# Randolph County School System STAR<sup>3</sup> Winners for September, 2015



#### Archdale Elementary School - McKenzie Baker - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

McKenzie Baker is the daughter of Ashley Baker and Roland Baker. She is in Mrs. Swiggett's 5th grade class and is an awesome example of everything the STAR<sup>3</sup> award stands for. She is a great all-around person and student. McKenzie is very involved in our school as a member of the morning news team and the GEMS Club. She has also served on Student Council. She is a hard worker and learns from her mistakes. She can always be counted on to follow through with anything she is asked to do. We are so happy to have her as a member of our Archdale family, and we are proud to recognize McKenzie Baker as our STAR<sup>3</sup> student for September.

#### Archdale-Trinity Middle School - Tori Kirkman - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tori Kirkman is the daughter of Ronald and Nikki Kirkman. She is a member of the "Legends" team and is a model student who is always eager to help others. She has spent much of her free time helping in Mrs. Capraro's special needs classroom, and wants to become an Exceptional Children's teacher when she grows up. Her leadership qualities are evidenced each time she enters that classroom door. She is a good role model for the students and strives to help them make appropriate decisions. In addition, she never fails to compliment them on a job well done. Mrs. Plummer states, "Tori has been an amazing peer helper for our boys!!" Tori Kirkman's selfless giving and concern for others is the reason why Archdale-Trinity Middle School would like to recognize her as our STAR<sup>3</sup> student for the month of September.

#### Braxton Craven Middle School - Richard Johnson - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Richard Johnson is the son of Darrell and Sherrie Johnson. Richard was selected as STAR<sup>3</sup> student for several reasons. First of all, he displays a strong work ethic and drive. Even if he encounters something difficult, Richard perseveres until he has accomplished the goal. He is always willing to put forth the extra effort needed. Richard is also a role model to other students based on his excellent manners and his generous nature. He makes a point to be kind to everyone and he shows nothing but respect to his teachers and peers. The Mountaineer team is proud to have Richard Johnson as one of our students and congratulate him on being selected Braxton Craven's STAR<sup>3</sup> student for September.

#### Hopewell Elementary School - Myleigh Surratt - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Myleigh Surratt is the daughter of Kyle and Mindy Surratt, and big sister to Kylen. She is in Mrs. Frow's class at Hopewell. Myleigh is a happy and friendly student who loves to dance and tumble. Even though she is still quite young, Myleigh has faced many obstacles already in life. With the support of her family and friends, Myleigh has met and conquered each challenge with a smile. The staff at Hopewell has been amazed at the progress she has made in school, especially after a major surgery last spring. Myleigh is an inspiration to all around her and Hopewell is delighted to recognize her as our STAR<sup>3</sup> student for September.

## John Lawrence Elementary School - Hannah Styles - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Hannah is the daughter of Harriett Spence and Harold Styles. Hannah exemplifies the true STAR<sup>3</sup> student. She joins in on learning at all levels, whether independently, with a partner or in a small group. She recognizes all her classmates as equals and treats them as she would like to be treated. Armed with a quiet smile, Hannah spreads kindness throughout our school. Although Hannah has to climb mountains that her life dictates, she is determined and focused at school. It is a pleasure to see her honored for the example she is to teachers and her fellow classmates. Hannah is very deserving of being selected the John Lawrence Elementary STAR<sup>3</sup> student for September.

#### New Market Elementary School - Derek Weidman - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Derek is the son of Roxanne Weidman. He is in Ms. Meris' class. Derek is a STAR<sup>3</sup> student because of the outstanding improvements he has made over the years. Derek is thoughtful and always encourages his classmates. He has a thirst for knowledge and loves watching PBS and anything to do with Science. Derek is a hard worker, has a great attitude, and is respectful to his peers and teachers. We are so proud of Derek's accomplishments at New Market and congratulate him on being selected our STAR<sup>3</sup> student for September!

## Randolph Early College High School - Nicholas Soule - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Nicholas is the son of Scott and Tara Soule of Asheboro, and the older brother of William, a 4th grader at Farmer Elementary. Nicholas enjoys playing basketball, traveling, reading, and playing games on the computer. His teachers describe him as charming, respectful, organized, and a wonderful team player. Nicholas always has a smile on his face and kind word for others. The teacher who nominated Nicholas said, "He is one of the most trustworthy and honest students I've ever taught. He is very conscientious about his work and always gives 100%." Nicholas is interested in studying paleontology and zoology and hopes to attend either UNC-Charlotte or UNC-Greensboro after graduation. Nicholas has been a wonderful asset to Randolph Early College High School and we are proud to call him our STAR<sup>3</sup> student for September!

## Trindale Elementary School - Jason Garcia - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Jason is the son of Susana Hernandez and Noe Garcia. He is bilingual and learned English through the ESL department at Trindale and with help from home. Jason's parents had limited educational opportunities growing up and support Jason in his academics as much as possible. Jason wants to be a surgeon when he grows up. In the classroom and in after-school activities such as "Go Far," Jason constantly encourages others. He even encourages his teachers when they are having a bad day! Jason works hard at his academics, never gives up and isn't embarrassed to ask questions when he needs help. He is truly an inspiration to his teachers and fellow students. Trindale is honored to recognize Jason Garcia as our STAR<sup>3</sup> student for September.

## Trinity Elementary School - Saleha Ijaz - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Saleha is the daughter of Mohammad Ijaz Khan and Hafiza Begum. Saleha is a priceless gem. In class she is a hard worker and very enthusiastic to learn. She is eager to please her teachers, an example of her work ethic. As a friend, she always has a smile and a kind word. She is eager to help a friend in need and has constant respect for everyone she encounters. She brightens a classroom with her loving spirit. She has the makings of a future leader! It is a pleasure having Saleha represent Trinity Elementary School as our STAR<sup>3</sup> student for September and our first one of the school year.

#### Trinity High School - Ashton Roberts - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ashton is the daughter of Aaron and Gwendolyn Roberts. Ashton's positive contributions to Trinity High include being President of FCA, President of HOSA, and a varsity cheerleader. She is very organized, motivated, responsible, and trustworthy. Ashton has taken every single Health Occupations course offered at Trinity. She earned her Certified Nursing Assistant licensure this past May and was the youngest at Trinity, at age 16, to earn this certification. Her goal is to work in pediatrics and become a nurse working in the NICU. She is considering several colleges to pursue her nursing degree including Louisburg College, UNC-G, RCC, and DCCC. Trinity High School is pleased to select Ashton Roberts as the STAR<sup>3</sup> student for September.

### Wheatmore High School - Trey Hilliard - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Trey is the son of Keith and Stephanie Hilliard. From the time Trey entered Wheatmore, it was clear that he would be a student who would positively impact the lives of those around him. Trey's wit, humor, and intelligence have always been evident. However, last year we got to witness Trey's determination and grit. When faced with a serious health issue, Trey never gave up or lost sight of his dreams. If anything, his compassion for others grew. Trey has returned to Wheatmore this year without missing a beat. Trey's inner strength and heart are immeasurable. Not only is he our STAR<sup>3</sup> student, Trey is a Warrior. It is an honor to recognize Trey Hilliard as Wheatmore's STAR<sup>3</sup> student for September.