

Alta High School Teacher Richard “Rique” Ochoa Wins the Golden Apple Award

***Christensen Law Firm Gives \$100 OfficeMax Gift Card
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January 18, 2012, Draper, UT – The **School Supplies Gift Program**, a program sponsored by the Utah-based **Christensen Law Firm, PLLC**, is pleased to announce that **Mr. Rique Ochoa**, an A.P. teacher at Alta High School in Sandy, UT, is this week’s recipient of the **Golden Apple Award**.

Mr. Ochoa is an inspiring teacher who is extremely passionate about his students’ success. At one time he worked in a business career and eventually realized that being a teacher was perhaps the vocation intended for him, at which point he switched careers in order to have a greater impact on the lives of children. Now his drive each day is to strive to change his students’ lives for the better. Mr. Ochoa especially loves working with high school students because he believes he can make more of a difference with this age group.

The basics of the U.S. government ‘stem from the constitution’ and Mr. Ochoa interactively teaches his students this concept. His favorite class to teach is the AP U.S. Government class in which he teaches primarily *The Constitution* as a ‘living document’ and uses current events as a teaching aide. His other class, AP U.S. History, is more of a teamed instruction with a lectured format. In both classes he encourages the students to think and ask questions. Mr. Ochoa influences a body of 230 students every day that consists mainly of highly-motivated, college-bound teens.

Alta High school provides all state required materials for the curriculum; however, Mr. Ochoa pays a minimum of \$500 out of his own pocket for the materials he believes will benefit the students and make his classroom his own. An example of such an expense is visual aids for his classroom, which he believes enhance “students’ ability to remember and utilize what they learn.” We trust that Mr. Ochoa will put his gift money to good use as he works towards his ultimate goal of bettering the lives of the many that pass through his door.

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About the School Supplies Gift Program

Ken Christensen and Russ Hymas, owners of the Christensen Law Firm, recently started the School Supplies Gift Program to help public school teachers get extra classroom supplies without having to spend their own money. Each week the program gives the Golden Apple Award, a \$100 OfficeMax gift card, to a deserving Utah Public school teacher and his/her class. Anyone can nominate a teacher for this program, including teachers, students, parents and administrators. To learn more about the program and nominate a teacher, click [here](#).