



# AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

April 16, 2024

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Media Release



### Roz

Pre K

*Nominated by:*  
Jordon Proctor



### Mason Dalton

10th Grade, Century  
High School

*Nominated by:* Jessica  
Woodland, Cindy  
Youngstrom, and Scott  
Eldredge



Media Release



### Darcy Hale

Assistant Principal and  
Athletic Director  
Franklin Middle School

*Nominated by:*  
Michael Helman,  
Dani Summerill, and  
Stephanie Iverson

## APRIL 2024 ANNOUNCEMENTS

### C.A.K.E. Award

*Learner of the Month*

### Elementary

Aspen Dueling, 5th Grade,  
Chubbuck Elementary  
School

*Nominated by:*  
Paige Warfield

### Secondary

Briggs Budge, 7th Grade,  
Alameda Middle School  
*Nominated by:* Mindy Bang

### P.I.E.S. Award

*Employee of the Month*  
Ife Tabakece, Counselor,  
Gate City Elementary  
*Nominated by:* Kallie Lopez



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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

#### Aspen Dueling 5th Grade

Nominated by:  
Paige Warfield

In her nomination letter, Warfield wrote, “The world is cruel, therefore I won’t be.”

“I think of this quote when I think of Aspen. Despite facing her own challenges, Aspen consistently demonstrates empathy and compassion towards her peers. She has put in a lot of effort to help herself AND others grow this school year. These are the kinds of qualities we seek in our student leaders at Chubbuck. A recent instance that comes to mind is Aspen’s action at Lunch Academy, where students stay in during recess to complete unfinished tasks. Though school can be hard for Aspen, she decided to give up her free time to assist a fellow learner. This was not easy, as the learner she was assisting can be challenging to work with. Over a period of 45 minutes, Aspen exhibited admirable patience and encouragement as she guided this learner through multiple assignments. The interaction between the two of them was touching, and I could see how much it meant to the other learner when Aspen was so kind and supportive. When I commented on the interaction, Aspen’s face lit up and she told me, ‘I just really like helping people.’ I hope she maintains this attitude throughout her life. Navigating through school can be challenging, and life can present unforeseen obstacles. However, kindness costs nothing but means everything. Our school is lucky to have a compassionate learner like Aspen.”





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### Secondary School Learner-of-the-Month

#### Briggs Budge

7th Grade, Alameda Middle School

Nominated by:  
Mindy Bang

In her nomination letter, Bang wrote, “Briggs Budge is a very kind and caring person. He always has a smile on his face and he is willing to help everyone around him. He works hard in class and he encourages others to do the same. This trimester in our Career Explorations class, he sits by another student who transferred to Alameda during the second trimester. This student is an English Language Learner and speaks only a little English. Briggs has made friends with him through his kindness, smile, and some creative translating. He regularly takes time to help this other student understand the assignment and then helps him finish it. Briggs has done all of this without any asking from me. He has taken the initiative to help the other student feel welcomed and part of their table. I appreciate Briggs’ thoughtfulness and great attitude. He makes teaching joyful.”





## APRIL 2024

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.

### IFE TABAKECE

Counselor, Gate City Elementary School

Nominated by:

Kallie Lopez

Ife Tabakece is a counselor at Gate City Elementary School. He was nominated for the PIES Employee of the Month award by Kallie Lopez. Lopez submitted nominations on two separate occasions.

In her first nomination, Lopez wrote, "Ife is always positive and happy! He supports our students every day by tending to their mental health needs. He also helps our staff with our mental health needs! We all know that Mr. Ife's office is a safe place with no judgment. Students know that they are always welcome to come visit him. He is so uplifting, inspiring, and supportive. He really deserves this award!"

In her second nomination, Lopez wrote, "I was having a problem with a student and asked Ife if he had any creative ideas to help me. He made time in the morning before students came to come check in with me and offered many ideas and support to approach this situation with a student. Mr. Ife came to talk to my class a separate time and was able to incorporate a lesson/chat about the exact issue I was having in class, without making anyone feel bad. He did it flawlessly and I am so thankful and grateful he was able to do that."

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

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# Recognitions

## Six PCSD 25 seniors awarded 2024 Terry Perkins Educational Scholarships

The School District 25 Education Foundation's scholarship selection committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the 6th annual Terry Perkins Educational Scholarship:

### **CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL**

Erika Harnsberger  
Kaybree Ozburn

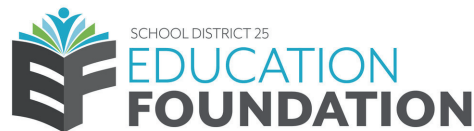
### **HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

Chris Arvas  
Zoe McEwan

### **POCATELLO HIGH SCHOOL**

Evie Bidwell  
Hailey Renzello

*Congratulations*



The \$3,000 renewable scholarship was created in 2018 to help fund recipients' post-high school education at an accredited two-year, four-year, or vocational school. Recipients are eligible to renew the scholarship for an additional year if requirements are met, making the total potential value of the scholarship \$6,000. Recipients may defer the scholarship for up to two (2) years.

In 2018, the School District 25 Education Foundation received a nearly \$1.5 million gift from the Glenn Perkins Family Living Trust. A significant portion of the investment income earned through the endowment is dedicated to supporting the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District 25 debate and music programs at Century, Highland, and Pocatello high schools. Additional earnings are allocated annually toward the establishment of the Terry Perkins Educational Scholarship. The Terry Perkins Educational Scholarship funds two \$3,000 renewable scholarships for eligible learners attending Century, Highland, and Pocatello high schools. In 2022, another scholarship was added to benefit an eligible learner attending New Horizon High School. [Read the full media release.](#)

*Congratulations*



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**Century High School**

**Kaybree Ozburn**



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**Highland High School**

**Zoe McEwen**



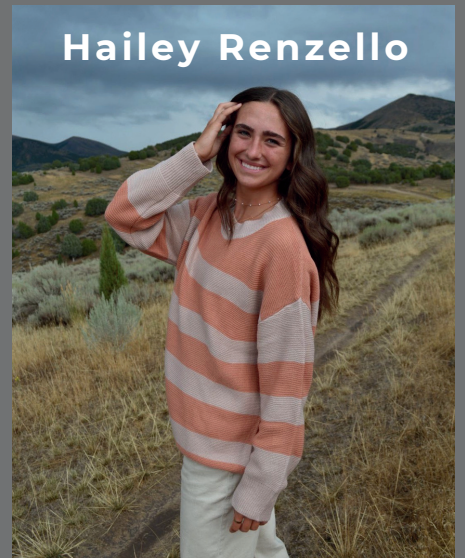
**Highland High School**

**Evie Bidwell**



**Pocatello High School**

**Hailey Renzello**



**Pocatello High School**

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## Pocatello High School Student Council recognized as a 2024 National Gold Council of Excellence

### STUGO ADVISER

Kellie Maughan

### STUGO MEMBERS

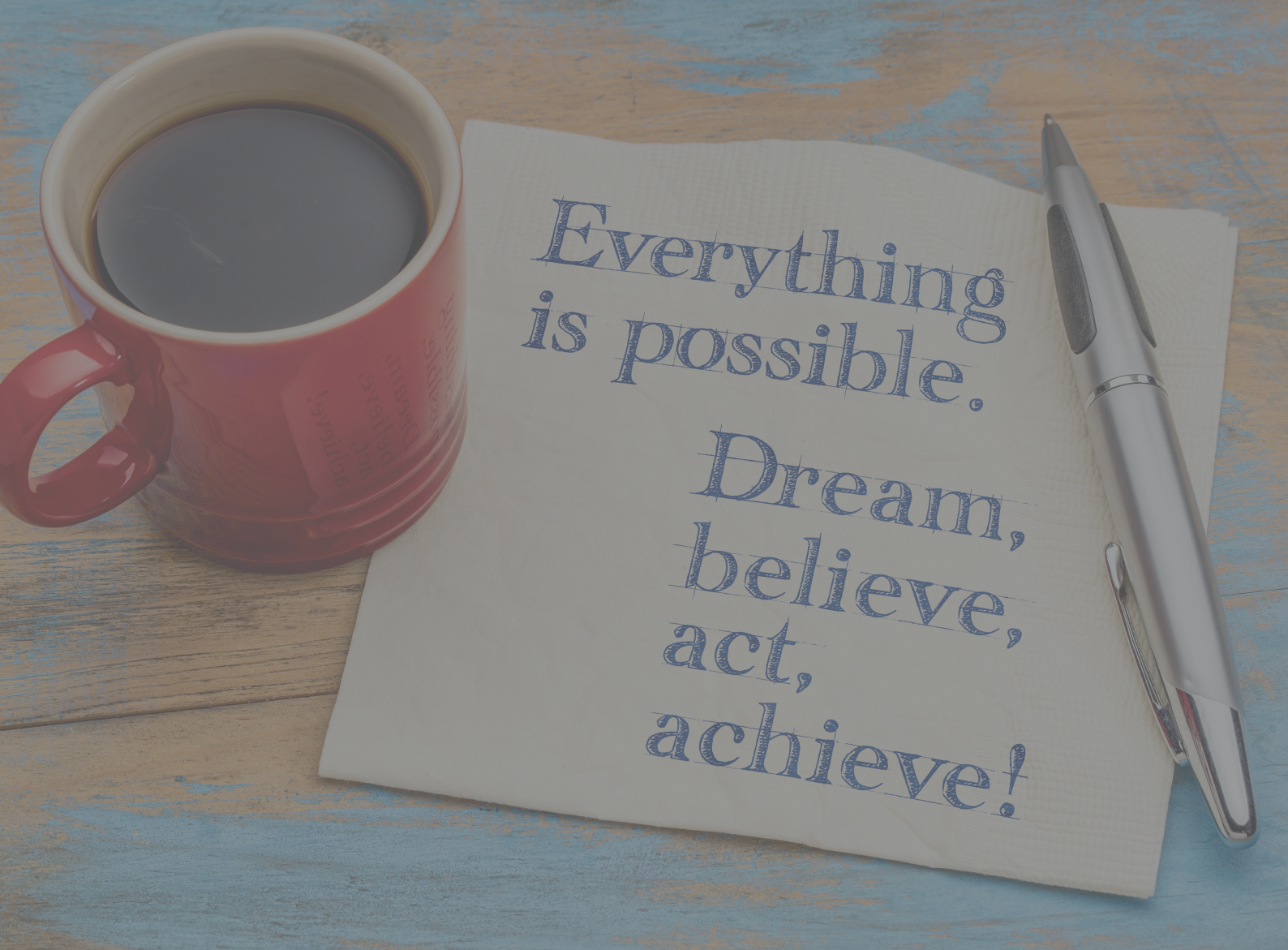
Emma Adams  
Adaya Barrus  
Trinity Barrus  
Evie Bidwell  
Isabella Bosworth  
Baylee Bowers  
Marinn Braack  
Aidan Bryden Lyric  
Chavez-Leach  
Robert Contor  
Peyton Curzon  
Clare Earnest  
Macey Ellet  
Kaylynn Ellsworth  
Taeler Foster  
Luis German  
Karson Jex

Owen Larsen  
Ava Rose Lee  
Andrew McIntosh  
Sarai Olvera  
Danielle Packer  
Logan Peck  
Ava Prueett  
Hayden Roan  
Neila Roan  
Peyton Roan  
Lexus Robinson  
Jada Shultz  
James Stone  
Jackson Taylor  
Willow White  
Katiah Yanez

*Congratulations*

The National Association of Student Councils (NASC) recognized the Pocatello High School Student Council as a 2024 National Gold Council of Excellence! Winning the National Gold Council of Excellence Award is a testament to the highest standards of quality, leadership, innovation, and community engagement that your council consistently demonstrates in its operation, and its projects and activities. In the notification letter, the organization cites how the NASC's National Gold Councils of Excellence are the models of quality for which other student councils nationwide should strive to become.





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