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CHS Teacher Earns Golden Apple Award

NBC 10 and RIDE presented the award to Coventry High School social studies teacher Brad Pingley on Thursday.

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(L-R) NBC10's Patrice Wood, Brad Pingley, Education Commissioner Deborah Gist at CHS Jan. 9, 2014. Credit: Brooke Macomber

Coventry High School social studies teacher Brad Pingley was surprised Thursday when Education Commissioner Deborah Gist and NBC10's Patrice Wood paid a visit to present him with the Golden Apple Award.

The award, sponsored by WJAR 10 and the RI Department of Education, honors those who believe in the true spirit of teaching by making classrooms a creative and safe place to learn.

Pingley was nominated for the award for his efforts founding and advising the school's non-profit anti-bullying group, "N³", short for "Not Here, Not Now, Not Ever!", that focuses on tolerance, acceptance and diversity awareness.



The N³ mission statement is to spread this awareness about bullying, harassment, hate speak and discrimination throughout schools, the workplace and on-line to both "non-conforming" groups and those who are targeted by chance.

CHS' N³ organization is now in its third year and continues to see an increase in participation as more students become inspired by the group's message and want to be part of it.

Pingley's Golden Apple Award segment will air on NBC10 at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16.