

Press Release



Ponca City Public School District Announces *October You Inspire Me* Project Recipients

Ponca City High School senior Emily Lawrence was the student recipient of the district's new *You Inspire Me* project for the month of October. Po-Hi Language Arts teacher Betsy Easley surprised her during one of her classes to present her with the honor. As you can see by the attached picture, Emily was touched by Ms. Easley's heartfelt words.

Garfield music teacher Daren Love was the certified selection this month. Third grade student Ryan Davis presented him with the award. The support personnel recipient was Deseree Owens, teacher assistant at West Middle School. West principal Trenton Murner presented her with the honor.

The Ponca City Public Schools "You Inspire Me" project was created to recognize dedicated students and employees who continue to motivate on a regular basis. Each month, the district will surprise one student, one certified employee, and one support employee to let them know how they are an inspiration to Ponca City Public Schools.

Ponca City School superintendent Shelley Arrott explained, "Sometimes life gets so busy that we do not take the time to express our thoughts to our family and friends. Purposeful words of inspiration are powerful, and we wanted our PCPS family to experience the impact of heartfelt words."

"I asked each administrator to provide me the name of one student, one certified and one support employee who are an inspiration to their site. We drew names, and each month we will highlight one person from each category. With education in Oklahoma facing difficult times, I feel it is important for students and staff to know what an inspiration they are to the district. When times are tough, our people will persevere! Thank you to our school and community family for supporting Ponca City Public Schools!"

Everyone can watch the heartwarming video on the district's website www.pcps.us, Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Ponca-City-Public-Schools-359319241929/Schools>, or Youtube <https://youtu.be/c0XSdMrBqeM>.

Pictured L-R: Emily Lawrence & Betsy Easley

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