

Victor Valley College Press Release

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Victor Elementary School Teacher Honored



Melissa Miller, fifth grade teacher at the Galileo Academy was honored by the “Teachers are Heroes” program for her outstanding work with students in the Victor Valley.

An essay, submitted by J’Amy Pacheco a student in her class, began with a statement that identified Mrs. Miller as a person that teaches her students to be responsible students who care about the community and the environment. The essay went on to point out that everyone in her class has volunteered to do community service.

Miss Pacheco wrote, “Last summer my teacher spent her own money to do community service in the Galapagos Islands which is a very poor place. She is going back next summer and bringing more teachers with her.”

We have to work very hard, but she is fair and kind and understanding. She gives us chances to do things that many kids don’t get to do like teaching kindergartners to read and designing our own playground.

She is very healthy and a vegetarian and she has us exercise every single day unless the track is flooded. That is very good for kids. A few weeks ago she climbed to the top of the Kelso Dunes which is like 60 stories high. Some of us (like me) didn’t make it all the way up but she set a good example and made me want to try again.

When I had to go on the radio for my community service project she came with me even though she was almost as scared as I was. She is an awesome teacher and a wonderful human being and I hope you pick her!!!

The “Teachers are Heroes” program is sponsored by San Bernardino County Schools, Clear Channel Radio, Desert Community Bank, and the college.

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