

Green juggles responsibilities



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Raymond Green, foreground, with one of his leadership classes at Greenfield High School on Nov. 22.

He's a teacher, coach, leadership adviser at Greenfield High

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For the past six years, Raymond Green has helped cultivate leaders among Greenfield High School's student body.

Green was the school's baseball coach when it opened six years ago and was also offered the job of the student leadership adviser, overseeing the Associated Student Body. He gladly accepted, he said, but couldn't have foreseen all the responsibilities the new job entailed.

While also teaching three classes of civics and coaching

varsity baseball, Green is responsible for organizing pep rallies, lunchtime and after-school events, as well as helping manage high school sports events.

During his very first week of classes, he didn't know he was in charge of planning the school's first rally, Green said. With just 24 hours left, he worked with his students to hold an event to keep hundreds of students entertained for nearly an hour.

At that point, Green said, he knew he had taken on a lot more than he had anticipated. But looking back now, he said, he would have made the decision to take the job no matter what.

"It's a very rewarding position, because you get a lot of students who commit themselves on top of their very busy schedules," Green said. His two classes of student

government, with about 70 students total, is central, he said, to helping build a sense of community at the school and to encouraging his students to think about college and life outside of Greenfield.

"Life doesn't end after high school," Green said.

Originally from Greenfield, Green now lives in King City. He said he takes a lot of pride in his school and job and has learned over the years to place more trust and responsibility in his ASB students.

For his students, Green said, the leadership classes provide an opportunity to practice public speaking, learn their basic rights as students and serve as role models for the rest of the student body.

"(The students) want to be involved with all the aspects in school," he said. "It's the leadership that makes those decisions."

RAYMOND GREEN

■ **AGE:** 32

■ **YOUTH INVOLVEMENT:** Student government adviser at Greenfield High School.

■ **WORK:** Teacher at Greenfield High School.

■ **EDUCATION:** Received an Associate of Arts degree from Hartnell College and Bachelor of Arts and teaching credential from Chapman University.

■ **PERSONAL:** Lives in King City with wife, Miriam Green; daughter, Marley, 3; and son, Nicholas, 6 months.

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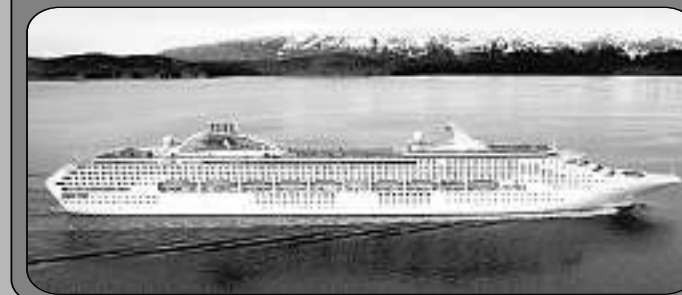
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