

**Congratulations to Jackson senior Natalie Powell for receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award from Prudential.**

For the past five years, Natalie has been a volunteer puppy raiser for Guide Dogs for the Blind and has raised five dogs! Basically what this entails is taking in an eight week old puppy from the organization and raising/training them until they get to be about 18 months old. As a puppy raiser, her main focus is training basic obedience and socialization skills. She is able to take the dog with her pretty much everywhere she goes and she builds their skills for over a year until it is time for them to return to Guide Dogs for the Blind. There, they go through a formal training process with professional trainers until they are matched with someone who is blind or visually impaired. Natalie is someone who leads by example through her valuable volunteer work training Guide Dogs. Thank you, Natalie, for your service to the community!



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