

# Randolph County School System

## “RCSS STAR Employees” for September 2019



### **Archdale Elementary School - Tammy Bodenhamer**

Tammy Bodenhamer is an exemplary bus driver and teacher assistant who is very deserving of Archdale Elementary School's STAR Employee recognition. She cares deeply about the well-being of our students, both on the bus and in the classroom. Ms. Bodenhamer is reliable, flexible, and willing to go above and beyond her assigned duties. She is willing to offer a helping hand no matter the circumstance. Ms. Bodenhamer is a supportive teammate and consistently models kindness, respectfulness, and dependability for our staff and students. She is a valued member of our school community. We are proud to honor Tammy Bodenhamer as Archdale Elementary School's STAR Employee for September.

### **Archdale-Trinity Middle School - Rebecca Turner**

Working for a middle school can require someone to handle multiple tasks. Custodian Rebecca Turner goes above and beyond her daily job description to ensure the students of Archdale-Trinity Middle School are present at school and learn in a healthy and clean environment. She fills in regularly as a substitute bus driver, helping to transport students safely to school, even though this is not the job she was hired to do. Ms. Turner cleans our school building daily and assists staff in providing a campus where all can work in an environment conducive to learning. Rebecca Turner is a wonderful example of what it means to "Be More Dog" and is Archdale-Trinity Middle School's STAR Employee for September.

### **Braxton Craven School - Susan Byrd**

Math teacher Susan Byrd's love for education, and teaching, in general, is apparent with her constant positive outlook and her ever-present smile. She truly loves to teach, and more importantly, she loves her students. Every student greatly benefits from Mrs. Byrd's classroom management and atmosphere, which creates a welcoming learning environment. She always has a positive and encouraging word for her fellow staff members, as well. Susan Byrd makes Braxton Craven School a great place to teach and learn, and we congratulate her on being selected our STAR Employee for September.

### **Hopewell Elementary School - Kelly Cecil**

Media coordinator Kelly Cecil consistently goes above and beyond for the staff and students at Hopewell Elementary School. She puts in countless hours to ensure our teachers have access to technology, resources, and materials. In addition, Mrs. Cecil takes care of our website and the daily newscast, all while seeing our students in classes every week. The grace and poise she exhibits are truly remarkable, especially considering this is only Ms. Cecil's second year in the position. Her knowledge and ability are what one would expect from a seasoned veteran. Thank you, Mrs. Cecil, for all you do for Hopewell Elementary School, and congratulations on being named our STAR Employee for September.

**John Lawrence Elementary School - Brittany Key**

Dedication is defined as, "the quality of being committed to a task or purpose." This describes the service Brittany Key has provided to the students and staff of John Lawrence Elementary School for the last three years. Mrs. Key has worked diligently to meet the needs of our students and staff as assistant cafeteria manager. She effectively works with her teammates to make sure the cafeteria is inviting to enter and the food smells and tastes great. Mrs. Key is always eager and willing to aid students to make sure their experiences in the cafeteria are positive. The good work she consistently contributes is felt far beyond the walls of the cafeteria. Brittany Key is a valuable member of the John Lawrence Elementary Pride and we are proud that she is our STAR Employee for September.

**New Market Elementary School - Amanda Sweatt**

Teacher Amanda Sweatt is a model for continuous learning for our staff. After 23 years in education, she continues to learn and try new things daily. Ms. Sweatt maintains a leadership role with her team, encourages them daily, and is their personal cheerleader. She takes on all challenges with a positive attitude while keeping student needs first. Amanda Sweatt shows her Bobcat best every day and New Market Elementary School is proud to have her represent us as our STAR Employee for September.

**Randolph Early College High School - Lauren Wood**

Chemistry teacher Lauren Wood works tirelessly for her students. The labs and demonstrations Ms. Wood incorporates into class help provide her students with the best education possible. The amount of time Ms. Wood devotes outside the classroom through Beta Club also shows a strong commitment to serving students. She exhibits outstanding character and holds her students to high expectations in and out of the classroom. Ms. Wood also has a heart for community service and provides the Beta Club and all RECHS students with various service events in which they can participate. She has also added Science Club to her plate, with a goal of enriching students with science knowledge and providing science-based community service events. Congratulations to Lauren Wood, Randolph Early College High School's STAR Employee for September.

**Trindale Elementary School - Wanda Mitchell**

Wanda Mitchell has been working at "the dale" for many years. She has served as a teacher assistant and is currently our treasurer. Ms. Mitchell is a calming force in the chaos that sometimes exists in a school. She always is willing to help staff and students and does whatever is necessary to keep "the dale" running smoothly. Whenever our custodians are out, Ms. Mitchell cleans floors, empties trash, and assists wherever needed. She keeps our finances and payroll in order, has a sharp sense of humor that keeps the office light-hearted, and delivers great customer service. Wanda Mitchell is an integral part of Trindale Elementary School and we are proud to select her as our STAR Employee for September.

**Trinity Elementary School - Scott Hager**

Social worker Scott Hager has been a big help already in ensuring our students are ready for the 2019-2020 school year. He is always willing to step up and help out when called upon. Mr. Hager will make home visits, place phone calls to find resources, pick up or drop off students, and perform any other task needed for the success of our students. Trinity Elementary School is proud to recognize Mr. Scott Hager as our STAR Employee for the month of September.

**Trinity High School - Caroline McKee**

Caroline McKee, horticulture and natural resources teacher at Trinity High School, was born and raised in Randolph County and has been teaching at our school for six years. Mrs. McKee, Trinity High School's 2018-2019 "Teacher of the Year," is always in a great mood and loves students. She is a positive role model and is committed to serving the community and school through teaching, FFA, 4-H, plant sales, and much more. Congratulations, Caroline McKee, Trinity High School's STAR Employee for September.

**Wheatmore High School - Kathy Sumner**

A STAR Employee is one who takes on many tasks and roles, and Kathy Sumner is an excellent example of someone who embodies this trait. After she had resigned her full-time English teaching position several years ago, Ms. Sumner has returned each year to serve Wheatmore in various capacities. From a mentor to a lead mentor, she has demonstrated leadership among her peers. Ms. Sumner has embraced the role of mentor for our ever-changing Chinese teachers and serves as our community liaison for our Chinese program. In addition, she has come to the aid of our school as an Inclusion Math teacher and Earth and Environmental Science teacher, and currently serves as an English teacher for a teacher on maternity leave. For her unwavering support, Wheatmore High School is proud to recognize Mrs. Kathy Sumner as our STAR Employee for September.