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Sitting Bull Middle School Math Teacher Celebrated by “Teachers R Heroes” Program

Large screen videos were playing, signs were posted, family members were waiting in anticipation, and students were chanting the name Rick Wingard as the coveted “Teacher’s R Heroes” award was delivered to him in front of the entire student body of Sitting Bull Middle School. Wingard, the February honoree, serves as a 7th / 8th grade math teacher and coach but does much more than this. He was selected because he embodies the concepts of leadership and creativity of which previous selectees have been cited.

In a nomination, submitted in support of Mr. Wingard, a single theme became evident, he makes learning fun. A student wrote, “I believe my teacher is a hero because he not only teaches Algebra 1 but he makes it a fun and learning experience. He is also a soccer coach for HDYSL and will be this year's soccer coach for Sitting Bull Middle School.

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He believes in giving each child a chance to shine in his/her own way. Anyone who has the patience to teach and coach large numbers of kids in and out of class and do it with a smile is someone very special. Further, he used to own a gaming store and kids would come in and play in tournaments rather than running the streets. He always has something positive to say about every child he comes in contact with. I am nominating Mr. Wingard because he is a hero to me.”

The Teachers R Heroes Program is sponsored by Victor Valley College, San Bernardino County Schools, Clear Channel Radio, and Desert Community Bank.

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.

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