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Model United Nations Coach and VVC Faculty Member Honored by “Teachers R Heroes”

Victor Valley College instructor, Dino Bozonelos couldn’t hold back the smiles when members of his award winning Model United Nations team joined him at the lectern to assist him in receiving gifts and plaques as this year’s final Teachers R Heroes honoree. The ceremony was held in the College’s board room prior to the monthly Board of Trustees meeting. Board members and assembled administrators, staff and the public all rose in a standing ovation for this instructor who has brought distinction and praise to the college for his leadership and training capabilities on behalf of students.

According to the many letters received by the selection committee, students and the public agree that Professor Bozonelos’ style of teaching and his preparation of students to achieve leadership roles in the community and nation are the principal reasons they think he deserves the award.

As an example, one of the nominators wrote, “This teacher goes above and beyond any other instructors I have encountered. He helps out with your problems and gives each student valuable advice about what education has in store and how to attain it. He is unlike any other teacher I have had. You can tell that he genuinely cares about his students well being and education. He listens to us and would go out on a limb to help. He has given me great advice and inspiration. I know that all of his other students feel the same way.” Another student wrote. “He is a mentor and a hero who exemplifies through his own actions what success is and what efforts are required to be recognized as the best. For the past 5 to 6 years, the Model United Nations Team at Victor Valley College has been recognized as one of the finest in the United States, finishing in the top 2% each year. The students dedicate themselves for months to their research, learning parliamentary procedure and protocol and honing their public speaking and presentation skills. The common thread each year is the intensive and detailed instruction and guidance provided by this individual. He is my personal hero.
The “Teachers are Heroes” program is sponsored by Victor Valley College and Eldorado Broadcasting. School participation is coordinated through San Bernardino County Schools. Participating businesses and agencies include Wal-Mart, Little Caesars Pizza, Red Robin Restaurants, Reed Foods, Taco Chon, Victorville Speed Wash, High Deseret Therapeutic, Seattle’s Best, Ultra Star Theaters, Horace Mann Insurance, First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt and the Daily Press.

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.