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Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Tom Hering, Director of Information Technology, DOB-Annex, because of the following:

*Through the federal E-Rate program, GFPS was able to purchase and install its own fiber optic network. The process of lighting the fiber up and configuring the network is a very complicated and overwhelming process. Chris Mee was the lead in preparing, planning, configuring and executing the necessary steps to make the fiber network operational. His persistence to accomplish this feat within a specific deadline is greatly appreciated by not only me, but all who use our network for operations and instruction. In addition, I would like to thank the Tech staff who worked with Chris to coordinate and light up each school and building. At first there was a little trial and error, but once the process was established, it went very quickly and smoothly. The last school went live on December 30 at approximately 2 pm. I would like to thank this team for working through a very challenging project that had huge implications if it was not successful. This team embraced the challenge head on and amazed me with their can do the attitude, drive, and dedication. Thank you for all you do. GFPS is lucky to have this hard-working and dedicated team.*



**CHRIS MEE**  
Data Center Lead  
DOB - Annex



**PATRICK DOUGLAS**  
Lead Technology Technician  
Little Russell



**DAVE MYLES**  
Technology Core Technician  
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**MIKE WARD**  
Technology Core Technician  
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**ORIE FISCHER**  
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**LAYNE SUNDLY**  
Technology Support Technician  
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**RYAN KYLE**  
Technology Support Technician  
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**JORDON FALKENHAGEN**  
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**KIM KRATTIGER**  
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**CHRIS DISALVATORE**  
Technology Core Technician  
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**JAKE BILY**  
Technology Support Technician  
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## **BRITTANY BLOWER**

*Administrative Assistant  
Chief Joseph Elementary School*



Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Brian Miller, Principal, Chief Joseph Elementary, because of the following:

*Two weeks ago, Brittany has stepped into a new role as Administrative Assistant. She has had to learn a tremendous amount - instantly - and she has done so with kindness, joy, and competency. We are fortunate to have her here at Chief Joseph and are thankful for her willingness to step into a difficult situation. Thank you, Brittany! Keep doing GREAT things!*

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Jana Mora, Instructional and Technology Integration Coach, Great Falls High School, because of the following:

*We are so excited that Profe Zepeda has joined our Bison Family! Not only are his students "practically fluent" in Spanish, they are pretty good singers! During the month of December, he and his students hosted "Parrandas" around the school where they surprised other classes with music and song! He is also a valuable asset to our staff - at the end of the quarter staff PD, he shared some of his active engagement strategies, and by the end of the lesson we were introducing ourselves to one another in Spanish! Profe's energy and enthusiasm are contagious, and we are lucky to have him!*

## **HAENDEL ZEPEDA**

*Spanish Teacher  
Great Falls High School*





## **HILLARY PULASKI**

*Attendance Secretary  
Paris Gibson Education Center*

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Nancy McGonigal, English Teacher, Paris Education Center, because of the following:

*Hillary Pulaski works at Paris Gibson as an attendance aide, but she is SOOO much more to students and staff here. Hillary brings an energy and lightness to every day and just like many of the teachers in our building, she mentors a small group of students as they pursue their high school graduation. Hillary attended Paris Gibson back when it was located at Skyline, and she is able to share her own personal journey of success and overcoming trauma with many students. Hillary is adept at building relationships with all students, she is positive and helpful, and she is an amazing asset for Paris Gibson and the entire Great Falls Public School District.*

## **CARLA ARNOTT**

*Social Studies Teacher  
East Middle School*

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Sabrina Scott, 6th Grade Teacher, Lewis & Clark Elementary School, because of the following:

*Carla has made 7th Grade Volleyball a fun and memorable experience. She holds the girls accountable for their actions and makes them better human beings, not to mention... great volleyball players!! Thank you Carla!!*