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Rosa Argiero was chosen as the **JPS Montessori** Power of One recipient for April. Rosa is an incredible teacher! She has established a warm, caring, supportive environment for her students and strives every day to help others and make our school a great place to be. We are very fortunate to call her one of our own!

This month, **Northeast** would like to recognize **Ms. Jamie Hoover**. Jamie has taught 3rd grade at NE since the beginning of her teaching career. Jamie is truly dedicated to students, staff and parents. She takes the time to get to know her students and their needs and works diligently to make sure their needs are met. Jamie has been a member of the leadership team, school improvement team and a strong advocate for our parent committee. Thank you for all you do for the community of NE elementary school.



The Power of One award winner from **Frost** for this month is **David Commet**. Mr. Commet is a TA in our upper elementary EI program. Mr. Commet displays a calm demeanor with students, allowing them to feel comfortable in the classroom and throughout the school. Mr. Commet is also willing to help out wherever he is needed throughout the building, even if it does not directly relate to his given assignment. Mr. Commet's attitude of being willing to do whatever it takes to help the students at Frost be successful makes him a true asset to our building.

T.A Wilson Academy's April Power of One is Ms. **JoAnna Perkin**. Ms. Perkin is an advocate, a cheerleader, and a champion for her students. In her English classes, students are exposed to a plethora of vocabulary words and multiple sources of literature. Ms. Perkin is routinely after school working with students in order for them to be successful. Her energy and enthusiasm are unmatched. Ms. Perkin is singlehandedly responsible for the redirection of countless lives that were once off-track. She is the epitome of a master alternative educator.





Chandra Cataline is the April Power of One for **Hunt Elementary**. Chandra is a first grade teacher and does an outstanding job! Chandra has a great rapport with her students and their parents. She is very dependable. In addition to teaching first grade she is the chairperson of our MIRM (March is Reading Month) committee. Every year she organizes the monthly activities with prizes. Congratulations Chandra.

A World Languages teacher at **Jackson High School**, **Pam Nordhougen** contributes to the school community in many ways. As advisor for NHS, Mrs. Nordhougen ensures that service to our community is in the forefront of the minds of our students. She has facilitated activities and events that have allowed for donations to Cystic Fibrosis, American Cancer Society and the Blood Banks in Jackson. Sponsoring three blood drives each year has afforded students not only the opportunity to give to an ongoing need, it has also provided for scholarship opportunities for students. Additionally, Mrs. Nordhougen advises the Quiz Bowl and Academic Teams at Jackson High School. Both have been consistently competitive and have demonstrated skill and aptitude. Mrs. Nordhougen inspires excellence in her students, many who have attributed their pursuit of a world language in their post-secondary experiences to her influence.



Mrs. **Gail Johnston** is being recognized as **Sharp Park Academy's** Power of One. She was the chairperson for Reading Month, making sure students had fun theme days and prizes, totaling hours of reading so students could receive recognition. She is also a member of the School Improvement Team, stands in as Teacher in Charge, and brings an after school Crazy8s Math Club to her students each week. Gail is a valuable member of the Sharp Park team. Congratulations.

Dibble would like to nominate our second grade teacher, **Laurie Arvy** for the Power of One. Not only is Laurie an exceptional teacher, she is our 'Green School' chair person. She has led this endeavor and taken us from 'Green' to 'Emerald' to 'Evergreen' status. It is her persistence in finding and recognizing environmentally friendly practices at Dibble. She encourages others, displays a bulletin board and promotes environmental awareness in her classroom. Laurie has been a great leader, organizer and advocate for helping us achieve this top status as an 'Evergreen' Green School!



Middle School at Parkside is pleased to nominate Mr. **Keith Richards** as The Power of One for the month of April. Mr. Richards does an absolutely phenomenal job at JPS and MSP with the Academic Games teams. The parents, teachers and students often comment on what a great experience our students are having under his leadership. Mr. Richards also often works as a substitute teacher. His "whatever it takes" mindset is of value to this school and district!



Melinda Boyd is our ASD teacher at **Cascades**. She is an amazing team player. Melinda has more patience than anyone I know. Melinda works hard every day to help not only her students but ALL students at Cascades be successful. This may be done in the form of academics or socially. We appreciate Melinda's insight on her different strategies and techniques that she shares with our students. We are truly lucky at Cascades to have such a wonderful person inside and out!! Thanks Melinda.



4th Street Learning Center is please to nominate Mr. **Paul Slater** as the Power of One for the month of April. Paul has been teaching at JPS for 15 years, mostly in alternative education. Paul's philosophy is "have patience, meet students where they are at academically and socially, and always move them forward." Mr. Clark says "Paul is always prepared both in the classroom and in life. He is an example to all around him and has the respect of teachers and students, alike."

Bennett Elementary is pleased to honor Teacher Assistant **Jill Ramsey** as their Power of One recipient for April. In addition to her daily responsibilities with her students, Mrs. Ramsey has been instrumental in helping Bennett to continue to be an Emerald Green School. She helps with our building recycling program and several other “green” projects that teach and engage our students to do their part to protect our environment, natural resources, and save energy. Mrs. Ramsey always has a positive attitude and shows her dedication to Bennett School on a daily basis. Thank you Mrs. Ramsey for all you do for our students and our school.



Michelle Cross was selected as this month’s Power of One for **McCulloch Academy** for April. Michelle arrives early and stays late to plan lessons to meet the needs of her students. She has adopted Visible Learning strategies and regularly calculates the effect sizes of her students so she knows her impact. She also volunteers at every turn to assist others and plan events. She makes our school a special place to be!

Reynolds Hall is proud to nominate **Michele Oxley** as April’s Power of One recipient. As Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Michele has been the backbone of the district for nearly two decades, and she keeps Reynolds Hall running smoothly every day. Michele is the pillar of patience and professionalism when dealing with parents, students, and staff (especially Jeff ☺), and she is the consummate go-to person for all things JPS. She graciously jumps into any project with two feet regardless of how busy her schedule is, and she genuinely cares that each project is completed in a timely manner. In addition to all of her work responsibilities Michele also takes time to care for JPS honorary employee, Larry Wood; giving him rides, picking up his prescriptions, and taking him to his son’s events at Tarrant. Her regard for her coworkers, JPS families, strangers, friends, and especially her family is obvious. Michele is a genuinely good, kind person, and we are all so fortunate to work alongside her.

