

'Beyond the Medal' National Distribution Kicks Off at East

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You could hear a pin drop in Ray LeMasters International Baccalaureate class as guest of honor Pete Lemon, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient shared the heroics of Pueblo's four Medal of Honor recipients. Lemon, who now resides in Colorado Springs and was decorated for his own heroism in Vietnam is co-producer of 'Beyond the Medal' the Pueblo produced documentary that has recently aired nationally on PBS relating the exploits the Home of Heroes real life heroes Drew Dix, Bill Crawford, Jerry Murphy and Carl Sitter. Lemon was joined by Brad Padula, producer and owner of Capture It Productions of Pueblo. The two were at East High School to kick off the national distribution of the documentary (a five cd series) to over 17,000 public and private high schools across the nation. A grant from the H. Ross Perot Foundation is making the donation of the series possible to each high school. Padula, in making the presentation to East principal Alan Nelms, noted that he was a proud graduate of East High School. He commented that the positive educational experience he received at East helped provide him with the foundation that has contributed to his successes in life. He did quip however that at the time at East as a student, he probably would have not been able to spell 'baccalaureate' and that nobody should ask him to spell it now. The news media worked the class to get interviews with Padula, Lemon, LeMasters (a former Marine), Nelms and many students. It was a terrific experience for the East IB class to be part of such a great event. Thanks Brad and Pete for your contributions to not only East and District 60 high schools but in enabling all high school students around the country to honor these brave Puebloans!