

# Randolph County School System

## “STAR Employees” for February 2021

### **Coleridge Elementary School - Kasey Peters**

Kasey Peters, English Language Arts teacher, works diligently daily to ensure her students success. She is calm and patient daily with each of her students and is always smiling. Ms. Peters goes above and beyond to make sure that her students’ learning opportunities are differentiated to meet their needs. Kasey Peters is an asset to Coleridge Elementary School and the community, and we are proud to recognize her as our STAR Employee for February.

### **Eastern Randolph High School - Cindy Hardister**

The spirit of the STAR Employee Award is to recognize teachers who are committed to serving students on an ongoing basis. No teacher is more deserving of this recognition than Cindy Hardister, our English as a Second Language teacher. She is a champion, not only for her students, but for the school as a whole. Mrs. Hardister is relentless, not only in meeting the language acquisition needs of second language learners, but also ensuring their success in the big picture across all content areas, keeping all eyes on graduation and future career opportunities. Mrs. Hardister’s passion and enthusiastic attitude are contagious and she makes every day better just by being in it. She is always willing to jump in wherever she is needed with true Wildcat spirit. It is with great pride that we recognize Cindy Hardister as the Eastern Randolph High School STAR Employee for February.

### **Farmer Elementary School - Shannon Davidson**

Custodian Shannon Davidson joined the staff at Farmer Elementary School this year, and his impact could be felt and seen immediately. Mr. Davidson has a good work ethic and takes pride in his work. He is always willing to jump in and do whatever is needed to assist teachers or students, or to help make our campus look more appealing. He does all of these things with a positive attitude and a humble personality. We are fortunate to have Mr. Davidson as part of our team at Farmer Elementary School and are proud to select him as our STAR Employee for February.

### **Seagrove Elementary School - Barbara Kearns**

Secretary Barbara Kearns has been a great addition to Seagrove Elementary School. She is such a positive person to each staff member and says such positive things. Ms. Kearns works hard to make sure every detail of her work is correct, and she is always willing to help. Congratulations to Barbara Kearns, Seagrove Elementary School’s STAR Employee for February.

### **Southeastern Randolph Middle School - Dr. James Johnson**

Dr. James Johnson, principal of Southeastern Randolph Middle School, is the epitome of a true leader and goes above and beyond in everything he does. This year Dr. Johnson has held this staff together. He helps with classes in the media center, listens to our problems, does contact tracing, tutors, and in short...has done it all. He never misses a day of work, rain or shine. Dr. Johnson is always easily accessible for students, staff members, and parents. His positive attitude and work ethic are beyond reproach. Dr. Johnson leads by example, always encouraging others and providing challenges to help others grow. He is wonderful at his job and cares about everyone. Dr. Johnson is loved by students and staff alike. Southeastern Randolph Middle School is proud to have Dr. James Johnson as our STAR Employee for February.

### **Southmont Elementary School - Chrystal Haigler**

Chrystal Haigler has done an amazing job in her first year as lead teacher at Southmont. She is very knowledgeable in effective teaching practices and uses that knowledge to help teachers learn and grow. She works hard to maintain a professional and positive attitude when working with Southmont’s Professional Learning Teams. Her commitment to helping Southmont excel, even in very difficult circumstances, has been an asset this school year. Ms. Haigler is also a personable leader who demonstrates respect to all who interact with her. She listens without judgement and offers solutions when necessary. She always has a smile on her face and helps in any way she can. We can only expect bigger and better things in the future, because she cares and is committed to helping us all be our best. Southmont Elementary School is pleased to recognize Chrystal Haigler as our STAR Employee for February.

### **Southwestern Randolph High School - Melissa Marion**

Melissa Marion is the Student Advocate at Southwestern Randolph High School - a job title that fits her very well. Ms. Marion is a true asset to our school, always going above and beyond in her service to our students, staff, and families. She has stepped up even more this year, helping in any capacity that would help ease the burden for someone else, and she always does so with a smile on her face. Ms. Marion has gone outside the realm of what might have been her typical "assigned duties" this year, helping with anything from walking students and parents through Canvas to providing individual emotional support to students on issues affecting their schoolwork. She uses whatever means necessary to get the job done. Ms. Marion has helped connect teachers, students, and parents and she did a lot to assist with Christmas help for our families as well, all while being a graduate student herself. She has really stepped up even more than usual at a time when it was very much needed, to the benefit to our whole community. Southwestern Randolph High School is honored to name Melissa Marion our STAR Employee for February.

### **Southwestern Randolph Middle School - Beth Springs**

School Nutrition Assistant Manager Beth Springs is an amazing asset to Southwestern Randolph Middle School. There is something about an individual who is consistently positive, excellent at their work, and always willing to do whatever is needed that makes the school function the way it does. Ms. Springs is always smiling and always interacts with students in a positive manner. She works diligently to complete tasks and does so without complaint or negativity. Ms. Springs embodies everything that a supervisor would want from an employee and can be trusted to carry out any responsibility assigned to her. Our cafeteria and our school are in great hands because of individuals like Beth Springs, and that is why Southwestern Randolph Middle School proudly recognizes her as our STAR employee for February.

### **Tabernacle Elementary School - Amy Hunt**

Amy Hunt, Severe Emotional Disability teacher, goes above and beyond for her students. She is a giving individual who puts every fiber of her being into her students. Mrs. Hunt works hard to make sure her students are cared for and loved, and goes well beyond expectations in performing her job to the best of her ability. She works countless hours to make sure she is doing the best for her students and never hesitates to ask a question or ask for support if needed. Mrs. Hunt is a joy to students and teachers alike. To her students, she is their safe place and they trust and respect her immensely. Mrs. Hunt is knowledgeable about behavior interventions and is always willing to share what she knows with others. She is a bright and cheerful face at Tabernacle and we don't know what we would do without her. Tabernacle Elementary School is proud to recognize Amy Hunt as our STAR Employee for February.

### **Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve - Sarah Moore**

Since joining our Career Technical Education team last summer, Sarah Moore, our Agriculture teacher, is doing an outstanding job. She is extremely passionate about her curriculum and continually creating new ways to keep our students engaged. Even during this difficult time, Mrs. Moore is able to continue with hands-on experiences to enhance student learning. In addition, she works tirelessly with all students to help them discover their passions. Here are some student comments regarding Mrs. Moore:

"Mrs. Moore is a fun teacher and makes learning about animals interesting."

"I like how Mrs. Moore explains things in her class. I like how we go into depth about animals and learn a lot of new information."

"I like Ag class because we get to work with the animals."

"I like Animal Science because it is really hands on."

"Mrs. Moore is a great teacher and really hands on."

Congratulations to Sarah Moore, Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve's STAR Employee for February.