

Krystal Elementary Sixth Grade Teacher Honored by Teachers R Heroes

Substantiation, when it happens, is sometimes difficult to recognize. It may come up in a conversation, or in the approval of one's peers, or vicariously in the accomplishment of a person one has mentored. For school teachers, the focus can, at times, be blurred, but not for the wonderful people who receive a surprise presentation by Teachers R Heroes. This month, the Teachers R Heroes committee experienced the joy of substantiation once again when they honored the newest recipient *Stephanie Owens*, sixth grade teacher at Krystal Elementary in the Hesperia School District.

The first nominator wrote, "*Stephanie Owens is a hero, because she is very dedicated to teaching her students. She knows how to make learning fun by having her students do many different projects to really understand what they are learning. She also knows how to get the students interested in reading which is very important! Mrs. Owens really cares about the student's future and is really preparing them for Jr. High. She is amazing.*"

In a second nomination a mother of one of her students wrote, "*Mrs. Owens is a hero because she relates wonderfully with her students and motivates them to do their best. My son previously read as needed to meet his homework requirements. Mrs. Owens found a way to spark his interest in different novel series and now he not only reads book after book, but he enjoys them so much he fills me in on all the details and wants me to read them as well. He's much more involved in his school work and the attitude and effort that he puts into it. I know Mrs. Owens will be a teacher that my son will always remember.*"

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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