



## News Release

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# Cuesta College Honors Student, Good Samaritan

A Cuesta College student and good Samaritan was honored Wednesday for returning the wallet of another student that contained more than \$1,200.

Dr. David Pelham, Cuesta's superintendent/president, presented Jeremy Kantner, 28, of Cambria, a certificate of outstanding citizenship for "actions reflecting his integrity and genuine concern for his fellow citizen."

"Certainly it was the right thing to do," Pelham said. "But so many don't do that, and I wanted to recognize the fact that you did. We appreciate your honesty and your citizenship, and I hope that this will be an example for some other folks."

Kantner's honesty was not unnoticed by Bart Topham, Cuesta's interim director of public safety and campus police, who recommended him for the honor.

"I will say this, being a cynical cop and having seen the other side of the coin," he said during a special recognition ceremony, "I really appreciate this."

Kantner, who is finishing up work on an automotive technology degree, said he was not looking for recognition when he found a wallet in the college's No. 3 parking lot just before 6 p.m. on April 7 and returned it to campus police.

Campus authorities located the owner within a couple of hours, verified his identification, and returned the wallet. Attempts to reach the 23-year-old San Luis Obispo resident — who is also a Cuesta student — were unsuccessful. Kantner said he did not receive a reward.

"I've told co-workers about it," said Kantner, who works part time as an emergency medical technician at Cambria Ambulance Service. "Everybody has lost their wallet. There's always a story that follows that so, you know, it just was the right thing. Anybody you talk to who knows me knows that I try to do the right thing. I don't always succeed, but I try."

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