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## **Heritage Oak Has Their Very Own Hero**

Congratulations to Tom Healey, our Middle School Director, for being selected as one of the 10 Heroes in Orange County by OC Family Magazine.

In the January 2006 issue, OC Family Magazine has compiled its first Orange County heroes list. A common thread is that several are teachers, either in the true sense that they work out of the classroom, or in the broader definition in that they are leaders who happen to teach.

Mr Healey was selected for following his calling and leaving the corporate world to pursue his dream of working with children. His ability to believe in children despite resistance and mistakes that they may make along the way is truly appreciated by all our Heritage Oak children - as well as their parents.

As noted in the article, a former student wrote: "I want you to know that I thank you for taking all of my nonsense and for believing in me and giving me so many chances. You don't understand how much that means to me."

To read Mr Healey's complete write-up as well as all 10 heroes, you may stop by the front office for a copy of OC Family Magazine.

Heritage Oak is a traditional school appealing to parents who are seeing a proven curriculum and a safe, nurturing environment. Community awareness, academic achievement, and family values are just part of a program that focuses on the development of the whole child.

The U.S. Department of Education bestowed its highest honor upon Heritage Oak when it awarded the school the 1998-1999 "Blue Ribbon" award. The "Blue Ribbon", our Nations most prestigious education award, distinguishes Heritage Oak for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.