

Randolph County School System

“RCSS STAR Employees” for November 2023



Coleridge Elementary School – Jordan Conrad

Mrs. Conrad exemplifies a STAR Staff member. She consistently goes above and beyond for her students. She is often working late in the afternoons to make sure she is prepared for the next day. She works hard to meet the needs of her students while maintaining a positive attitude. Her relationships with students allow them to meet her expectations while also challenging them. She is also a team player. Mrs. Conrad has worked collaboratively with teachers in her grade level to minimize barriers to learning to allow students to have maximum learning opportunities. Mrs. Conrad shines bright and sets a good standard for how hard each of our teachers and staff members work to meet all of our students where they are each day. We are grateful for Mrs. Conrad's commitment to our school and students, and we are very proud that she is Coleridge Elementary's STAR Staff member.

Eastern Randolph High School – Lane Moore

The spirit of the STAR Employee Award is to recognize teachers who are committed to student-centered service. Lane Moore is a true Wildcat who goes above and beyond for our students, staff, and community. Mr. Moore is a well-versed historian who loves to engage his students in critical thinking and life application of History. Most any day you can stop by and join in a spirited debate in his classes. Mr. Moore is a collaborative team player who works with all students to ensure their success, not just in his class but in all areas of life. You can count on Mr. Moore to do any task—including driving a bus route to bring our students to and from school, and driving sports teams to their events. There is no job too big or small for Lane Moore. It is with great pride that we recognize Lane Moore as the Eastern Randolph High School STAR Employee for November.

Farmer Elementary School – Jamie Staley

Jamie Staley begins every morning at Farmer by walking down each hallway to greet staff and students. She has a smile on her face and says things such as “Good morning, beautiful!” or “Hey there! It’s great to see you!” That’s the thing about Mrs. Staley. If you are around her for any amount of time, you feel seen. You know someone cares. As our Lead Teacher, she helps our teachers with whatever they may need. From finding resources, planning, or staff development...to being a listening ear. Due to current vacant positions in our building, she is writing lesson plans each week for our EC classrooms and a 5th-grade classroom. She doesn’t do anything halfway, and often takes on additional responsibilities that she really doesn’t have time to complete. Yet, somehow, each task always gets completed while still finding time to build relationships with staff, students, and parents. Mrs. Staley is a true gem and Farmer Elementary is proud to have Jamie Staley as our Star Employee for November.

Seagrove Elementary School – Aimee Wansley

Mrs. Wansley wears many hats at Seagrove. She teaches intervention groups to struggling students, goes to multiple grade-level classrooms to work with students, and is a go-to person when dealing with student behavioral issues. Mrs. Wansley is always willing to drive a bus and help in any capacity around the school where she is needed. Mrs. Wansley is great at balancing all her many roles and Seagrove is proud to call her our STAR Employee!

Southeastern Randolph Middle School – Chase Willard

Chase Willard is an 8th-grade Social Studies teacher at Southeastern Randolph Middle School. Mr. Willard is always kind, pleasant, and respectful to students, parents, community members, and staff. He has taken on the responsibility of grade level chairperson and represents his grade level at the School Improvement Team meetings where Mr. Willard sets a great example of what a leader is. The students and parents speak highly of him. The students who have the pleasure of learning in his class speak highly of their interactions with him. It is a joy to have Mr. Willard as one of our teachers here at Southeastern Randolph Middle School. Southeastern Randolph Middle School is delighted to say that Chase Willard is our Star Employee for November.

Southmont Elementary School – Delaney Steelman

Southmont Elementary recognizes Ms. Delaney Steelman as our Star Employee. As part of our Exceptional Children’s Department, Ms. Steelman wears many hats and jumps in to help at a moment’s notice. She nurtures and supports students’ success every day and goes above and beyond her assigned duties. Ms. Steelman is a valued member of our school community and we are proud to honor her as Southmont Elementary’s Star employee!

Southwestern Randolph High School – Katie McWilliams

Katie McWilliams is the epitome of a school principal’s dream come true. She is an outstanding teacher who truly prepares her students for their futures, personally and academically; though, most of her coworkers are probably unaware of just how talented she is in the classroom. They know her better for her work with our new teachers and beginning teachers as our new teacher mentor. She is a sounding board for new and veteran teachers from all walks of their careers and a relentless advocate for her coworkers, students, and profession. This year, we asked our teachers to spend time observing other teachers throughout the school year, and Ms. McWilliams continues to receive the most observation requests from her peers. The staff and students have a great deal of respect for her and the work she does and look forward to seeing her in action. Undoubtedly, the continued success we see among our students has been impacted by not only her classroom instruction but also her diligent support of the entire SWRHS staff. For these reasons, and so many more, SWRHS is thrilled to nominate Ms. Katie McWilliams as our STAR Teacher.

Southwestern Randolph Middle School – Amy Smith

Amy Smith is a custodian and bus driver by title at our school, but she does so much more than what is outlined in the job description. She frequently volunteers time tutoring students, building relationships with students who are struggling, and completing tasks for her colleagues when they have to be absent from work. She fulfills her responsibilities incredibly well, but her overall service to our school and our students cannot be quantified by a rating. When someone thinks of what it means to go "above and beyond", they need to look no further than Ms. Amy Smith. For that reason, we are so excited to nominate Ms. Smith as our STAR Employee for November.

Tabernacle Elementary School – Devin Wilson

Devin Wilson always goes above and beyond and truly loves her students. It is clear that she will do whatever it takes to help her students learn and thrive in her classroom. She comes in as early as needed and will stay until everything is ready for the next day. Ms. Wilson strives every day to be the best teacher for her students and she is such a bright light to be around. She brings joy in everything she teaches and her students adore her. She is an amazing friend and teacher to have and Tabernacle is lucky to have her. She is hard-working, dedicated, and a teacher who has a heart for each and every child in her classroom. Ms. Wilson makes connections with students and supports them both inside and outside of school. Her dedication and willingness to go the extra mile are evident in all she does. Her integrity, reliability, creativity, and patience are just a few of the traits that she exhibits daily, and she has those same expectations for her students. She has been a great fit since she walked onto our campus. Tabernacle is proud to have Devin Wilson as our Star Employee.

Uwharrie Ridge 6-12 – Mark Allred

Mr. Allred started out coaching middle school basketball at our school. He stepped into coaching simply because he saw a need and had previous experience in coaching and officiating. Once, Mr. Allred stepped into this role he obtained his bus license so he could drive the bus to away games. Once, Mr. Allred obtained his bus certification; he noticed that there was a strong need for bus drivers across the county and knew the importance of getting kids to school. Mr. Allred then took a morning bus route for the remainder of the school year arriving every day around 5:40 AM to get the bus warm and kids to school. Mr. Allred decided to apply for the distance learning position role within our school. This was a perfect fit because Mr. Allred has a way of holding students to high expectations while establishing strong relationships and encouraging them to do their best. Mr. Allred certainly does not need to do all these things as this is more like a second career that has found him. Our school is a better place because of Mr. Allred which is why he is Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve's Star Employee.

Virtual Academy @ Randolph – Brittany Ramey

Mrs. Ramey is truly a ROCKSTAR! She singlehandedly runs the EC department at The Virtual Academy @ Randolph. Mrs. Ramey successfully teaches all the exceptional children in grades kindergarten through 8, creates and monitors student IEPs, plans intentional data-driven lessons, collaborates routinely with elementary and middle school colleagues, and does it all with a positive attitude....and only in her 2nd year of teaching! She is an integral part of building and sustaining the familial culture in our building. Many staff start their mornings in her room nestled around the cozy coffee bar that she created. When it comes to facilitating specially designed instruction for her students, Mrs. Ramey has demonstrated the ability to grow her students holistically (academically, behaviorally, and emotionally). As Voyagers, we believe "all students can learn" and when you enter Mrs. Ramey's Google Meets it is evident that she embraces that belief each and every day. We are so proud of Mrs. Ramey and honored to have her represent The Virtual Academy @ Randolph as this month's Star Employee.