

Randolph County School System

“RCSS STAR Employees” for February 2022

Coleridge Elementary School - Jennie Santiano

Jennie Santiano works diligently to provide a safe space for all our students and their individual needs that may arise. As our school counselor, she is trusted by all who may need to speak to her about issues in a confidential manner. Ms. Santiano is an asset to our school and is always willing to go above and beyond to help out wherever she is needed. Coleridge Elementary School is proud to recognize Jennie Santiano as our STAR Employee for February.

Eastern Randolph High School - Kim Spivey

Kim Spivey goes above and beyond to create rigorous and relevant learning opportunities for her Occupational Course of Study students. She greets every day with a smile and continues to work tirelessly during these unprecedented times to ensure that the diverse needs of her students have been met, both in-person and remotely. Mrs. Spivey maintains high expectations for her students and ensures they receive all the support needed to meet and exceed their goals. She is a leader both in her department and across the school as a whole. Mrs. Spivey's positive attitude and team spirit are contagious. She is always willing to pitch in anywhere she is needed. Kim Spivey embodies the true spirit of a Wildcat and we are proud to recognize her as Eastern Randolph High School's STAR Employee for February.

Farmer Elementary School - Alice Davis

Humble, positive, and hardworking are just a few of the words that could be used to best describe Alice Davis. No matter the task or the circumstances, Mrs. Davis can be found completing it with a smile on her face. Farmer Elementary School appreciates Mrs. Davis and truly is fortunate to have her as a member of our team. Farmer Elementary school is pleased to select Alice Davis as our STAR Employee for February.

Seagrove Elementary School - Kenita Matthews

Kenita Matthews is loved by students and coworkers alike. She is willing to do anything asked of her. Ms. Matthews works non-stop with her non-profit and helping our community, and still comes to school ready to give 110 percent to everyone here. She comes in every day with a smile, a warm greeting, and a positive attitude. In Tiger's Den, Ms. Matthews encourages and helps. She studies spelling with kids, listens to and helps children with their reading, and makes flash cards to help them learn different subjects. She treats the children as if they are her own children - with respect, love, high expectations, and fair discipline. Kenita Matthews is a blessing to Seagrove Elementary School and all of Randolph County, and we are proud to select her as our school's STAR Employee for February.

Southeastern Randolph Middle School - Dana Saunders

Math teacher Dana Saunders is as the eighth grade representative on the School Improvement Team and is the grade level chairperson. She is sweet and caring and is always supportive of both her students and colleagues. Mrs. Saunders is always willing to help those in need, without hesitation. She takes extra time to help her students and encourages them to always try their best. Mrs. Saunders is appreciated each and every day by her students. She is a pleasure to work with and a joy to be around, and she represents a Wildcat in the true sense of the word. We are fortunate to have Dana Saunders on staff at Southeastern Randolph Middle School and are proud to have her as our STAR Employee for February.

Southmont Elementary School - Tracy Shores Lopez

Tracy Shores Lopez cheerfully serves our students as a bus driver and school nutrition employee. She is very conscientious about safely delivering the students on her bus to Southmont Elementary School each day. She consistently follows all transportation protocols and serves students in the cafeteria with a smile. Mrs. Shores Lopez demonstrates a positive attitude and often has a humorous riddle or joke to share with her colleagues. Tracy Shores Lopez 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 - Andrew Atwell

Andrew Atwell, Career and Technical Education - Agriculture teacher, cares about his students and his community and does whatever he can to help others. Mr. Atwell has been a strong team player in the Cougar family since he came to us several years ago, but has really stepped up his game over the last few months. From filling in at the VERY last minute to cover bus routes or classes to serving as a volunteer firefighter in his community, Mr. Atwell seeks to make a positive difference in the lives of those around him. As a career technical educator, he goes above and beyond in his classroom to help students have hands-on experiences that enhance the curriculum. This has been a difficult time in the life of public education, because of the many moving parts and varied duties and responsibilities in our schools, but one of the blessings of the last several months has been watching educators like Andrew Atwell rise to the top and show all of us what it means to be a true team player and real difference maker. Southwestern Randolph High School is proud to recognize Andrew Atwell as our STAR Employee for February.

Southwestern Randolph Middle School - Jeanne Geraghty

Jeanne Geraghty is an excellent teacher and athletic coach who pours her time, energy, and passion into our school each and every day. She not only serves students in all three grade levels as one of our physical education and health teachers, but also devotes hours of her week as the school's head girls' basketball coach and head volleyball coach. Ms. Geraghty exhibits an immense desire to teach students to be their best in all they do and to give their best effort no matter what the circumstances are. Jeanne Geraghty represents what it means to be an excellent mentor and role model, and that is why we have chosen her to be Southwestern Randolph Middle School's STAR Employee for February.

Tabernacle Elementary School - Reva Bowen

Reva Bowen is a devoted employee at Tabernacle Elementary School. She is the director of Tabernacle's before and after-school Cougar Care. Ms. Bowen always shows up with a smile on her face and is willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. She has an amazing work ethic and also helps out with the school store in the mornings. Ms. Bowen builds strong relationships with students, staff, and parents. She takes pride in her work and shows flexibility by going with the flow on a daily basis. She always speaks to everyone and checks on others to make sure they are okay. Overall, Ms. Bowen is kind and caring, works well with others, and is dependable. She also attends sporting events to watch Tabernacle students play sports. She is a bright star at our school and we are blessed to have her! Congratulations to Reva Bowen, Tabernacle Elementary School's STAR Employee for February.

Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve - Michael Hatfield

Michael Hatfield is truly a unique and talented teacher. Though this is his first year at Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve, he has already made a definable impact on our high school students and staff. He keeps many of his accomplishments and talents swept under the rug, but we can see that he is quite remarkable. As one of our high school teachers who find themselves teaching multiple subjects, Mr. Hatfield teaches two grade levels of math. Yet, he volunteers to teach another core subject or elective in order to better serve the students' needs. Our students know that Mr. Hatfield is a keeper and that he truly cares about their success and wellbeing. All around, he is a giving, caring, and compassionate teacher who makes a difference in the lives of others. Congratulations to Michael Hatfield, Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve's STAR Employee for February.

The Virtual Academy at Randolph - Lane Vecellio

Mrs. Lane Vecellio wears a myriad of hats at The Virtual Academy at Randolph. She is a phenomenal virtual teacher. She contributes to the success at The Virtual Academy by serving as the Elementary Department chairperson, Multi-Tiered System of Supports problem-solving coach, School Improvement Team representative, and Lead Teacher liaison for both elementary and middle school. Mrs. Vecellio is always willing to roll up her sleeves and do what is best for students. She is a true voyager helping our staff, students, and parents find their way through virtual teaching and learning. Congratulations to Lane Vecellio, The Virtual Academy at Randolph's STAR Employee for February.