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St. Joseph High School teacher named as Division finalist for ASBA Edwin Parr Award

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

Established in 1964 and named in honour of Edwin Parr, former president of the Alberta School Trustees' Association (now ASBA), the Edwin Parr Teacher Award honours six outstanding first-year Kindergarten to Grade 12 teachers who have taught in an ASBA member school board.

St. Joseph High School Principal Gary Gylander said Klevyer's passion and commitment have set her apart since joining the school community this year.

"Jillian has quickly distinguished herself as an outstanding educator, creating a dynamic, inclusive, and engaging learning environment. She has developed strong relationships with students through daily connections and ensures that every student feels valued and supported," said Gary Gylander.

"I am deeply honoured and grateful to be nominated for the Edwin Parr Award. My goal as an educator is to create a nurturing and inspiring environment where every student can thrive. I am passionate about fostering a love for learning and empowering students to become compassionate and engaged members of our community," said Jillian Klevyer.

Board Chair Murray Hollman said the board was proud to select Klevyer as the Division's finalist for the award.

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“Jillian Klevyer is an exemplary educator, a compassionate mentor, and a dedicated leader. Her ability to create an inclusive and engaging learning environment demonstrates her commitment to student success. Her dedication extends beyond the classroom, as she actively supports school events, community service, and integrates her faith into her teaching. We are immensely proud to recognize her achievements and the incredible impact she has had in her first year of teaching,” said RDCRS Board Chair Murray Hollman.

The 2025 ASBA Edwin Parr Award Zone 4 winner will be announced at an awards ceremony to be held on May 26, 2025 at the Innisfail Golf Club.

For more information on the ASBA Edwin Parr Award, please visit <https://www.asba.ab.ca/about/awards/>.

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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