

PRESS RELEASE: North County Catholic School Teacher Honored as NBC 7 San Diego Inspirational Teacher of the Month

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**Vista, Calif.** (March 1, 2019) – Jennifer Segura, a middle school language arts teacher at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School in Vista, Calif., is the first middle school teacher in the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego to be named Inspirational Teacher of the Month by NBC San Diego news station.

Samantha Womack of the San Diego Office of Education presented Segura with the award in her classroom. “Ms. Segura is inspirational, kind, she’s a mentor and a leader,” Womack said. “And I’m excited to honor her as the February 2019 Inspirational Teacher of the Month.”

About a dozen teachers are nominated every month, according to Music Watson, APR, Chief Communications Officer, San Diego County Office of Education. Nominations for the honor are received from students, parents, school staff, and community members, then the SDCOE staff chooses the recipient.

“An inspirational teacher is a dedicated educator who brings their energy, enthusiasm and creativity to the classroom every day,” said Music Watson, APR, Chief Communications Officer, San Diego County Office of Education. “The inspirational teacher faces challenges with ingenuity and is constantly evolving their practices to adapt to the student’s educational needs. They are held in high esteem by their peers and students, and set an inspiring example through their community service. An inspirational teacher truly makes a difference in San Diego.”

Segura was nominated by Ryan Segura, her son, who was there to help present the award. “No other teacher works as hard as she does,” Ryan said. “She always goes out of her way to make learning easier for students.”

As part of the recognition, NBC San Diego reporter Rory Devine was on hand with her camera crew to capture the surprise award. NBC San Diego aired the segment February 28, and it can be viewed on the news channel’s website at

<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/on-air/community/Inspirational-Teacher-of-the-Month.html>.

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