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Cram Middle School assistant principal wins state honor
Derek Fialkiewicz in the running for national Assistant Principal of the Year award

LAS VEGAS – The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has selected Derek Fialkiewicz of Brian and Teri Cram Middle School as the Nevada Assistant Principal of the Year. According to the NASSP, the National Assistant Principal of the Year program annually recognizes outstanding middle level and high school assistant principals who have succeeded in providing high quality learning opportunities for students.

Each state selects one assistant principal to represent the state at the National Principals Conference in July. Cram Middle School Principal Gary Bugash nominated Fialkiewicz for the honor.

"I know how much he deserves it due to the amount of hours he puts in to make our school a great place to work at and learn in," Bugash said. "His award tells me that we promote excellence as far as getting our staff involved with professional development, and that we promote good instructional strategies."

Bugash highlighted some of Fialkiewicz's hard work in the nomination, which includes running Parent University, a math tutorial service for parents to learn directly from their children's math teacher. Fialkiewicz has been Cram Middle School's assistant principal for five years. He will be traveling to Philadelphia to accept his award.

"It's still a bit overwhelming. I've had the good luck of being put in situations where my principal has allowed me the freedom to build programs at the school which have helped student learning and student growth, as well as let the community be more involved in the campus" Fialkiewicz said. "This award shows what can happen when you're surrounded by a team that allows you to shine."

"From the state winners, three finalists are named as contenders for the National Assistant Principal of the Year award.

To learn more about the NASSP Assistant Principal of the Year award, click [here](#).

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Derek Fialkiewicz, Brian and Teri Cram Middle School assistant principal