



AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

February 10, 2026

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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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Elementary School Learner-of-the-Month

Graysen, Wilson **5th Grade, Wilcox Elementary School**

Nominated by:
Chris Richardson

We are proud to recognize Grayson Wilson, a 5th-grade learner at Wilcox Elementary School, as this month's Elementary Learner of the Month. In his nomination, Mr. Chris Richardson described Grayson as "an amazing young man," whose character, authenticity, and positive attitude have made a meaningful impact on those around him.

Mr. Richardson shared that while Grayson has sometimes struggled with social awareness, he has captured the hearts of many of his peers through genuine kindness and honesty. "He doesn't pretend when it comes to real relationships," he wrote, noting a noticeable shift in how classmates now approach and interact with him. Grayson consistently shows kindness to others—especially those who may not always feel connected—and his character has been seen and felt throughout the classroom.

Grayson also brings an outstanding attitude toward learning. Mr. Richardson shared that Grayson genuinely wants to grow and succeed, and when working with others, "he not only wants to succeed—he wants his peers to succeed as well." His enthusiasm is infectious, and "the best part of my day is when he arrives at school waiting to tell me something that makes him happy," Mr. Richardson wrote.

Mr. Richardson reflected on the class novel *Wonder*, noting that while Grayson does not share the same physical differences as the main character, his impact is similar. His personality and character are understood by those who choose to see him for who he truly is—and by those whose lives he has positively influenced.

Through his kindness, perseverance, and genuine heart, Grayson Wilson exemplifies the qualities we celebrate in our Learner of the Month. We are honored to recognize him and the positive difference he makes each day at Wilcox Elementary.



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Secondary School Learner-of-the-Month

Charles Haynes Senior, Pocatello High School

Nominated by:
Lynne Jensen

We are proud to recognize Charles "Chuck" Haynes, a senior at Pocatello High School, as this month's Secondary Learner of the Month. His nominator, Ms. Lynne Jensen, shared that she first met Chuck when he was a junior and immediately recognized him as a hard worker, a great friend, and an outstanding student.

Ms. Jensen described Chuck as someone who "works hard at everything he does and never gives up." He has overcome significant challenges to reach where he is today, and she noted that he is truly a success story. His perseverance, determination, and commitment to learning set a strong example for others.

Chuck is also known for his willingness to help wherever he is needed. Ms. Jensen shared that he regularly assists classmates who are struggling with math by patiently teaching them the steps, and other teachers have reported that he even offers help to students in their classes when he hears they are struggling. As her student aide, Chuck helps with grading and, when there is no assigned task, he immediately turns his attention to supporting other learners.

Ms. Jensen concluded her nomination by sharing her pride in Chuck's growth and success, noting that "if ever a student deserved to win this award, it is him." Through his work ethic, kindness, and generosity toward others, Charles Haynes exemplifies the qualities we celebrate in our Secondary Learner-of-the-Month.



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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.

Renaë Johnson **Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Board Clerk**

Nominated by:

PCSD 25 Trustees: Heather Clarke, Jim Facer, Megan Furniss, and Deanna Judy

Pocatello/Chubbuck School District 25 is proud to recognize Renaë Johnson as the February PIES Award recipient. Renaë embodies the PIES standard through her professionalism, deep expertise, and unwavering commitment to supporting the work of the Board and the district.

Those who work closely with Renaë describe her as an exceptional colleague whose influence is felt in every aspect of Board operations. Trustee Jim Facer shared that “Renaë’s ability to work with people is remarkable. She is personable, friendly, and considerate, creating a positive atmosphere for all who work alongside her.” He noted that even in challenging conversations, Renaë guides the Board with “professionalism and grace.”

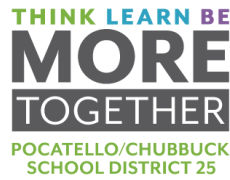
Trustee Megan Furniss highlighted Renaë’s role in ensuring effective, organized, and legally compliant board meetings. She wrote, “Renaë plays an essential role in preparing for and facilitating successful board meetings. Her thoughtful planning and steady guidance allow the Board to focus on governance.” Megan also praised Renaë’s meticulous record-keeping and exceptional recall, noting that her accuracy provides “a reliable record of past discussions and decisions.”

Renaë’s commitment to legal and policy compliance is a recurring theme in her nominations. Trustee Heather Clarke highlighted Renaë’s organizational skills, attention to detail, and calm professionalism. “She handles last-minute changes with grace and efficiency,” Heather wrote, adding that her knowledge of district procedures and policies is both impressive and indispensable.

Board Chair Deanna Judy also emphasized Renaë’s precision and dedication, stating, “She has an uncanny ability to be precise and rarely makes mistakes.” Deanna described how Renaë supports the Board by clarifying procedures, ensuring open meeting law compliance, and even anticipating needs by providing materials before questions arise. She wrote, “She is what a board clerk should be.”

Across every nomination, one message is clear: Renaë is the steady, knowledgeable, and welcoming presence who helps ensure the Board’s work remains accurate, transparent, and focused on the success of learners, staff, and the community. Her ability to balance professionalism with warmth encourages teamwork and strengthens trust throughout the district.

Through her integrity, expertise, and service, Renaë Johnson truly Positively Influences Educational Success. We are honored to recognize her as the February PIES Award recipient.



PCSD 25's Tonya Wilkes Recognized by Idaho State University with National Girls and Women in Sports Award

Tonight, we proudly recognize Tonya Wilkes for a significant honor she recently received from Idaho State University.

Tonya was named a recipient of the National Girls and Women in Sports Award, which recognizes local women who demonstrate outstanding dedication to empowering girls and creating meaningful opportunities for women in athletics.

This award celebrates individuals whose leadership, advocacy, and commitment have made a lasting impact on youth development and sports in our community. Idaho State University selected Tonya for her exceptional service to schools and youth across our region. ISU formally presented Tonya with this award on Tuesday, February 3, at the District Office, recognizing the positive influence she continues to have on learners, staff, and families throughout our community.

As part of this award, ISU has launched a podcast series called Hear Her Story, which highlights the journeys and contributions of award recipients. Tonya is featured in this series, and her episode is available through ISU's KISU platforms.

We invite board members and the community to listen and learn more about Tonya's leadership and impact.

Tonya's work reflects the spirit of this award—championing opportunities for students, strengthening athletic programs, and fostering environments where learners can thrive. Please join us in congratulating Tonya Wilkes and thanking her for her dedication and service to our district and community.





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