teacher is to reflect on your education with the three tenets of a legendary teacher in mind:

- Building relationships
- Engaging deeply with students
- Creating high expectations

**Dr. Clement speaks to the legendary teacher...**

### Dr. Clement reminds us that Legendary Teachers:

- Engage students in creative learning activities
- Connect learning to the past, present, and future
- Adapt their methods and assessments to meet diverse learning styles
- Create and maintain dynamic learning environments
- Continue to improve their content knowledge base and teaching skills

\*All of these quotes and references are from

“Legendary Teacher Stories –  
**How To Catch a Swamp Frog**”

Author – Nicholas I. Clement





## Celebrate Legendary Teacher Day

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Reflect on your teachers who pushed you. Reflect on your teachers who held you accountable. And, reflect on your teachers who went above and beyond and invested in your personal success. At this point, you have likely identified a number of your teachers over the years who have collectively contributed to your academic success.

Now, how do you act on your desire to recognize your personal teaching legend?

**Active** - If your legendary teacher is currently teaching, reach out to them personally. Be sure to cite the specific reason that they are your legend.

**Inactive or Retired** – Send your tribute to the principal of the school where your legendary teacher influenced you.

In all of these scenarios, you are encouraged to post your legendary teacher tribute on social media. Be sure to include the all important **#legendaryteacher** in your posting.

## Planning a Legendray Tribute?

School District Administration & Governing Board Leadership -

Contact Dr. Clement directly for a complimentary consultation on planning and executing a Legendary Tribute within your organization. Email - [Nicholas.Clement@nau.edu](mailto:Nicholas.Clement@nau.edu)



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