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## **Ponderosa High School's Kim Moore Named 9Teachers Who Care Award Winner for November**

**Parker, CO** – 9NEWS and CollegeInvest, Colorado's higher education financing resource, are pleased to honor Kim Moore, a theatre teacher at Parker's Ponderosa High School, with the November 9Teachers Who Care award.

According to current students, former students, colleagues and parents, Moore brings out the best in her students. Moore's passionate approach to theatre has attracted so many students during her time at Ponderosa that she has grown the program by leaps and bounds.

Moore was nominated by Ponderosa parent, Paulette Pecknold. Four of Pecknold's children have been Moore's theatre students. "Kim's investment in her students and lifelong experience with the theatre world have made Ponderosa High School Theatre an icon of talent and excellence in the fine art of classical and musical theatre," wrote Pecknold.

Moore teaches in a way that reaches across a broad spectrum of students, allowing each student to understand and embrace theatre. "Her classes are general, teaching the fundamentals of acting and performing, but also wonderfully personal. She works very carefully with each student, helping select material for them to perform based on their interests and individual style," wrote former student Peter Kimball.

Eugene W. Kelly, assistant principal at Ponderosa, sums up Moore's excellence in education as follows: "Kim is a 9Teacher Who Cares because she is passionate about her work and she loves and cares about her students. She challenges these students but supports them. She makes them grow both personally and professionally. I can think of no better example of a teacher who fits your criteria."

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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