



AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

May 19, 2026

THINK LEARN BE
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 essential to learner success. The School District 25 Education Foundation, in partnership with the Johnson Family McDonald's, sponsors the C.A.K.E. Award to recognize one elementary and one secondary learner each month from October through May. C.A.K.E. stands for Character, Attitude, Kindness, and Encouragement. Nominations are submitted by teachers who observe these qualities in their learners and are approved by each school's principal.

Recipients are recognized at the Board of Trustees meeting, receive a gift card for both the learner and their nominating teacher, and a \$50 book donation in the learner's name for their school library, courtesy of the Johnson Family McDonald's.

Elementary School Learner-of-the-Month

Eli Haney 5th Grade, Syringa Elementary School

Nominated by:
Andrea Gulden

We are pleased to recognize Eli Haney, a 5th-grade learner at Syringa, as our Elementary C.A.K.E. Award recipient. Eli has been nominated by his teacher, Ms. Gulden, for consistently modeling the kind of character, attitude, kindness, and encouragement that positively influences everyone around him. Ms. Gulden shared that Eli is someone others naturally look up to—not because he seeks attention, but because he quietly leads by example each day.

Eli approaches school with responsibility, honesty, and a strong work ethic. He takes pride in both his learning and his actions, and his warm smile and friendly nature help others feel welcomed, valued, and included. His trustworthiness and positive attitude have earned the respect of both classmates and adults.

What especially stands out is the encouragement Eli gives to others. Ms. Gulden described him as “a friend to everyone” who genuinely enjoys seeing others succeed. During recess, he promotes positive sportsmanship by offering high fives, celebrating effort, and encouraging classmates with kind words like “good job” and “nice try.” In the classroom, he is patient, supportive, and always willing to help others when they need it most.

Eli's academic success is matched by his compassion and kindness, proving that achievement and encouragement go hand in hand. His positivity helps others feel confident and connected, and his character makes a meaningful difference throughout the school community.

Please join us in congratulating Eli Haney, our May Elementary C.A.K.E. Award recipient.





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.

Secondary School Learner-of-the-Month

Frankie Lawrence **7th Grade, Hawthorne Middle School**

Nominated by:
Jean Martin

Frankie Lawrence has been nominated for the C.A.K.E. Award by Ms. Jean Martin for consistently demonstrating the character, kindness, and leadership that make a positive impact on those around her. Ms. Martin shared that Frankie's compassion and strong work ethic truly set her apart.

Frankie is known for treating others with kindness and empathy, always willing to offer encouragement or lend a helping hand to classmates. Ms. Martin noted that Frankie pays special attention to one learner who needs additional support, often making sure he is prepared and ready for class each day. Her thoughtful actions reflect genuine care and a strong sense of responsibility toward others.

In addition to her kindness, Frankie is a dedicated and focused learner who approaches her work with determination and perseverance. Ms. Martin shared that Frankie consistently exemplifies the Hawk House Habits that Hawthorne Middle School strives to instill in its learners.

Through her leadership, service, and positive example, Frankie makes a meaningful difference in her classroom and school community.

Please join us in congratulating Frankie Lawrence, our May Secondary C.A.K.E. Award recipient.

You are doing
GREAT!



MAY 2026

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.

Mary Anne McGrory **Geography/Social Studies 6-8, Alameda Middle School**

Nominated by:

Lyndsey Matthews, Toni Kirk, Tamara Palmer, Christina Swanson, Chelsie Hill, Jodi Diaz, Rachel Chambers, Stephanie Luker, and Tiffany Call

Mary Anne McGrory is described by her colleagues as an educator who consistently goes above and beyond to support both learners and staff throughout Alameda Middle School and across the district. Through her compassion, leadership, and dedication to education, she has made a lasting impact on countless students, coworkers, and families.

Colleagues shared that Mary Anne is always willing to offer support, guidance, and encouragement to those around her. Whether helping a new teacher settle into the building, sharing instructional resources, or offering advice during difficult situations, she makes others feel heard, valued, and supported. One colleague described her as “the Fairy of Learning Materials,” noting how often she shares books, lessons, and classroom resources with teachers throughout the building.

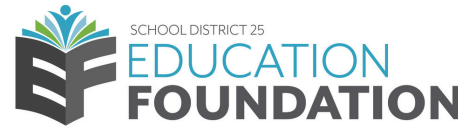
As both an educator and past PEA president, Mary Anne is recognized as a strong advocate for learners and staff alike. Her coworkers praised her ability to balance leadership, service, and classroom instruction while continuing to build meaningful relationships with students. Colleagues noted that she creates a welcoming classroom environment where learners feel seen, cared for, and encouraged to succeed.

Many also highlighted Mary Anne’s positivity, generosity, and commitment to helping others. From mentoring coworkers to creating engaging learning experiences for students, her influence extends far beyond her classroom walls. Her colleagues emphasized that Alameda Middle School—and the district as a whole—are stronger because of her dedication and service.

Colleagues reflected on the lasting impact she has made throughout her career as an educator, mentor, advocate, and friend. Her influence will continue through the many learners and educators whose lives she has touched.

Through her leadership, compassion, and unwavering support of learners and educators, Mary Anne McGrory truly exemplifies what it means to Positively Influence Educational Success. Please join us in congratulating Mary Anne McGrory, our May PIES Award recipient.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



CLASS OF 2026

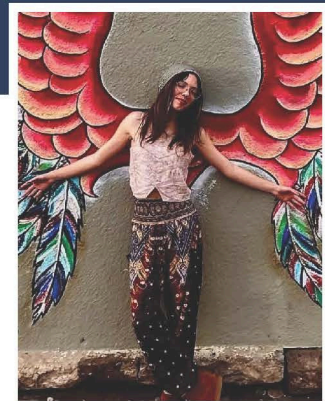
TERRY PERKINS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP



Nicole Huang
Century High School



Mia Chavez
Century High School



Brooklyn Cleaves
New Horizon High School



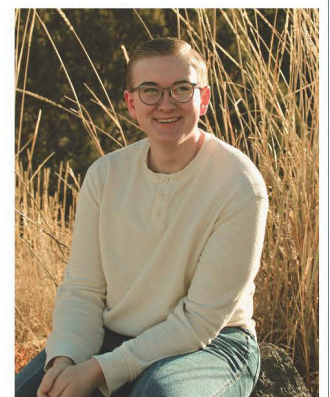
Bridger Baker
Highland High School



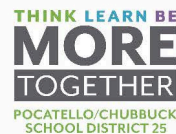
Harper Merrill
Highland High School



Anesa Bills
Pocatello High School



Porter Corrington
Pocatello High School





SkillsUSA Achievement

PV-TEC Learners Earn Top Honors at SkillsUSA State Competition

PV-TEC learners demonstrated exceptional skill, professionalism, and career readiness at the Idaho SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference, earning top placements in the EMT competition category.

EMT Competition Results

- 1st Place: Isaac Giesbrecht and Gage Staples
- 2nd Place: Adam Roth and Percephone Mills
- 3rd Place: Ryan Miller and Alexis Smith

SkillsUSA is one of the nation's leading career and technical student organizations, designed to prepare learners for success in high-demand careers through hands-on competition, leadership development, and real-world workplace standards. The organization serves more than 400,000 members nationwide and partners directly with business and industry leaders to ensure learners develop the technical and employability skills needed in today's workforce.

The EMT competition challenges learners to demonstrate critical emergency medical knowledge, patient assessment skills, teamwork, communication, and the ability to perform effectively under pressure in realistic emergency response scenarios. Success at SkillsUSA reflects not only technical proficiency, but also professionalism, leadership, and career readiness.

These achievements highlight the high-quality instruction and real-world training opportunities available through PV-TEC and showcase the dedication and talent of our learners as they prepare for future careers in healthcare and emergency services.

2026 SIMPLOT INSPIRATIONAL TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



Matt Anderson

Social Studies Teacher
Century High School



Amy Mann

English Teacher
Alameda Middle School



Sheena Phelps

Fifth Grade Teacher
Jefferson Elementary School

We are proud to recognize the outstanding contributions of Matt Anderson, Amy Mann, and Sheena Phelps—honored as the 2026 Simplot Inspirational Teachers of the Year.

This year, the Simplot Education Council received 2,204 nominations celebrating 407 remarkable educators throughout the PCSD 25 community. From this impressive pool, 15 finalists were selected to receive commendations and a \$100 award, with our three Inspirational Teachers each receiving a \$500 award in recognition of their extraordinary dedication and impact.

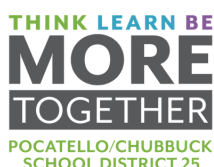
Matt Anderson of Pocatello High School, Amy Mann of Alameda Middle School, and Sheena Phelps of Jefferson Elementary were nominated by learners who see firsthand the passion, creativity, and care they bring to the classroom every day. Their ability to inspire, innovate, and build lifelong skills truly sets them apart.

Please join us in thanking J.R. Simplot Co. and the Simplot Education Council for championing our teachers and recognizing the incredible work happening in our schools. We also commend all PCSD 25 educators for their exceptional instruction, leadership, and unwavering commitment to learner success. Your service shapes lives and strengthens our schools every day.

RECOGNITION OF
service

JIM FACER
BOARD MEMBER

2012-2015 & 2018-2026



Tonight, we recognize and thank Trustee Jim Facer for his years of dedicated service to the learners, staff, families, and community of Pocatello/Chubbuck School District 25.

Jim served on the Board of Trustees from 2012–2015 and again from 2018 to the present, representing Zone 3 with integrity, consistency, and a genuine commitment to doing what is best for kids.

Anyone who has worked alongside Jim knows he is genuine, thoughtful, and dependable. He shows up prepared, asks good questions, listens carefully, and approaches every decision with learners at the center. His leadership style has always been grounded in common sense, humility, and care for this community.

During his time on the board, Jim helped guide the district through important work and major milestones, including the Highland High School rebuild and development of PV-TEC — projects that will continue creating opportunities for learners for generations to come.

Jim has shared that one of his favorite board responsibilities is attending graduation ceremonies each year. Watching learners cross the stage and personally congratulating the kids and families he knows has been especially meaningful to him and reflects how deeply connected he is to this community.

He has also spoken often about the respect and appreciation he has for Superintendent Howell, district leadership, school administrators, teachers, and staff, as well as the tremendous amount of work that happens behind the scenes every day to support learners.

Jim's steady leadership, authenticity, kindness, and commitment to public education will be greatly missed. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire PCSD 25 community, thank you, Jim, for your years of service and for the lasting impact you have made on our district.



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