



# AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

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## FEBRUARY 2024 RECIPIENTS

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Media Release



### Capri Casper

5th Grade, Greenacres Elementary School  
*Nominated by:*  
Mrs. Aubrey Eldredge



### Aubrey Davis

10th Grade, Century High School  
*Nominated by:*  
Mrs. Jamie Burtosky



Media Release



### Brett Barton

4th Grade Teacher  
Wilcox Elementary School  
*Nominated by:*  
Mrs. Campos, Principal

## MARCH 2024 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**C.A.K.E. Award**  
*Learner of the Month*

**Elementary (Pre-K)**  
Roz  
*Nominated by:*  
Mrs. Jordan Proctor

**Secondary**  
Mason Dalton  
*Nominated by:*  
Mrs. Jessica Woodland, Mrs. Cindy Youngstrom and Mr. Scott Eldredge

**P.I.E.S. Award**  
*Employee of the Month*  
Mrs. Darcy Hale  
Assistant Principal  
Franklin Middle School  
*Nominated by:*  
Mr. Michael Helman  
Mrs. Dani Summerill



PCSD 25 believes a safe, supportive, caring, and respectful environment is critical to student learning. The School District 25 Education Foundation, in partnership with McDonald's, supports the Learner-of-the-Month award to recognize one elementary learner and one secondary learner from our district, from October through May. The C.A.K.E. Award celebrates positive character, attitude, kindness, and encouragement toward others. Nominations for the C.A.K.E. Award are submitted by a teacher who has observed the nominee's behavior and are approved by the school's principal.

C.A.K.E. Award recipients receive recognition at the monthly Board of Trustees regular meeting; a gift card for the recipient and their teacher, and a \$50 donation to purchase books in the recipient's name, both courtesy of the Johnson Family McDonald's.

### Elementary School Learner-of-the-Month

**Roz**  
Pre-K Learner

Nominated by:  
Mrs. Jordan Proctor

In her nomination letter, Mrs. Proctor wrote, "I would like to nominate Rosalyn for the CAKE award for the joy, positivity, and kindness she shows to her teachers and classmates. Rosalyn is always excited to come to school and eager to interact with her classmates. She greets us all by name and knows when someone is absent; she asks if they will be coming and if they are okay. She is a helper to peers who may need more support and loves to cheer them on when they are successful with difficult tasks. Rosalyn is a great student and an example to me of someone with great character, attitude, unending kindness, and encouragement."

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## Secondary School Learner-of-the-Month

Mason Dalton  
11th Grade, Century High School

Nominated by:  
Mrs. Jessica Woodland, Mrs. Cindy Youngstrom  
and Mr. Scott Eldredge

In her nomination letter, Mrs. Woodland wrote, “When I think of Mason, I think of a happy person. Every time I see Mason he has a big smile on his face. No matter what’s happening in his life, he’s always happy and pleasant. He is such a joy to be around.”

Mrs. Youngstrom wrote, “I would like to nominate Mason Dalton for the CAKE award because of his ongoing positive attitude under extremely difficult conditions. On the heels of his mother’s unexpected passing, Mason’s father began having life threatening medical issues. During the last two years, Mason’s positive attitude and cheery disposition have been inspiring for me to witness. With every hardship, Mason responds with positivity, jumping in to help solve, or at least lighten the family’s burdens. Another valiant virtue Mason demonstrates is his love and loyalty to family. Because of dire circumstances, Mason’s siblings went to live with extended family out of state. However, Mason chose to remain with his dad so he could support him and help him. Mason also cites that he has found comfort in his high school community and didn’t want to leave Century. I smile every time I hear Mason lovingly refer to his father as “The Big Guy” and he is dedicated to serving him every chance he gets. Mason’s attendance and grades have slipped at times because of the home life burdens he bears but he never gives up and he always comes back to being a student in good standing. I could give example after example of why Mason deserves this recognition but instead, I will leave you with a list of the virtues this young man lives every single day. Kindness, Love, Loyalty, Optimism, Patience, Perseverance, Resilience, Sacrifice, Service, Strength, Wisdom. I am honored to watch this young man navigate life’s relentless beat down and always come out of it with a smile on his face!”

Mr. Eldredge wrote, “In my many years as an educator, I have had the pleasure of being around some incredible students. Mason stands out among those incredible students with his infectious, positive attitude. Every day he is in class, he has positively impacted his peers and myself. He faces each challenge life throws at him with optimism. As a teacher, it is my goal to offer hope and inspiration to my students, however, it’s a special occurrence when a student like Mason becomes the source of hope and inspiration. Mason’s ability to spread positivity and joy makes him extremely deserving of this award!



## MARCH 2024 DARCY HALE

Assistant Principal | Franklin Middle School

The Employee-of-the-Month P.I.E.S. award recognizes our employees who Positively Influence Educational Success. The award is for employees who go above and beyond in that effort.

PIES Award recipients receive a \$50 gift card from Lookout Credit Union, our educational partner for this award.

Mrs. Hale was nominated for the PIES Employee of the Month award by Mr. Michael Helman and Mrs. Dani Summerill, both teachers at Franklin Middle School.

In his nomination, Mr. Helman wrote, “Darcy has worked hard to build a community of professional respect for both the learners and faculty. There has been a shift in the building that I believe all of the faculty and students feel and she has helped to establish and cultivate a new culture in the building around the four Franklin foundations: respectful, responsible, safe, and kind. Additionally, she has taken measures to improve the physical building here at FMS: renovated staff room, weight room, and general messages around the building. She has started Wagon Wednesday (now known as the Wagon of Joy). There have been initiatives such as Pineappling (a program where we are able to leave the classroom and observe our co teachers for a period, and you can get continuing ed credit). As a person, she demonstrates genuine interest in our well being as humans inside and outside of the classroom. These things when combined show the deliberate time and energy spent to transform our physical and mental workspace of Franklin Middle School. She is an amazing person to work with and I am proud to be a faculty member at my school.”

Here are just a few notable details Mrs. Summerill included in her nomination: “Since the first day she took office, Darcy has done much to enrich our Franklin Family. Darcy seems to live by “see a need, fill a need.” She incorporated a small “take one leave one” library in the staff room so we could share our favorite books and a “Recipe Binder” so we could add our favorite recipes to share. She remodeled an antiquated weight room into something that is more safe and up to date, making the space an incredible addition to our P.E. and athletic programs. She started a staff book club, which has been a great way to build relationships among co workers and grow intellectually. She procured the funds to sponsor a Yoga night for staff members at a local fitness studio. Personally, this has had a tremendous effect on my own mental and physical health and is one of the highlights of my week. Darcy also employs a very creative and empathetic hand when dealing with students. By starting first with a conversation, I’ve been impressed with how she can get the students to open up and share why they are acting out. It may not always end up with the student changing their behavior, but I’ve never seen her give up on a kid and I think her empathetic approach allows her to build some good relationships with our most at risk students. I am so thankful that Darcy Hale is my assistant principal. She has brought her own brand of light and love into the building and I think we are all better for it.”

Thank you for your contributions to our learners and to our school district.

# Recognitions



## Seven PCSD 25 seniors named as Semifinalists for the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program

With congratulations on this exceptional honor, the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District 25 is pleased to announce that seven local seniors earned recognition as 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists.

### CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL

Josh T. Agres  
Evelyn R. Brittin

### HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Ellie G. Burnside  
Elise L. Wood

### POCATELLO HIGH SCHOOL

Elijah C. Buchanan  
Clare M. Earnest  
Caleb A. Jensen

*Congratulations*

These local seniors join more than 16,000 Semifinalists named in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.



# Thank you.

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