

## Randolph County School System "RCSS STAR Employees" for September 2017



### **Archdale Elementary School - Sally Voelkert**

Every school has an employee who is the constant - always available for students, staff, and, parents. Sally Voelkert is the constant at Archdale Elementary School. She serves as school counselor, but is so much more. She is the coordinator for several clubs, oversees the Backpack Pal Program, and is the co-founder, along with her husband, of Operation Christmas Star - a free community concert that collects food for the needy. Ms. Voelkert has a heart for people, but especially the people of Archdale. She still has the spark, even after 31 years in education. Archdale Elementary School would not be the same without our caring, kind, and thoughtful Mrs. V. We are proud to honor Sally Voelkert as our STAR Employee for September.

### **Archdale-Trinity Middle School - Stephanie Cardwell**

When you call Archdale-Trinity Middle School and the person answering the phone sounds like she has a smile on her face, this is Stephanie Cardwell. When you walk into Mrs. Cardwell's office and she is busy doing one hundred other things, she is never too busy to stop and help you. She greets every student, parent, and employee with a smile and never has a negative word to say about anyone. Mrs. Cardwell helps with scheduling before school starts to make sure each and every student has the best placement possible for their individual needs. When her workday is done, she volunteers her time to run the Archdale-Trinity Middle School Boosters Club. She spends countless hours serving students and community members in the concession stands at various sporting events. Mrs. Cardwell was an ATMS Bulldog, her children were ATMS Bulldogs, and she continues to show her ATMS Bulldog pride throughout her career. Mrs. Cardwell is a perfect role model for what an ATMS Bulldog should be. Congratulations to Stephanie Cardwell, Archdale-Trinity Middle Schools' STAR Employee for September.

### **Braxton Craven School - Nicole Duncan**

Nicole Duncan is an Exceptional Children teacher at Braxton Craven School and truly embodies the characteristics of a STAR Employee. She is absolutely exceptional in the classroom and builds amazing relationships with her students. Her sunny disposition creates a warm and inviting classroom atmosphere. Mrs. Duncan is always willing to help her colleagues in various capacities. She does a wonderful job of working with all teachers to provide best instructional practices that help impact all students. Mrs. Duncan is a true leader at Braxton Craven and is well respected by the staff and students. Congratulations to Nicole Duncan, Braxton Craven School's STAR Employee for September.

### **Hopewell Elementary School - Karen Mann**

Karen Mann exemplifies the characteristics of a STAR Employee, as she is responsible, has ethical character, and is more than willing to assist all stakeholders of the school. As the data manager, she works with staff to keep all attendance, grades, and student demographics current. When Mrs. Mann is covering the reception desk she is consistently helpful and courteous to community members, whether they are calling in or coming into the office area. Each day, Mrs. Mann administers medicine to students and helps students sent to the office because they have become ill or injured. She is always

compassionate and loving when dealing with students. It is because of Mrs. Mann's kind, sincere nature and love for her job that makes her Hopewell Elementary School's STAR Employee for September.

#### **John Lawrence Elementary School - Ann Berridge**

At John Lawrence Elementary School we talk often about PRIDE. We believe students need to have PRIDE in their schoolwork, classroom, and actions, and staff members need to have PRIDE in their work. One employee takes having PRIDE in the school to heart! Ann Berridge, head custodian, always has a smile on her face and never complains when called upon. Ms. Berridge takes PRIDE in making sure the entire school inside and out is beautiful and ready for teachers and students. John Lawrence Elementary School is proud to honor Ann Berridge as our STAR Employee for September.

#### **New Market Elementary School - Lisa Frazier**

Lisa Frazier is a reading specialist and has also been a classroom teacher at New Market Elementary School for many years. She is always willing to help wherever needed, with a smile on her face. She is passionate about her job and the students with whom she works. Ms. Frazier is sweet and friendly to all her co-workers. She is an asset to our school and to our new teachers, as she is a lead mentor at the school. She goes above and beyond to make sure new teachers feel welcomed and secure in their teaching. Ms. Frazier is a compassionate teacher and friend and we are fortunate to have her at our school. Congratulations to Lisa Frazier, New Market Elementary School's STAR Employee for September.

#### **Randolph Early College High School - Ashley Long**

Ashley Long is a second-year Earth and Environmental teacher at Randolph Early College High School. She is a positive and dedicated teacher who works diligently with her students. Ms. Long always has a smile on her face and is willing to learn from her peers and incorporate new ideas into her classroom. She takes the time to get to know her students, build positive relationships, and encourage students to pursue their passions. Randolph Early College High School is proud to select Ashley Long as our STAR Employee for September.

#### **Trindale Elementary School - Kim Brubaker**

Kim Brubaker is a teacher assistant in one of the pre-K classrooms at Trindale Elementary School. She has always been a constant in the classroom and has done a great job. This year she has stepped up and gone beyond the call of duty. Because her teacher had been transferred, Ms. Brubaker faced the challenge of beginning the school year without a teacher in the classroom. She has taken the reins and is running the class like a professional. She set the room up, made parent contacts, teaches lessons, and does it all with a smile. Ms. Brubaker has been a great example for the new teacher assistant in the classroom. Kim Brubaker is one of the reasons the "Dale" experience is great, and we congratulate her on being selected Trindale Elementary School's STAR Employee for September.

#### **Trinity Elementary School - April Ingram**

Every school has staff members who quietly go above and beyond their job description to do whatever needs to be done. We are lucky at Trinity Elementary School to have April Ingram, our technology assistant, to fill that description. She is in charge of our safety patrol, and within the first week of school had students in place and on duty. Mrs. Ingram always has a smile on her face and a fun story to share. She has contagious enthusiasm, and the students love and respect her. Mrs. Ingram is truly an asset to Trinity Elementary School, and we are proud to select her as our STAR Employee for September.

#### **Trinity High School - Angie Davis**

Angie Davis is the media and technology specialist for Trinity High School. She works relentlessly to get technology into the hands of students and teachers, and to keep everything in working order. She is always willing to help students and staff with any issues, and even if she does not know the answer, she always reaches out for help to find it. She serves on our school improvement team and truly wants the best for Trinity High School. Ms. Davis promotes community service, sportsmanship, and school pride every day, with both the students and staff. She also coaches the varsity cheerleading team and inspires teamwork and unity within the team. She encourages the cheerleaders to be leaders on campus by promoting those traits among their peers. Ms. Davis truly is a vital part of the success of Trinity High School and is very deserving of the STAR Employee award for September.

**Wheatmore High School - Karen Hawkins**

Karen Hawkins, an original member of the Wheatmore High School staff, has held many vital positions since the school's opening. She began as testing coordinator, where she utilized her incredible organizational skills, diligence, and hard work. She then became guidance secretary, where her tendency to go above and beyond on a daily basis was evident. This year, Mrs. Hawkins has assumed the role of school financial officer. She has an incredible work ethic, with strong attention to detail and a willingness to assist students, parents, and teachers alike. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Hawkins as part of our Wheatmore family, where each day she demonstrates our values of honor, pride, and valor. Congratulations, Karen Hawkins, Wheatmore High School's STAR Employee for September.