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## PRESS Release

### Local Teacher of the Year, Dustin Rees, Receives Accolades

Uinta County School District #4 teacher, Dustin Rees, received the district Teacher of the Year award for 2015, according to Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill. Rees, a teacher for 12 years, serves as the high school American government teacher.

“My educational philosophy is based on a belief that active engagement in all realms of education is necessary for educational success,” comments Rees. “It is my responsibility to actively engage my students in the learning process, to create a positive learning environment, and model appropriate behaviors. I can accomplish this by building strong relationships and rapport with my students.”

Rees, who will receive a crystal apple award from the Wyoming Department of Education, says, “Teachers are role models, often times the only role model that exists in a young child or young adult’s life. I cannot expect a respectful classroom if I do not show respect to those I work with. Teachers’ presence and influence stretch into the community where our actions can be on display for all to witness.”