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**Silver Creek High School Counselor Honored by Colorado's CollegeInvest**  
*Michael Sardinia named January Counselor of the Month*

LONGMONT– CollegeInvest, in partnership with the Colorado Council on High School/College Relations, is proud to honor Michael Sardinia of Silver Creek High School as January's Counselor of the Month.

"High school counselors are unsung heroes, encouraging students to dream and accomplish their goals," said Misti Ruthven of CollegeInvest, Colorado's higher education financing resource. "Counselors should be recognized as champions for students to go on to bigger and better things and to follow their dreams."

The Counselor of the Month program is designed to give counselors the recognition for the services they provide. CollegeInvest is a not-for-profit division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education.

Sardinia was nominated by Eric Ottem, assistant principal at Silver Creek. Ottem speaks highly of Sardinia's commitment to his students and to the overall achievement of Silver Creek High School.

"Michael brings tremendous patience and experience to a job where he is asked to be everything to everyone," Ottem writes.

Sardinia serves as a department leader, helping to bring professional development opportunities to his colleagues, all the while working with students to develop their schedules, apply for college and earn scholarships.

His dedication to his students is not confined to their academic achievement, but also extends to their extracurricular activities. Sardinia sits on numerous committees, runs school programs, and shows up to as many after school activities as he can to demonstrate his support to students.

To nominate a high school counselor for a future counselor of the month award, visit [www.collegeinvest.org/mycounselor](http://www.collegeinvest.org/mycounselor).

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