

Randolph County School System

“RCSS STAR Employees” for November 2021

Coleridge Elementary School - Emily Hayes

Emily Hayes goes above and beyond her job duties daily. She is a hard worker and is always willing to help a colleague when needed. Mrs. Hayes is very positive towards all students and staff, and her students and families love having her as a teacher. Mrs. Hayes makes all of her lessons engaging to foster growth in every student she serves. We appreciate Emily Hayes' positive attitude and dedication every day at Coleridge Elementary School, and congratulate her on being selected out STAR Employee for November.

Eastern Randolph High School - Dustin Ritter

Dustin Ritter is a key leader in our Career and Technical Department, teaching Horticulture and Animal Science and sponsoring our FFA Chapter. He is an active member of our community and our FFA Alumni Association. Whether in the classroom, barn, or greenhouses, Mr. Ritter's students engage in hands-on, student-led learning experiences. As an Eastern Randolph High School (ERHS) and North Carolina State University graduate, he embodies the true spirit of a Wildcat and is a living testament to the opportunities created within the Randolph County School System. This past summer, Mr. Ritter went above and beyond to show our rising ninth grade students many of the interactive hands-on learning options we have to offer at ERHS. He is always here with a big smile and willing to help with any task that needs to be done in Wildcat Country. Congratulations, Dustin Ritter, you earned this recognition and we are proud to recognize you as our STAR Employee for November.

Farmer Elementary School - Kathy Hinesley

As a teacher assistant, Kathy Hinesley helps students and teachers in third, fourth, and fifth grades at Farmer Elementary School. She is always willing to pitch in and help out in any way she can for our students, teachers, and school. As one teacher stated, "She is constantly going above and beyond to help our students and our teachers." Farmer Elementary School is proud to have Kathy Hinesley as a member of our team and happy to name her our STAR Employee for November.

Seagrove Elementary School - Donna Small

Donna Small, second grade teacher, is very passionate about teaching and works hard every day. She spends countless hours working to best meet the needs of her students. Mrs. Small knows her students well and plans her lessons according to the needs of the students. In her classroom, there are many varying academic levels and Mrs. Small works hard to meet the students where they are. She has a very organized classroom and is very detailed in her paperwork and plans. Mrs. Small has a great relationship with each of her students and they are thriving in her classroom. Seagrove Elementary School is proud to call Donna Small our STAR Employee for November.

Southeastern Randolph Middle School - Archie McGee

Archie McGee, sixth grade Social Studies teacher, has dedicated his entire career to Southeastern Randolph Middle School. He has been here since the school opened in the fall of 1993 and has taught thousands of students in our community. He has been a physical education teacher, coach, Language Arts teacher, and Social Studies teacher, and has taught both sixth and seventh grades. Mr. McGee has gone the extra mile for several years by participating in STEM Summer Camps at our school, teaching summer school this past summer, and currently pitching in to drive a bus daily for our students. He is a Wildcat legend who brings a smile to everyone's face. His work, time, and dedication to our school, students, and community are commendable. Mr. McGee exposes his students to history in fun and interesting ways and his students are always engaged in his lessons. Southeastern Randolph Middle School is proud to have Archie McGee as our STAR Employee for November.

Southmont Elementary School - Crystal Richardson

As school treasurer, Crystal Richardson supports our staff, students, and school community. In the words of her colleagues, Mrs. Richardson goes above and beyond for our school community and is always there when you give her a call, with a smile on her face ready to help in any way. Additionally, teacher coverage and securing substitute teachers have been a challenge this year. Mrs. Richardson has stepped up to handle this challenge with a positive attitude. Communication is her strength and each of us reaps the benefits of this. Crystal Richardson is a valued member of the Southmont Elementary School community, and we are proud to honor her as our STAR Employee for November.

Southwestern Randolph High School - Marlene Parker

To say Marlene Parker is extraordinary is an understatement. Her positive impact on our school system has been felt from Southmont Elementary School to Southwestern Randolph High School. Ms. Parker approaches all individuals with respect, care, compassion, and extreme patience, which are all much needed responses in our world today. No matter her workload, she always finds time to help others, many times even anticipating tasks that need to be completed before being asked. Most recently, Ms. Parker took on a new job at our school, and because her old position had not yet been filled, she basically worked two jobs for several weeks without a complaint and with the sweet disposition we have all grown to love and appreciate. There is no greater example of a good human being than Marlene Parker, and that is why we are honored to recognize her as our school's STAR Employee for November.

Southwestern Randolph Middle School - Kelly Long

Kelly Long is a consistently positive team member at Southwestern Randolph Middle School. She serves students in the Cross Cat classroom and is the embodiment of what it means to care for a student; this is evident in her interactions with them and her desire to show how they are progressing each week. Ms. Long also goes far and away above and beyond what is required of her position and has picked up many extra responsibilities as her classroom has faced an extraordinary challenge this year. There are few individuals who could do what she does with the uplifting attitude she does, and that is why Kelly Long has been named our STAR Employee for November.

Tabernacle Elementary School - Heather George

Heather George goes above and beyond her regular daily duties. She is always willing to help wherever needed, with a smile on her face and never a complaint. She has graciously driven a school bus many days this school year and has also helped out in afterschool care when needed. Mrs. George plans amazing activities for students in STEM Lab and Maker Space. She helps anywhere she can and always puts the best interest of students first. Mrs. George has a "can-do" personality. Her understanding of teamwork goes beyond average, which pushes her toward a leadership role in our school. She has lots of enthusiasm and is open to new ideas. She takes pride in her work and goes beyond her classroom lessons to promote learning in a fun, engaging way for all students. Congratulations, Heather George, Tabernacle Elementary School's STAR Employee for November.

Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve - Hayley White

Hayley White left the Distant Learning Lab and walked into the hectic and demanding position of data manager. With grace and professionalism, she has not only exceeded any expectations, but surpassed them. She helps everyone while greeting new enrollments, answering teacher questions, printing report cards, monitoring attendance, and keeping up records, all with a smile on her face. If Ms. White does not know the answer, she quickly finds it. She is a team player and we are blessed to have her as a fellow Timerberwolf. Congratulations, Hayley White, Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve's STAR Employee for November.

The Virtual Academy at Randolph - Sarah Barnes

Sarah Barnes is a phenomenal virtual elementary teacher. Her charismatic, high energy personality is contagious in the best way. Mrs. Barnes always has a smile on her face and pep in her step. Her virtual classroom is always fun and engaging. Mrs. Barnes is strong in her content and a natural leader among her peers, and she looks to uplift and encourage those around her. It is a privilege to have her on our voyage at The Virtual Academy at Randolph, and we congratulate her on being selected our school's STAR Employee for November.