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**Victor Valley High School Teacher Honored by Teachers R Heroes**

The classroom was compact and allowed very little room for the adults who squeezed into the open spaces at the fringe. For the seated students and their confused teacher, it was like an unauthorized intrusion until Assistant Principal George Sutton moved to the front of the room and introduced the dignitaries who assembled to honor the newest Teachers R Heroes recipient, David Kniss, Victor Valley High School English teacher.

It isn’t often that an English teacher is singled out for recognition, but several Victor Valley High School students made the effort to mount a campaign to see that their favorite teacher’s name was entered for consideration. Nominations came from three separate students and were submitted as follows: “He is great teacher. He made reading interesting and not boring. Mr. Kniss was the first teacher that ever made me want to read. He knows how to explain things so that I can understand them. He also has a great sense of humor.” Another student wrote, ”Mr. Kniss is one of the best English teachers I have ever had. He helped me to improve my writing skills. Not only was he there for us academically, but he was always there to listen to our personal problems. Mr.kniss has an open mind when it comes to teaching. He lets us voice our opinions without criticizing us. I enjoyed my junior year English class very much.” Finally, a third student wrote, “He knows how to teach. He helped me learn to become a better reader and writer. He is the best teacher at VVHS.”

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Teacher nominations may be submitted in the form of 500 words-or-less essays to www.KATCOUNTRY1007.com, www.Y102FM.com, www.TheFox106.com, www.Talk960.com, or www.vvc.edu, or www.vvc.edu. 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.