



# AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

October 21, 2025

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**MORE**  
**TOGETHER**

POCATELLO/CHUBBUCK  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 25



Tonight we will recognize several individuals who,  
through their actions, support and embody our  
District's Mission to THINK MORE, LEARN MORE,  
and BE MORE TOGETHER.

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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.

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

#### Keegan Karn 3rd Grade, Jefferson Elementary School

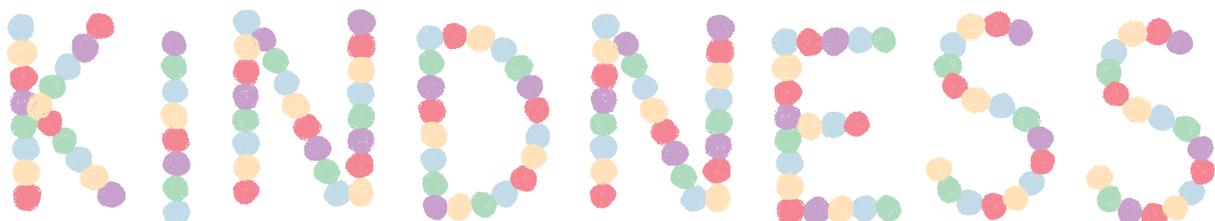
Nominated by:  
Maysa Priestley

Mrs. Priestly wrote in her nomination letter, “It is an absolute joy to recommend Keegan Karn for the C.A.K.E. award. Each day, he brings something truly special to our classroom through his character, attitude, and love of learning.

Keegan has a wonderful sense of creativity that shines through in classwork and discussions. He approaches every new idea with curiosity and excitement, showing a genuine passion for learning. Challenges never discourage Keegan; instead, he meets them with energy and determination, which inspires those around him to do the same.

What stands out most is the way Keegan treats others. He is consistently friendly and kind to everyone, always looking for ways to include others so no one feels left out. His positive outlook makes our classroom a happier, more welcoming place, and he sets an example of encouragement and respect that classmates naturally want to follow.

For all these reasons, I believe Keegan truly embodies what it means to be a C.A.K.E. award nominee. He show us every day how creativity, kindness, and a love of learning can make a difference in our classroom community.”





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## Secondary School Learner-of-the-Month

### October 21 7th grade, Alameda Middle School

Nominated by:  
Lyndsey Matthews &  
Mary Anne McGrory

We are also pleased to recognize Forest Anderson as a recipient of the October CAKE Award.

Forest is a learner who brightens the day of everyone around him. His teacher, Ms. Matthews, shared that Forest is someone she looks forward to seeing each and every day. She has never seen him without a smile. Like a bubbling fountain, his joy and kindness refresh everyone he meets. Forest consistently extends friendship and positivity to his peers, and his genuine character shines through in his honesty and integrity—qualities that are truly remarkable for his age.

Forest's warmth and friendliness are contagious. Ms. Matthews noted that even the most reserved learners can't help but return his smile. He engages in meaningful conversations with both teachers and classmates, though he often doesn't realize just how much his optimism and kindness uplift those around him.

Ms. McGrory described Forest as "every teacher's dream student." He is always ready to lend a hand, offer encouragement, or help a classmate feel included. If there's a quiet student who needs a friend, Forest is the one who will sit beside them, gently drawing them into learning and conversation. His enthusiasm for school is equally impressive—he approaches every lesson with curiosity, excitement, and a love for reading and sharing what he's learned.

Forest's kindness, positive attitude, and genuine care for others make him a shining example of what the CAKE Award represents. He reminds us all that being your best self—and helping others do the same—is the sweetest recipe for success. Congratulations, Forest, and thank you for inspiring kindness and joy in Alameda's school community.



## October 2025

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.

### Heidi Baker

Technology Training Specialist

Nominated by:

Tiffany Lemos, Elissa Novy, Kimberly Thompson, and Carri Thomason

Heidi Baker is recognized as the October PIES Award recipient for her outstanding contributions to student success and her unwavering support for learning across the district. Her colleagues describe her as a dedicated, innovative professional who consistently goes above and beyond to make a difference for learners and staff alike.

Heidi played a vital role in launching the SD25 Online School for secondary learners, investing countless hours last summer to help design and refine course content. Her blend of instructional insight and technical expertise ensured that the online learning experience was engaging, effective, and accessible for all learners.

Known for her creative problem-solving skills, Heidi approaches every challenge with positivity and purpose. Whether she's troubleshooting a technical issue, brainstorming new instructional strategies, or offering a word of encouragement, she is always ready to lend a hand. Her friendly, welcoming attitude has made her a trusted colleague and a go-to person for support.

Heidi's dedication to helping students and educators succeed is evident in everything she does. Her commitment, collaborative spirit, and passion for excellence reflect the very best of the PIES values—Positively Influencing Educational Success.

Through her tireless efforts and genuine care for others, Heidi Baker has made a lasting impact on the SD25 learning community.

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