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St. Joseph High School teacher wins ASBA Zone 4 Edwin Parr Award

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools is thrilled to announce that St. Joseph High School humanities/CTS teacher Jillian Klevyer has been selected as the winner of the Alberta School Board Association (ASBA) 2025 Edwin Parr Award (Zone 4).

Klevyer's win was announced at the 2025 ASBA Edwin Parr Award Zone 4 Awards Ceremony, which was held on Monday, May 26, 2025 at the Innisfail Golf Club.

Klevyer said it was difficult to put into words what the recognition means to her, though she felt tremendously grateful.

"This award is not something I receive in isolation. It reflects the support of an incredible team and a community of people who have believed in me every step of the way. While the award acknowledges my first year as a teacher, I have never walked this journey alone. I've been with Red Deer Catholic for seven years—six as an Educational Assistant and one as a teacher—and throughout that time, I've witnessed extraordinary educators transform lives, build meaningful relationships, and weave faith into every part of their teaching. I am where I am today because of these remarkable individuals who move mountains with their dedication and embody the very qualities I strive to reflect in my own practice. I am incredibly humbled to be counted among such outstanding nominees—this entire experience has been both meaningful and unforgettable." said Klevyer.

St. Joseph High School Principal Gary Gylander said Klevyer should be proud of her latest accomplishment.

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“Jillian receiving this award is a true testament to the passion, time and love she has put forth into her vocation. She is an outstanding educator who is changing and impacting the lives of all students she encounters through the love, compassion and strong instructional practices shared. Not only has she made a huge impact in her classes but in our entire school community. She has worked hard and has overcome many barriers to be exactly in this spot and we are so blessed to watch and support her as she journeys through her teaching career,” said Gylander.

RDCRS Board Chair Murray Hollman said Klevyer’s win was a testament to her exemplary skills, her compassionate nature, and her leadership within the classroom.

“We are absolutely thrilled that Jillian Klevyer has been recognized with the prestigious Edwin Parr Award for Zone 4. This award is a testament to the exceptional promise and impact Jillian has demonstrated in her first year of teaching. Her dedication, her ability to foster an inclusive and engaging learning environment, and her commitment to her students truly shine. Winning this award further validates what we already knew – Jillian is an outstanding educator with a bright future, and we are incredibly proud to have her as part of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools family,” said Board Chair Hollman.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 9,600 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 950 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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