

Randolph County School System

“RCSS STAR Employees” for November 2018



Coleridge Elementary School - Jamie Staley

When you walk into the media center at Coleridge Elementary School, you can tell the passion that Media Specialist Jamie Staley has for the students and for the love of learning. She has brought many new and innovative ideas to the media center and has implemented Makerspace, which is truly engaging for all students. Ms. Staley is a blessing to all staff members and helps in any way she is needed. Coleridge Elementary School is thankful for Jamie Staley and is proud to select her as our STAR Employee for November.

Eastern Randolph High School - Stephanie Bowman

Stephanie Bowman, Exceptional Children teacher at Eastern Randolph High School, has been a part of the Wildcat family since 2011. She works diligently to meet the needs of all students and dedicates countless hours to promote student growth and academic achievement. Ms. Bowman promotes student accountability and holds high expectations for all students, as well as for herself. She regularly attends after-school events to support and encourage her students. Ms. Bowman's students would tell you it is like having another parent watching over their shoulders! She can always be counted upon to pitch in wherever help is needed. She is a collaborative team player and works well with all staff members. Stephanie Bowman is a true asset to Eastern Randolph High School, and it is with pride that we recognize her as our STAR Employee for November.

Farmer Elementary School - Kathy Pirt

Teacher Assistant Kathy Pirt is truly a star employee. She not only assists teachers and students in four different grade levels, she also voluntarily takes on other key school responsibilities such as organizing school pictures. Even though she is pulled in many different directions, Mrs. Pirt always is willing to help out and also manages to keep a positive attitude. Congratulations to Kathy Pirt, Farmer Elementary School's STAR Employee for November.

Randolph Early College High School - Shannon Darcy

Social Studies teacher Shannon Darcy works hard at everything she does. She gives 100% to not only help her students, but to help her peers as well. It is easy to overlook how much Ms. Darcy does, because she does it with anonymity and without the need or desire for recognition. She is a true champion of justice for all, with a big heart and a smile that can light up a room. Ms. Darcy tries a variety of strategies to help students learn Civics and Economics in a fun way. She challenges students and holds them to high standards in her classroom daily. As a Beta Club sponsor, Ms. Darcy devotes many hours outside of school, including weekends and during the summer, to planning and chaperoning Beta Club activities. She is a member of our School Improvement Team and Recruitment Team. Congratulations to Shannon Darcy, Randolph Early College High School's STAR Employee for September.

Seagrove Elementary School - Barbara Kearns

Secretary Barbara Kearns is new to Seagrove Elementary School this school year and has been a great addition to our team. She always is cheerful and smiling and goes out of her way to help everyone. Ms. Kearns does her job, but is compassionate and helpful to her co-workers, especially when they make mistakes. She always is positive and eager to help anyone in need. Seagrove Elementary School is proud to have Barbara Kearns as our STAR Employee for November.

Southeastern Randolph Middle School - Dr. James Johnson

Southeastern Randolph Middle School's principal, Dr. James Johnson, shows respect to all staff members and students, and will go the extra mile for anyone. He does what it takes and is a game changer. Dr. Johnson is understanding, approachable, calm, impartial, caring, and supportive. He brings a whole new atmosphere to our school. Dr. Johnson puts students first in everything he does, and he knows how to get the students to laugh. He can be found shooting hoops with the eighth graders, reading to a class, playing musical chairs at a pep rally, or participating in the dodge ball tournament. Dr. Johnson brings new, innovative technology and ideas to our school. We appreciate Dr. James Johnson's dedication and all that he does for Southeastern Randolph Middle School, and we are proud to recognize him as the STAR Employee for November.

Southmont Elementary School - Kelly Long

Kelly Long, an Exceptional Children Instructional Assistant at Southmont, goes above and beyond every day. She greets some of our most high-needs students every morning and then assists them throughout the entire day without a single complaint. In fact, Ms. Long constantly proclaims how much she loves what she does. She is willing to assist with other students throughout the school as crisis situations arise, or just simply give students a hug and a smile to make them feel important. Congratulations to Kelly Long, Southmont Elementary School's STAR Employee for November.

Southwestern Randolph High School - Michele Saunders

Michele Saunders is a star teacher at Southwestern Randolph High School, where she has taught English for the past twenty years. Ms. Saunders is a hard worker and frequently is one of the first people to arrive at school in the morning. She is detail-oriented and well-prepared, and her professionalism always stands out. This year, Ms. Saunders has embraced her new role teaching AP Seminar in our AP Capstone Academy. She attended rigorous training sessions this past summer and helped provide information sessions on the new academy to prospective students. Ms. Saunders' classes develop effective writing and communication skills, and also investigate real-world topics through multiple perspectives. In addition, she continues to serve as the chair of the English Department, collaborating with colleagues to improve the school's quality of learning. On the school improvement team, Ms. Saunders helps implement and support initiatives and she continues to provide mentoring to beginning teachers. Above all, Ms. Saunders cares about students and strives to see them excel in the classroom and beyond. Congratulations, Michele Saunders, Southwestern Randolph High School's STAR Employee for November.

Southwestern Randolph Middle School - Troy Holt

Custodian Troy Holt is one of the reasons Southwestern Randolph Middle School is complimented for its cleanliness by visitors on a consistent basis. Mr. Holt always is willing to answer a clean-up request or do more than what is required to ensure that his areas are taken care of. Teachers on his hallway rave constantly about Mr. Holt's eagerness to ensure their rooms are ready to welcome students each day. Mr. Holt can always be counted upon to have a positive attitude and a smile, and his approach and dedication to his work exemplify the school's goal to achieve excellence without exception. We are proud to name Troy Holt as the Southwestern Randolph Middle School STAR Employee for November.

Tabernacle Elementary School - Jordan Kinney

Head custodian Jordan Kinney works tirelessly to keep Tabernacle Elementary School in the best condition. She treats everyone with respect and never complains when asked to do a task. Ms. Kinney fills in when others are absent and takes on additional duties with great pride. She has an outstanding work ethic and is faithful to her job. Ms. Kinney is always smiling and is respected by everyone. Jordan Kinney's positive attitude is why she is Tabernacle Elementary School's STAR Employee for November.

Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve - Gary Meisch

Gary Meisch, In School Suspension (ISS) teacher at Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve, always does more than required. He steps up and completes anything asked of him without complaint or hesitation. Mr. Meisch sees areas of need at Uwharrie Ridge and is always willing to help out, whether it is coaching football or basketball or maintaining ISS. Mr. Meisch builds positive relationships with our students and community and we are proud to have him as a part of the staff at Uwharrie Ridge. Congratulations to Gary Meisch, Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve's STAR Employee for November.