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PRESS RELEASE

Sixth Grade Lomitas Elementary School Teacher honored by Teachers R Heroes

Victorville, February 1, 2012... In an early morning assemble, a wide eyed and spirited group of students assembled to learn that one of their teachers had been selected to receive the Teachers R Heroes honor. When the name Steve Dinise was announced, a loud cheer followed his walk to the stage. He was so surprised by his selection that he had trouble collecting his thoughts before speaking to the students. When he overcame the surprise, Mr. Dinise spoke of his love of the profession and his commitment to his students.

The nomination that was filed on Mr. Dinise's behalf was written by one of his former students and it read as follows: "Mr. Dinise is an amazing individual. Shaping the minds of young 6th grade knuckleheads was no easy task. Yet, I sit here in college and still see him as one of my biggest role models. Mr. Dinise made sure that he instilled responsibility, trust, and love for fellow man in us. Looking back and seeing how my life has played out, I see that the things he taught me and my classmates have served us well throughout life. Mr. Dinise can be referred to as one of my personal heroes for showing me how I wanted to live my life and what kind of man I wanted to be in the future. I'm positive he inspired many of us in different ways. I remember when one of my classmates passed away before 7th grade; Mr. Dinise spoke at the funeral. The words he said showed me that he genuinely cared, not only for me, but for all people. He fostered all kinds of projects in class that helped us learn how business works and then let us run our own in class. People, like Mr. Dinise, demonstrate to others there is always hope no matter how hard it may get.

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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. 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.