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### **2011-2012 Teachers R Heroes Recipients Honored at Year End Banquet**

**Victorville, May25, 2012...** Nine of the Victor Valley's top educators were honored May 24 for their creativity, dedication, and concern for students at the Teachers "R" Heroes banquet at Mama Carpino's Italian Restaurant in Apple Valley.

Established in 2007 by Victor Valley College, the program recognizes exemplary teachers each month from September through May. Nominations are received from parents, peers, administrators, and community members.

Teachers honored during the 2011-2012 academic year include: **Tina Simmons**, Hollyvale Elementary School, Victorville; **Diana Tabet**, Harold George Visual and Performing Arts Magnet & Middle School, Adelanto; **Dr. Thomas Miller**, Professor of Music, Victor Valley College; **Pamela Van Oosbree**, West Palm Conservatory, Victorville; **Steve Dinise**, Lomitas Career Academy, Victorville; **Barbara Cirincione**, Rancho Verde Elementary School, Apple Valley; **Connie Rojas**, Riverside Prep Elementary School, Oro Grande; **Tina Simmons**, Hollyvale Elementary School; **Diana Marler**, Goodwill Education Center, Victorville, and **Renee McAnulty**, Cottonwood Elementary School, Hesperia.

"Teachers are Heroes" is sponsored by Victor Valley College and E l Dorado Broadcasters. Winners receive a plaque and a basket filled with gifts and gift cards, as well as pizza party for their class. Participating businesses and agencies include Little Caesars Pizza, La Casita Restaurant, Vitelli's Deli, Reed Foods, Victorville Speed Wash, Ultra Star Theaters, Horace Mann-Robert Stepanian, San Bernardino County First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt and the Daily Press.