

Randolph County School System

“RCSS STAR Employees” for December 2022



Archdale Elementary School - Teresa Sutton

Teresa Sutton is a dedicated educator with 40 years of experience. She develops a classroom culture that is inviting and supportive. When you enter Ms. Sutton’s classroom, you will frequently find her surrounded by her students in the front of the class having discussions about literature. Students are engaged and enjoy every moment with her. Ms. Sutton came out of retirement to fill a vacant position this year. Her positive attitude and kind heart are infectious to all those around her. We are honored to have Teresa Sutton back at Archdale Elementary School and are proud to recognize her as our STAR Employee for December.

Hopewell Elementary School - Patricia Pollard

Patricia Pollard, reading specialist, has been a wonderful addition to Hopewell Elementary School. She always has a smile and a kind word, and is consistently positive. Her knowledge of literacy is astounding and she is always eager to share this expertise. Ms. Pollard is thorough, welcoming, and willing to support staff to foster a deeper understanding of literacy. She always is ready to share her resources, time, and talents. Her strong analytical skills, combined with her literacy knowledge, are beneficial to all students. Not only does Ms. Pollard provide tremendous support to staff, she is fabulous with students, making learning fun and engaging. We are fortunate to have her at Hopewell. Words cannot convey the impact Patricia Pollard has on staff and students at Hopewell Elementary School, and we are proud to select her as our STAR Employee for December.

John Lawrence Elementary School - Keri Williamson

Keri Williamson exemplifies what it means to be a great teacher. She works tirelessly to make sure that all her students have what they need to be successful, even if that means purchasing the items herself. Ms. Williamson constantly works with her kindergarten teammates to come up with innovative ideas and lessons that will develop wonderful opportunities for their students to experience and develop a love for learning. She is able to handle any task given to her and always does it with a positive attitude and a smile. Keri Williamson is a valuable member of the John Lawrence Elementary School community, and we are proud to honor her as our STAR Employee for December.

New Market Elementary School - Samantha Aker

Samantha Aker goes above and beyond to help her students be successful. She is receptive to suggestions and works with staff at the school and county level to tailor instruction to each student's ability level. Mrs. Aker advocates for her students and encourages inclusive practices throughout the school. Her job is challenging, but she remains positive and motivated. Mrs. Aker has a willingness to learn and grow as an educator, believes that all students can learn, and is fully committed to ensure that this happens. Mrs. Aker has natural teaching abilities and skills that cannot be taught. She is a true educator at heart. We are honored to have Samantha Aker as New Market Elementary School's STAR Employee for December.

Randolph Early College High School - Shannon Darcy

Each year, Shannon Darcy takes on more ownership of Randolph Early College High School, and it is exciting to watch her on this leadership journey. Ms. Darcy is the School Improvement Team chair and Beta Club sponsor, participates on the school's Recruitment team, and serves as the Multi-Tiered System of Supports coach. She volunteers anytime there is a need, doing her best with a smile and a positive attitude, even when the task is burdensome and time-consuming. Her impact at our school greatly expands beyond her classroom. Students know they can go to Ms. Darcy when they are hungry, because she generously maintains a cabinet with food. From a professional standpoint, she always searches for ways to improve her craft and her instructional strategies. She also has started organizing faculty lunches to encourage camaraderie amongst the staff. Shannon Darcy dedicates her entire being to her students, staff members, and the community, and Randolph Early College High School congratulates her on being selected as our STAR Employee for December.

Trindale Elementary School - Teagon Snider

Teagon Snider, secretary/treasurer at Trindale Elementary School, does everything from writing checks and balancing budgets to taking temperatures and ordering supplies. She is hard-working, dependable, and willing at a moment's notice to help staff and students. Ms. Snider has a calming spirit and a caring attitude, and shines like a star in all that she does. Trindale Elementary School is proud to recognize Teagon Snider as our STAR Employee for December.

Trinity Elementary School - Hannah Leonard

Hannah Leonard is a true example of a Trinity Elementary Bulldog. She goes far beyond her job description each and every day. Mrs. Leonard puts the needs of students and staff first, and steps up without being asked. She builds positive relationships with all Bulldogs, and as a result, both staff and students seek her out for help. As a leader of the school social committee, Mrs. Leonard ensures the school culture is family-oriented and united. She truly is the engine that keeps us moving forward. We are honored and proud to have Hannah Leonard represent Trinity Elementary School as our STAR Employee for December.

Trinity High School - Dawn Seltzer

Dawn Seltzer has been a devoted member of Bulldog Nation for 30 years. She is a motivating teacher who holds high expectations for all her students. Her classroom is always a fast-paced, upbeat learning environment that students remember for many years, post-graduation. Ms. Seltzer also plans Trinity High School's Freshman Orientation, which has been gaining momentum and growing for several years under her leadership. Her vision has ensured that students have a successful transition from middle school to high school and has had a positive impact on the culture at Trinity. Congratulations to Dawn Seltzer on being selected as Trinity High School's STAR Employee for December.

Trinity Middle School - Kathy Turnas

It is great to have someone in a school who is a jack-of-all-trades – one to whom you can go for anything, and he or she responds with a smile and positive attitude. For Trinity Middle School (TMS), that person is Kathy Turnas. She exemplifies what it means to be a STAR Employee. Ms. Turnas is willing to do anything that is asked of her and will volunteer when needed. Ms. Turnas began at TMS as the assistant cafeteria manager, and then left to take a job elsewhere. After a few months away, she decided she wanted to be back at TMS and became the school's data manager. Ms. Turnas consistently looks for ways to help around the school, assists with the supervision of students when needed, and is always willing to drive a bus. She does all of this with a great attitude and a wonderful personality. We are proud to have Kathy Turnas as a Bulldog and as our STAR Employee for December.

Wheatmore High School - Rebekah East

To say that Rebekah East, a teacher in our Extended Content classes, is a positive, caring, and hard-working educator, is an understatement. Ms. East strives daily to find the best way for every student to learn, no matter their disability. She is never without a kind word, a caring gesture, or willingness to serve her students. Students love Ms. East and love coming to school. She makes learning fun by engaging in hands-on activities with each student and differentiating instruction to meet the needs of a vast array of learning styles in her classroom. As a graduate of Wheatmore High School, the pride that Ms. East has for her school is on display daily, as she interacts with students and colleagues. She is a great role model who includes positive character lessons every morning. Rebekah East is a blessing and an absolute pleasure to work with, and Wheatmore High School is proud to recognize her as our STAR Employee for December.

Wheatmore Middle School - Jennifer Allison

Jennifer Allison is a veteran educator who has held many roles during her tenure with the Randolph County School System. She serves Cross-Cat students at Wheatmore Middle School and does so with the utmost professionalism and love. She supports her students by holding high, realistic expectations and showing grace on a daily basis. Mrs. Allison is also the first responder for the school's football and wrestling teams, and has given great amounts of her own time dedicated to our athletes. Mrs. Allison practices the utmost patience and kindness with her students and co-workers and is a joy to be around. Congratulations to Jennifer Allison, Wheatmore Middle School's STAR Employee for December.