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## Options High School's Maureen White Named 9Teachers Who Care Award Winner for September

**Littleton, CO** – 9NEWS and CollegeInvest, Colorado's higher education financing resource, are pleased to honor Maureen White, a consumer and family sciences teacher at Options High School, with the September 9Teachers Who Care award.

Colleagues describe White as extremely creative and tireless in her work at Options. She teaches independent living, adult issues, culinary sciences and teen parenting classes, but her work does not end there. White also runs the Options nursery and is the faculty sponsor of the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) group at Options.

White was nominated by Kerry Nixon, the school/business liaison at Options. Nixon wrote, "Maureen is an energetic, creative, extremely hard working woman. She is a person that you will be proud to have represent this award. I highly recommend Maureen White for the 9Teachers Who Care Award."

White's work with teen parents draws a lot of praise from students and colleagues alike. "I think Maureen has helped many teen moms through countless struggles and I know we are all so grateful for her," wrote student Julieanna Gazotti. "I know Maureen has touched many lives and I think she will keep helping students well beyond my graduation year."

White's work has made a great impact on the school, Options Principal Brian Hensman wrote. "Maureen's work at Options is excellent in every respect. She is creative, innovative and imaginative. She approaches her career with enthusiasm and, above all, skill. Overall, I view Maureen White as an exceptional educator and a real asset to Options and Littleton Public Schools," Hensman wrote.

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 or requested by calling 303-871-1899.

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