CCSD teacher receives “Math Hero” award and wins $2,500 grant for classroom

Only 25 teachers across the country were selected to receive this honor

LAS VEGAS – One Clark County School District teacher was recently recognized as a “Math Hero” by the Raytheon Company, during a nationwide competition that honors excellence in math and science in the classroom. Brandon Lawrence, math teacher at Hyde Park Middle School, was the only teacher in Nevada to receive this award. Lawrence has been the advisor and coach for Hyde Park’s MathCounts team for 12 years and the Nevada state team for seven years.

Through this national honor, Lawrence received a $2,500 award and a matching grant for Hyde Park Middle School.

“Our students really enjoy competitive math games, but it is all in good fun,” said Lawrence. “Last year our MathCounts club participated in a math competition called Math Madness, which allowed students to compete against middle and high schools from all over the county online and in real-time.”

Under Lawrence’s leadership, the Nevada state team was named Most Improved Team in the country at the National MathCounts Competitions in 2014 and 2015.

“This recognition of Mr. Lawrence is well-deserved and a great example of the hard-working teachers we have all around the district,” said Anna Belknap, principal at Hyde Park Middle School. “Mr. Lawrence always goes above and beyond to help students master the math curriculum, while providing challenging tasks so students can demonstrate their knowledge in and out of the classroom.”

To read more about the national Raytheon Company competition, click here.

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