

Cobalt Middle School 2009 Victor Valley Community College Press Release

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**Julie Provansal, Cobalt Middle School
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Cobalt Middle School Teacher Selected as “Teacher R Heroes” Honoree

A filled assembly of Cobalt middle school students erupted in spontaneous applause when the name Julie Provansal was announced as this year’s first Teachers R Heroes honoree. Formerly serving as a teacher and now a counselor, Mrs. Provansal was utterly surprised when her name was called to accept the award. Students, faculty, administrators, a board member, and family all praised her selection and agreed that she deserved the recognition.

The nomination submitted on Mrs. Provansal's behalf noted that her dedication to the school was unwavering. It mentioned that she does things like spending her summers signing up for classes that are designed to improve services to students and enhance the work being done at the school. She was the first teacher to sign up for the AVID program and has continued with the program for three years since it was introduced. According to the nomination form, Mrs. Provansal spends money out of her own pocket to purchase supplies and in some cases clothing for students in need.

Mrs. Provansal also established Cobalt's ongoing career day by inviting representatives from the county coroner's office, fire department, California Highway Patrol, and other professional career experiences to attend and present.

The nomination went on to note that Mrs. Provansal remained in place even though she could have transferred to another school so that she could help the school overcome challenges and raise test scores.

The Teachers R Heroes Program is sponsored by Victor Valley College, San Bernardino County Schools, Le Dorado Broadcasting, and the Daily Press.

Teacher nominations may be submitted in the form of 500 words-or-less essays to www.vvc.edu. Anyone interested in making a nomination can go online to www.KATCOUNTRY1007.com, www.Y102FM.com, www.TheFox106.com, or 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.