

# **Randolph County School System**

## **“RCSS STAR Employees” for November 2020**

### **Coleridge Elementary School - Jordan Thompson**

First grade teacher Jordan Thompson is kind and patient with all of her students. She strives to create a positive learning environment in which all children are valued for their hard work. Ms. Thompson works extremely hard every day to make sure that every minute of her day is used for instruction. She approaches everything she does with a smile and positive attitude. We are grateful for her dedication to our students and proud to have her as a part of our Coleridge staff. Coleridge Elementary School is proud to present our STAR Employee award for November to Jordan Thompson.

### **Eastern Randolph High School - Lauren Overman**

A true STAR Employee is selfless, dedicated, and passionate about education. For these reasons and many more, we are proud to recognize our Career Development Coordinator, Lauren Overman, as Eastern Randolph High School’s STAR Employee for November. Mrs. Overman, a proud Wildcat graduate, provides exemplary leadership for our Career Technical Education department, in order to maximize growth opportunities for both staff and students. She promotes a strong foundation of technical knowledge and employability skills for students to complement their academic studies. Mrs. Overman has been an invaluable asset during this unprecedented time in education, helping every Wildcat make the most of their educational and career opportunities. She jumps in to help whenever and wherever she is needed to get the job done.

### **Farmer Elementary School - April Goodlin**

Though only in her second year at Farmer Elementary School, second grade teacher April Goodlin has already made quite an impact. She maintains a positive attitude and displays a "can do" spirit. Not only has Mrs. Goodlin been flexible and creative throughout remote learning, Plan B, and in-person learning, she has also been generous of her time and effort. Mrs. Goodlin often volunteers to help her fellow staff members in any way that she can, particularly with regard to technology and virtual learning. Farmer Elementary School is proud to announce Mrs. April Goodlin as our STAR Employee for November.

### **Seagrove Elementary School - Michelle Crigger**

Michelle Crigger, teacher assistant, is always willing to do anything asked of her. She willingly took on the job of teaching the Family Support students on their remote learning days and has done a fantastic job. Mrs. Crigger always makes sure students get online for their daily Google Meets, helps them access various technology resources, and makes sure they complete their work. Despite how challenging this job has been, Mrs. Crigger shows up every day with a smile and positive attitude. Congratulations to Michelle Crigger, Seagrove Elementary School’s STAR Employee for November.

### **Southeastern Randolph Middle School - Debbie Barber**

Debbie Barber, teacher assistant, always steps up to the plate to help students be successful. When teachers are out or in need, she steps in without complaining to make sure the students have everything they need. Mrs. Barber is great with the students and knows the material for all subject areas. She is willing to (and does) go the extra mile for all students and teachers. Mrs. Barber even coordinated the gathering of books from another school, so that teachers have enough novels for the students in their classes. Mrs. Barber substitutes in classes and buses, tutors students, and helps out at the front desk, media center, and anywhere else she is needed. She does everything to make our school operate smoothly. Congratulations, Debbie Barber, for a job well done and for being selected Southeastern Randolph Middle School’s STAR Employee for November.

**Southmont Elementary School - Brooke Andrews**

Brooke Andrews, third grade teacher, always goes the extra mile to help students feel welcome and makes them feel like they can make a difference. She always has a positive outlook, even in not-so-positive situations. Mrs. Andrews is co-sponsor of Southmont's Junior Beta Club and works hard to provide these students with an enriching experience. Congratulations to Brooke Andrews, Southmont Elementary School's STAR Employee for November.

**Southwestern Randolph High School - Tina Trotter**

Guidance Counselor Tina Trotter is a lifeline for many within the school community. She is hard-working and kind, and always puts others before herself. Mrs. Trotter genuinely cares for the well-being and success of those around her. She has taken the lead in our guidance office to help provide new ways to reach our students virtually and continually provides support. Mrs. Trotter made an introduction video for freshmen and continues to connect with our seniors to provide college information. This school year has had its challenging moments, but Mrs. Trotter continues to be a bright, shining light. When someone needs assistance or guidance, she is always there with a smile on her face, willing to help. She wants to make a difference in the lives of our students, staff, and community. We are blessed to have Mrs. Trotter as a Southwestern Cougar, and we are forever grateful for her hard work, passion, and dedication. Congratulations to Tina Trotter, Southwestern Randolph High School's STAR Employee for November.

**Southwestern Randolph Middle School - Brittany Roberti**

Brittany Roberti fulfills the responsibilities of a school counselor extremely well; additionally, her ability to advocate for students, work with students to develop coping mechanisms, and establish trust with students experiencing difficulty is outstanding. She has served as an adviser for both the Yearbook Club and the Battle of the Books Club, and is the ultimate team player whenever her help is needed in a classroom or any other learning space on campus. It is a pleasure and an honor to have Brittany Roberti as an integral part of our team, and that is why we recognize her as our STAR Employee for November.

**Tabernacle Elementary School - Ashley Smith**

Fourth grade teacher Ashley Smith has worked relentlessly from the first day of this school year to ensure that her students are receiving the absolute best education possible, despite the difficulties that have been presented. She has done this not only for students in her class, but for both fourth grade classes, while waiting for a second fourth grade teacher to be hired and present. Ms. Smith is an amazing teacher. She stays late at school working daily, sacrificing time away from her family. To make sure her lessons are perfect, she stays up late working at night after her own children go to bed. Ms. Smith goes well above and beyond her regular duties as a teacher. She is an all-around amazing person and co-worker willing to help anyone she can, however she can. Tabernacle Elementary School is proud to recognize Ashley Smith as our STAR Employee for November.

**Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve - Cyndi Godfrey**

Dedicated, compassionate, and optimistic are words that describe our school counselor, Cyndi Godfrey. Over the past four years, our school has evolved from a traditional middle school to a 6-12 school. Each year the schedule has changed, courses have been added, and new responsibilities have surfaced. As the sole school counselor of both a middle and a high school, Ms. Godfrey's duties have increased and her role has been redefined. She has met these new expectations with resilience and a positive attitude. In addition to learning about and adapting to responsibilities unique to high school, Ms. Godfrey has built and maintained strong relationships with students. Her sunny disposition and supportive outlook make her relatable and approachable to staff and students alike. She is an advocate for our students, families, teachers, and school. Uwharrie Ridge would not be the same without her! Congratulations to Cyndi Godfrey, Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve's STAR Employee for November.