

Randolph County School System

“RCSS STAR Employees” for December 2020

Archdale Elementary School - Lisa Garrison

As lead teacher, Lisa Garrison has consistently supported our students and staff through all of the transitions and last minute changes this school year has brought us so far. Mrs. Garrison has been able to come up with innovative ideas and develop wonderful opportunities for our students and staff. She has risen to the challenges that have presented themselves and assisted our staff in finding new possibilities, all while encouraging them to stretch and grow. Mrs. Garrison has dedicated much of her personal time to her own growth and development and we all reap the benefits of her efforts. She is a valued member of our school community. We are proud to honor Lisa Garrison as Archdale Elementary School’s STAR Employee for December.

Archdale-Trinity Middle School - Miles Joseph "Joey" Bruff

Multi-skilled, ready when you call, cover anywhere and anytime. Archdale Trinity Middle School’s STAR Employee is one of those people. Joey Bruff, In-School Suspension Coordinator, has proven just how invaluable he is to our school over the past several months. He has covered classes, answered phones, driven buses, done custodial work, served as our COVID room supervisor, and helps with duties when needed, along with any small assignments that come into play throughout the day. He has been able to handle any task given to him and has done so with a positive attitude. Mr. Bruff has truly been a living example of what it means to be a team player. He is a role model for our students and staff and is the perfect example of what it means to “Be More Dog.” We are honored to recognize Joey Bruff as Archdale-Trinity Middle School’s STAR Employee for December.

Braxton Craven School - Shayla Spainhour

Teacher Shayla Spainhour works extra hours to make sure her students are successful. She has consistently helped her colleagues with Canvas questions and creating online content. She is an invaluable resource to other teachers during this time of remote learning. Mrs. Spainhour covers classes and duties when needed to ensure in-person learning can continue at Braxton Craven. She is always willing to do anything asked of her and always with a smiling face. Mrs. Spainhour has worked tirelessly to implement her new curriculum and found supplemental resources to provide quality online assignments and materials for students. While only in her third year of teaching, Mrs. Spainhour has a bright future ahead of her and will undoubtedly have a positive impact on many students. Congratulations to Shayla Spainhour, Braxton Craven School’s STAR Employee for December.

Hopewell Elementary School - Andrea Gil

Andrea Gil exemplifies what it means to be a team player. She works tirelessly to make sure all students have what they need. She is currently teaching both first and second grade while working on her Master's degree. As one parent has put it, "We would like to take a minute to brag about Ms. Gil. She must have super powers, because remote learning has been so effective and streamlined this year. Social-Emotional Learning is a hot topic right now, and everyone could benefit from a case study of her classroom and work. In a time, when it can be so easy for people to find something to complain about in education, we wanted to make sure that you were aware of the absolutely positive and incredible work that Señorita Gil is providing all of her students." For this reason and many others, we are proud to have Andrea Gil as Hopewell Elementary School’s STAR Employee for the month of December.

John Lawrence Elementary School - Sherrie Cook

Receptionist Sherrie Cook is the smiling face that families see every day when they come to the door at John Lawrence Elementary School (JLES). She completes many unnoticed tasks each day that help keep the school running smoothly, and her hard work, commitment, and perseverance are amazing! Ms. Cook is dedicated to our school, giving her time and talent to make sure the office has the resources that we need to succeed. We are lucky to have her as member of our team. Sherrie Cook is the longest tenured member of the JLES pride and is very deserving of the STAR Employee award for John Lawrence Elementary School for December.

New Market Elementary School - Kim Allred

How do you even begin to describe teacher Kim Allred? She is flexible, reliable, helpful, easygoing, and the list can go on and on. Her best attribute is building relationships with children. She treats them as if they were her own - guiding them, leading them, and supporting them academically and social/emotionally. Ms. Allred is known for reaching out to the families and creating trusting relationships with each of them. Despite the many challenges that have come her way this year, she remains positive and upbeat and continues to hold both herself and her students to high expectations. The beauty of it all is that Ms. Allred continues to love what she does and it shows on a daily basis. We are super proud to announce Kim Allred as our STAR Employee at New Market Elementary School for December.

Randolph Early College High School - Annie Hughes

Annie Hughes joined Randolph Early College High School this school year and has already made a huge impact on our school culture. She has brought such an infectious joyful spirit to our school. Mrs. Hughes is always full of school spirit and always willing to jump in and help. She has been a wonderful addition to our Raven family. Mrs. Hughes' math classroom is one of engagement and interactive activities. Students are excited to come to math class and look forward to their time with Mrs. Hughes each day. We are so fortunate that she joined our school. Congratulations to Annie Hughes, Randolph Early College High School's STAR Employee for December.

Trindale Elementary School - Judi Cagle

Assistant Principal Judi Cagle has been amazing this year with everything that has been thrown at her. She has gone to help other schools while they recovered from exposures. When the principal at the school was quarantined, Ms. Cagle stepped in and ran the school. She literally performed six jobs at once while the office staff was out. She took on the roles of data manager, office receptionist, treasurer, assistant principal, principal, and sometimes nurse. Ms. Cagle handled everything that came at her, including calling fifty students in the evening from 7:30 until 10:00 to help make sure all families were notified. She continually does what is asked of her and does it with grace. We are proud to select Judi Cagle as the STAR Employee for Trindale Elementary School for December.

Trinity Elementary School - Ginger Crites

Principal Ginger Crites has been an amazing leader to our Bulldog family this year, working all hours to find ways to support her staff, encourage our students, and keep everyone learning in the most difficult of school years. She has handled all the many changes of the 2020 school year with grace and understanding. Ms. Crites encourages our staff and supports us through our daily challenges. She is ready to listen and adjust, almost daily, as we navigate through this very different school year. Every day, Ms. Crites embodies the Bulldog Creed, "As a Trinity Bulldog, I will Think, I will Explore, and I will Succeed." She is our STAR! Trinity Elementary School is honored to recognize Ginger Crites as our STAR Employee for December.

Trinity High School - Noelle Walker

Noelle Walker is the Occupational Course of Study teacher at Trinity High School (THS). Even though she is only in her third year of teaching, Ms. Walker has grown quickly in her position and taken on a leadership role in the school as the Exceptional Children Department chair. She has had a fire and drive for her students and THS since her first day of work. Ms. Walker's love for her students and the Archdale-Trinity community shows in everything she does. She is the only teacher on campus who currently has her students face-to-face five days a week, and despite not having a planning period and being in the midst of a pandemic, she takes it all in stride and ensures her students have a safe and caring environment every day. Ms. Walker always has a positive attitude and a smile on her face. All around, THS is lucky to have her. Congratulations to Noelle Walker, Trinity High School's STAR Employee for December.

Wheatmore High School - Kelly Ivey

To say that Kelly Ivey is a STAR is to diminish the light she brings to the staff and students of Wheatmore. Mrs. Ivey is an outstanding educator serving as our lead teacher. She has led the school in the conversion to online learning, both last spring and throughout the fall semester. She provides video messages to teachers praising their work, while providing feedback in an upbeat and supportive manner. Mrs. Ivey is favored by students due to her positive, uplifting attitude and her willingness to go the extra mile for their benefit. She manages multiple aspects of curriculum and professional development while keeping an eye on the pulse of student culture. Kelly Ivey is a vital member of the Wheatmore High School family and this family is proud to recognize her as our STAR Employee for December.