

## Randolph County School System "RCSS STAR Employees" for September 2023



### **Archdale Elementary School – Star Employee – Lauren Savona – 1<sup>st</sup> grade**

Archdale Elementary could not be prouder of Ms. Savona! She started with us as a High Point University student and is now in her third year of teaching. She exudes professionalism in all that she does. She approaches new challenges with grace and a positive attitude. Her students always excel due to her high expectations, engaging lessons, and nurturing environment. She is a prime example of the RCSS motto "Student's First In All We Do!"

### **Hopewell Elementary School – Star Employee – Ashley Auman – Lead Custodian**

Ashley has come into our school and met many challenges with such a positive spirit. Any task we ask of her; she is happy to lend a helping hand. She is very thorough in her work. She has led her coworkers and made sure all areas of our school are clean and welcoming for parents and students.

### **John Lawrence Elementary School – Star Employee – Jessica Dean – EC Teacher**

Mrs. Dean is such an amazing teacher. This is her 5th year of teaching and she is an excellent role model for our students and a great teammate for our staff! Jessica is the EC Chair at John Lawrence Elementary School. She makes sure that we meet all deadlines and that the parents are always pleased with the needs and care that their children are given daily. She is willing to do anything asked of her and always completes it with a positive attitude and a smile. She is an invaluable resource to our entire school in ways that her students can be helped throughout our building. Mrs. Dean has a bright future ahead of her and will undoubtedly have a positive impact on every student she teaches. Congratulations to Jessica Dean, John Lawrence Elementary Star Employee for September.

### **New Market Elementary School – Star Employee – Pam Hull – 5th Grade Teacher**

New Market Elementary is proud to recognize Pam Hull as a STAR Employee. Mrs. Hull goes above and beyond to help her students be successful. She is receptive to suggestions and works with staff to tailor instruction to each student's ability level. Mrs. Hull is always positive and

advocates for her students continually. We appreciate Mrs. Hull's willingness to learn and grow as an educator. She believes that all students can learn and is fully committed to ensuring that this happens. Mrs. Hull has natural teaching abilities and skills that cannot be taught. She is a true educator at heart. We are honored to have Mrs. Hull as our Star Employee at New Market.

#### **Randolph Early College High School – Star Employee – Annie Hughes – Math Teacher**

Annie is a caring and enthusiastic teacher who brings out the very best in her students. She is also a supportive and encouraging colleague who is always eager to help her coworkers in any way she can. In her short time at RECHS, she has quickly emerged as a teacher leader. She is part of the CTT Guiding Coalition and leader of the math and 10th-grade Collaborative Teams. She even has the ability to talk teachers into putting a hose on their heads with tennis balls at the end of the hose and knock down water bottles in front of the student body. She will pitch in wherever she is needed and radiates positivity and encouragement to all.

#### **Trindale Elementary School – Star Employee – Elizabeth Ryan – 2nd Grade**

Elizabeth Ryan is the Star Employee for Trindale. Elizabeth is dedicated to her students, her students' families, the school, and the community. She goes above and beyond expectations in everything she does. She will attend her students' ball games and buy things they may need at home or school. Mrs. Ryan is supportive of her colleagues. She is always willing to provide an uplifting note or a small gift to show appreciation or when she knows you need a little something extra. Elizabeth is dedicated to the teaching profession. She works tirelessly preparing lesson plans and activities for her students. She plants flowers on the school grounds and even maintains them in the summer by watering and weeding them. We are so excited to have Elizabeth Ryan as Trindale's Star Employee for September.

#### **Trinity Elementary School – Star Employee – Mary Brady – Teacher Assistant**

Trinity Elementary School is proud to recognize Mary Brady as our September STAR Employee. Mrs. Brady is an excellent example of a team player. She steps up to assist in all grade levels and classrooms whenever there is a need. She has dedicated her time to assist in our after-school daycare program and has driven a bus when needed. Mary is always so positive around the students and staff. She is professional and works hard to make sure our students are able to Think, Explore, and Succeed each and every day.

#### **Trinity High School – Star Employee – Misty Hildreth – Lead Teacher**

Mrs. Hildreth joined the faculty of Trinity High School as our lead teacher this school year. She has already had a huge impact in the short time she has been on our campus. She has worked endlessly to help the staff prepare for our students' arrival at the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Hildreth is friendly, efficient, and an extremely hard worker. In the brief time that Mrs. Hildreth has been at Trinity High School, she has already made a positive impact on our school environment. She has gone out of her way to meet and discuss issues with teachers, checked on staff members before school on the first day, and shared valuable resources with beginning and veteran teachers. Mrs. Hildreth has jumped into Bulldog Nation and proved that she is dedicated to the success of all students and the Trinity High School community as well. We look forward to the ideas and innovations that Ms. Hildreth brings to our school. Congratulations to Mrs. Hildreth on being selected as Trinity High School's STAR Employee for September!

#### **Trinity Middle School – Star Employee – Trish Pierce – School Nutrition Manager**

Trish Pierce, School Nutrition Manager, is a valued Bulldog who goes above and beyond for our students daily. She arrives at school well before the sun comes up to make sure our students and staff are welcomed each morning with a nutritious breakfast. Not only does she make sure each child's belly is full, but also makes each child feel welcome with her bubbly personality and contagious smile. She consistently looks for ways to improve the cafeteria at TMS and is always willing to lend a helping hand. We are proud to honor her as TMS's Star Employee for September.

#### **Wheatmore High School – Star Employee – Carly VanLandingham – Math**

Wheatmore High School is proud to recognize Ms. Carly VanLandingham as our STAR Employee for the month of September. As a former graduate and member of Wheatmore's Color Guard program, Carly continues to work with that program to provide opportunities for students through

the long fall season and during the winter guard season. Along with this responsibility, Carly is a vital member of our Math Department, serving as our lead Math I teacher and our only AP Math teacher. Her tireless work ethic to meet our students' needs is to be commended. She is part of a team that has shown exceptional student achievement growth over the past few years as we strive to return to pre-pandemic achievement levels. Ms. VanLandingham has a kind spirit and is always willing to do what is best for our students. Wheatmore High School is proud to present Ms. Carly VanLandingham as our STAR Employee for the month of September.

**Wheatmore Middle School – Star Employee – Cassie Keiffer – EC**

Wheatmore Middle School's STAR Employee nominee is Cassie Keiffer. Cassie is an EC Teacher. Mrs. Keiffer works tirelessly to provide quality instruction and support for all of the students that she works with on a daily basis. But beyond that, Mrs. Keiffer cares deeply for her students and works to make meaningful, personal connections with each one of them. She goes above and beyond the call of duty to lead our EC department as the department chair. Mrs. Keiffer is the epitome of #TheWarriorWay, which is why she is our nominee for STAR Employee.