

Randolph County School System

“RCSS STAR Employees” for February 2023



Coleridge Elementary School - Chris Marley

Chris Marley has been a true leader within our school this year. She has taken on teaching a fourth grade classroom as well as continuing with her lead teacher duties. Mrs. Marley is a talented teacher who has built strong relationships with students and families. She has continued to create strong relationships with our staff members as a lead teacher while leading them through staff development, Collaborative Team Teaching sessions, and many afterschool meetings. She has gone above and beyond to assist teachers while maintaining a classroom. Coleridge Elementary School is proud to recognize Chris Marley as our STAR Employee for February.

Eastern Randolph High School - Britt Allen

Britt Allen boasts the only high school dance program in the district, providing unique opportunities for beginning, intermediate, and advanced dance instruction at Eastern Randolph High School. This co-ed dance program explores a large variety of dance styles and offers students an outlet for expression and performance unique to our school. Ms. Allen sponsors an afterschool performance group, “Catalyst,” for students who wish to advance their performance skills. This year, Ms. Allen and her students were invited by State Superintendent Catherine Truitt to perform at the North Carolina Department of Instruction, which resulted in a standing invitation for future performances. Ms. Allen fosters a diverse, culturally inclusive learning environment, and encourages all students to reach outside their comfort zones. Eastern Randolph High School is proud to recognize Britt Allen as our STAR Employee for February.

Farmer Elementary School - Alice Davis

Alice Davis is a bright light that shines at Farmer Elementary School every day. She goes above and beyond in her job responsibilities as the assistant manager in our cafeteria, and constantly builds relationships with students and staff. Each morning, Ms. Davis can be found greeting students at the breakfast cart, and sending them to class with a smile and a word of encouragement. It is very evident that Ms. Davis loves what she does. We are so blessed to have Alice Davis as part of our Farmer Elementary School family, and are proud to recognize her as our STAR Employee for February.

Seagrove Elementary School - Wendi Auman

Wendi Auman, Seagrove Elementary School's assistant child nutrition manager, is always willing to help, no matter what, both in the school and on the bus. She makes sure children get their breakfast each morning and always has a smile on her face. This is Mrs. Auman's first year at our school and she quickly gained a positive rapport with all staff and students. Seagrove Elementary School is proud to call Wendi Auman our STAR Employee for February.

Southeastern Randolph Middle School - Brittany Williams

Brittany Williams is an encouragement to both students and staff. She is the first one to hype you up, support you, and encourage you to do your best. Mrs. Williams has taken on the role of the sixth grade Advancement Via Individual Determination elective teacher, and changed her position in the middle of the school year due to staff changes. This year, she has taught math, science, social studies, and language arts to our sixth grade students. Mrs. Williams has taken on many other responsibilities and obstacles that are not required of her job to support our school and students. She labors tirelessly for her students and co-workers to make our school a better place for all. She is the epitome of a Wildcat. Southeastern Randolph Middle School is proud to say that Mrs. Brittany Williams is our STAR Employee for February.

Southmont Elementary School - Amy Cruthis

Amy Cruthis is always kind and helpful to all around her. She approaches her role as a reading specialist with enthusiasm and a high level of expertise. Mrs. Cruthis supports our school's Multi-Tiered System of Supports process as a team leader. She is a great coworker and team player, and truly has the students' best interests at heart in everything she does. Mrs. Cruthis is one of the first to step in wherever help is needed and she makes a difference every day. Amy Cruthis is a valued member of the Southmont Elementary School community and we are proud to honor her as our STAR Employee for February.

Southwestern Randolph High School - James Needham

James Needham is passionate, dedicated, and committed to the success of his students, both in the classroom and on the playing field. He splits his day between math and physical education, and is a standout in each department. Mr. Needham arrives to school early each day, running the weight room for student-athletes, and remains after school as a coach for football and track. He routinely checks in on former and current students who count on Mr. Needham's patient guidance and support. Mr. Needham is a student favorite and a team player who does whatever is needed, even if it means stepping outside of his comfort zone. His Cougar Connections enrichment activities are among the most requested activities, because students trust him and know they will have a great time. Congratulations to James Needham, Southwestern Randolph High School's STAR Employee for February.

Southwestern Randolph Middle School - Belinda Allred

Belinda Allred is a physical education teacher and also our school's athletic director. She demonstrates commitment to our students through her dedication to our various athletic teams and is always willing to serve as a substitute bus driver when needed to take students home safely. Ms. Allred maintains excellent rapport with students and promotes a team approach in collaborating with her colleagues on planning school events and activities. She has even introduced some students to the world of cooking during the school's Cougar Time block. Belinda Allred has a consistently positive impact on her students and her colleagues at Southwestern Randolph Middle School, and that is why she has been named our STAR Employee for February.

Tabernacle Elementary School - Patricia Stargardt

Head custodian Tricia Stargardt takes pride in her work and gives more than is ever asked or expected. She wears many hats, and goes above and beyond to make sure the school looks amazing and is well-maintained. She truly cares about the school, students, and staff. Ms. Stargardt is always happy, no matter what is on her plate, and is loved by students and staff. She builds strong relationships with students, loves to interact with them, and encourages them to do their best. Ms. Stargardt greets students each morning, makes sure they have a smile on their face, and helps out wherever needed. She is a respectful leader, great team player, and definitely a role model employee. We are lucky to have Patricia Stargardt at Tabernacle Elementary School and are proud to select her as our STAR Employee for February.

Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve - Adrian Greene

Adrian Greene, an Exceptional Children's teacher at Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve, is hardworking, kind, and a lifelong learner. She helps our school in many ways. Mrs. Greene is a certified reading specialist, holds a license in deaf education, helps in the community with sign language when needed, and recently gained National Board certification. She also finds the time to help tremendously with our Parent-Teacher Organization, as she is a wonderful mother of two great kids. If there is an event happening on our campus, Mrs. Greene is there supporting our students. She makes our school a better place. Congratulations to Adrian Greene, Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve's STAR Employee for February.

The Virtual Academy at Randolph - Carrie Pugh

Carrie Pugh, the first official employee hired by Principal Justine Carter at The Virtual Academy at Randolph in 2021, truly does it all. She literally does the job of three different people - data manager, treasurer, and receptionist - and usually all at one time. More importantly, Mrs. Pugh keeps us all on track and smiling every day. She greets visitors to the main office with a smile and genuine words of kindness, and never hesitates to stop any of her three jobs to put the needs of others first. Mrs. Pugh is selfless, genuine, and hardworking, and always takes time to find answers or solutions. Beyond her official jobs, she takes time to organize fellowship opportunities for the staff (which give her a reason to bring us her famous cakes and sweet treats). As "voyagers," the North Star is crucial to us finding our way. Mrs. Pugh is definitely the North Star for our staff. The academy would not be what it is today without her. The Virtual Academy at Randolph is proud to select Carrie Pugh as our STAR Employee for February.