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## **Eagle Valley High School's Jennifer Wright Named 9Teachers Who Care Award Winner for May**

**Gypsum, CO** – 9NEWS and CollegeInvest are pleased to honor Jennifer Wright, an English teacher at Eagle Valley High School, with the May 9Teachers Who Care award.

Wright wears many hats at Eagle Valley High School. Wright is the cheerleading coach, plans prom and after-prom, sponsors international spring break trips, is a mentor and teaches night classes and ACT classes.

Several faculty members and students at Eagle Valley High School nominated Wright for the 9Teachers Who Care award. "She's a cheer coach and an English teacher. She's in charge of prom every year, takes students to Europe, and she still finds time to be an inspiration," writes Summer Forsyth in a letter from the Eagle Valley student body. "If I had to pick one person who has made a positive impact on my life and work ethic it would be Ms. Wright."

According to Susan Scott, one of Wright's colleagues, Wright has made a tremendous impact on the school. "Jennifer teaches English beyond the classroom walls. Magic is happening within her classroom. She motivates her students like no other. Her enthusiasm is contagious," Scott wrote.

Wright cares so much for the students of Eagle Valley she takes it upon herself to look after the students outside of the classroom. "Last year, Jen was concerned that our students would make poor choices after the prom. She took sole responsibility to organize and bring an after-prom program to our high school. Students went from the dance to the school where they stayed until 6 a.m. The night was filled with so many activities that you can still hear the positive energy of stories this year," wrote Mark Strakbein, principal at Eagle Valley High School.

Activities director Dave Scott sums up Wright, "You can search the state and won't find a better applicant for your award than Jen Wright. She is a young woman that has made a difference in every corner of our school. She is a fantastic teacher and coach. She encourages students to do their best in and out of the classroom."

The 9Teachers Who Care award was created by 9NEWS and CollegeInvest in 2001 to recognize and profile educators who are making a difference. The program was designed to highlight the positive stories and outcomes that are happening in Colorado classrooms every day.

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Anyone can nominate a teacher for the 9Teachers Who Care award. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Education Page or the Community Page on [9news.com](http://9news.com) or requested by calling 303-871-1899.

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