

# **Victor Valley College Press Release**

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## **“Teacher’s R Heroes” Celebrates Hesperia Encore Junior and Senior High School Science Teacher**

The small gym at Encore Junior and Senior High School in Hesperia was rocking with excitement as students, en masse, cheered the selection of Tony Castro as the newest “Teachers R Heroes” honoree. Mr. Castro is a science teacher who makes his subject so interesting that students can’t wait to get into class to see what his next lesson is going to be. About half way through the ceremony, a large portion of the crowd was already chanting his name because they recognized his accomplishments without his name being mentioned. It was a thoroughly appreciative group of students.

Mr. Castro was nominated by several students who all had similar things to say about their favorite teacher in individual letters to the selection committee. Each in their own words spoke highly of his teaching ability and his passion for making science fun.

At the ceremony, Lori Kildal, Dean of Instruction at Victor Valley College, read a number of excerpts from nomination letters that were submitted by his students that led to his selection.

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One student wrote, “Many people have their own teacher that is their hero. That means that lots of people will be explaining all about why their teacher is so great. Well, I have a teacher that is my favorite and is a hero to me. He is such a good teacher that it is like WOW! My teacher comes up with many good and fun ways to help us learn what we need to know to pass tests. When he gives us a practice quiz, the whole class is prepared and ready to take the quiz.” Another student wrote, “He always makes sure that we know what we are doing and makes sure we do it in fun ways. My teacher is truly devoted to ensure that all his students become successful contributors to society. He is so creative with us. He is the most fantastic teacher in the school.” In other nominations a student wrote, “He is a great teacher and he can do anything! He is so awesome...He helps people and when ever I ask for help he helps me right away. If I still don’t get something he helps me until I understand. He’s none stop! He’s not mean and he doesn’t yell; he is so awesome. He helps me from scratch! I love his attitude. He sometimes does the joke of the day if we have done everything. Sometimes he does magic tricks.”

The Teachers R Heroes program that honored Mr. Castro and other teachers like him is sponsored by Victor Valley College, El Dorado Broadcasting and San Bernardino County Schools. Teacher nominations may be submitted in the form of 500 words-or-less essays to [www.vvc.edu](http://www.vvc.edu). Anyone interested in making a nomination can go online to [www.KATCOUNTRY1007.com](http://www.KATCOUNTRY1007.com), [www.Y102FM.com](http://www.Y102FM.com), [www.TheFox106.com](http://www.TheFox106.com), or [www.Talk960.com](http://www.Talk960.com), and find a link to the college’s website. Nominations may also be sent by mail to Victor Valley College, Teachers are Heroes, 18422 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, CA 92395, attention Dr. Lori Kildal.

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