

# **Randolph County School System**

## **“RCSS STAR Employees” for January 2021**

### **Franklinville Elementary School - Carrie Craven**

Carrie Craven is the secretary treasurer and does much for the entire Franklinville Elementary School community. She keeps track of many things for every employee and eases the workload of others. Mrs. Craven cares about our school and its success and it shows in all she does. One of her many impressive abilities is saving our school money by her thriftiness and super bargain hunting skills. For the past two years, Mrs. Craven has acquired amazing donations for our Christmas party and planned incredible activities to make it fun for everyone. She cares about the students and keeps them in mind in all she does. Mrs. Craven will do whatever is needed and willingly steps up to help out and get the job done, whatever “the job” is. She is knowledgeable about many areas and uses her abilities to run things in an efficient and effective manner. Mrs. Craven works selflessly and keeps a wonderful attitude, even in the midst of chaos, and takes pride in her work. We are proud of her and thankful for her and all she does. Franklinville Elementary School is proud to recognize Carrie Craven as our STAR Employee for January.

### **Grays Chapel Elementary School - Greg Huff**

Since coming to Grays Chapel Elementary School last November, Greg Huff, our head custodian, has had a major impact on improving the cleanliness, beauty, and overall aesthetics of our school buildings and campus. He has taken charge as a servant leader as he works hand in hand with our other custodians each day to make sure our hallways, classrooms, and grounds look their best. Mr. Huff is building positive relationships with the custodial staff and has quickly earned the admiration and respect of our full school staff. He also notices the little things that have made a huge impact in advancing a positive culture at school. Grays Chapel Elementary School is proud to celebrate Greg Huff as our STAR Employee for January.

### **Level Cross Elementary School - Angie Mitchell**

Media Specialist Angie Mitchell is the technological backbone of Level Cross Elementary School. She not only teaches media classes each day, she also supports teachers, students, and parents with technology issues. She sets up new computers, interactive boards, and document cameras, replaces broken equipment/parts, and places county work orders when she is unable to fix a problem. Ms. Mitchell also supports our school community with accessing Canvas and Google Meet. She constantly creates screencastify videos explaining how to use Canvas and Google Meet and shares them through email with teachers and on ClassDojo with parents. She provides professional development for our teachers on how to use Canvas and other supplemental tools to make remote learning more engaging and interactive. Level Cross Elementary School is proud to have Angie Mitchell as our STAR Employee for January.

### **Liberty Elementary School - Taylor Buettell**

Taylor Buettell is a first-year counselor who has added a great deal to our school this year. Her care and concern for students and staff are evident in all she does. Ms. Buettell began the year with a yearlong comprehensive plan to recognize students with positive character traits. She filled the hallways with displays and recognized teachers by providing door signs with their college credentials. Ms. Buettell worked with our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports team to develop a new behavior referral protocol and has helped teachers implement numerous behavior interventions for at-risk students. Most recently, she spearheaded the “12 Days of Christmas” initiative to keep our school spirits high! Liberty Elementary School is lucky to have Taylor Buettell as one of the newest members of our Bulldog family, and we are proud to name her our STAR Employee for January.

**Northeastern Randolph Middle School - Sherita Hunt**

One might call Data Manager Sherita Hunt a “Master Juggler.” She has the ability to keep many things in play at the same time. In this unusual school year, Ms. Hunt has kept the constant flow of changes in check. With a constant smile, she makes roster changes as needed and adapts to students moving from remote learning to face-to-face learning (and vice versa). In addition, Ms. Hunt drives the bus once a week and maintains daily attendance records. She is an encourager, a cheerleader, a listening ear, and most importantly, a friend to us all. The staff at Northeastern Randolph Middle School recognize just how valuable Sherita Hunt is to the functioning of our school. She is the hub of everything that keeps our students, staff, parents, and community connected. Congratulations to Sherita Hunt, Northeastern Randolph Middle School’s STAR Employee for January.

**Providence Grove High School - Claire Perry**

Treasurer Claire Perry is a staff member who works quietly behind the scenes to support students, staff, teachers, and community members. Mrs. Perry's attention to detail is impeccable. She quickly problem solves to assist those seeking assistance. Her willingness to exceed expectations, positive attitude, and professionalism keep our office moving forward each day and do not go unnoticed. We are grateful for all that Claire Perry does, and we are honored to have her as Providence Grove High School’s STAR Employee for January.

**Ramseur Elementary School - Sarah Kiser**

Fifth grade teacher Sarah Kiser has embraced the remote teaching platform. She has created a virtual classroom community where every one of her students feels valued. Ms. Kiser has learned how to build relationships with her students, even if it is through a screen, by hosting “virtual lunch with the teacher” and incorporating other class meetings to involve the students and give them a place to call their own. She not only is attentive to her students’ learning, but is investing extra time above and beyond to provide a nurturing, supportive, and safe connection for her students. Ms. Kiser is always figuring new ways to make learning accessible and engaging for her students without paper and pencil. Embracing new technology, welcoming observation and feedback, and collaborating with her team of grade-level teachers and remote teachers are just a part of what she does. Ramseur Elementary School is proud to recognize Ms. Sarah Kiser as our STAR Employee for January.

**Randleman Elementary School - Isabel Newman**

Irreplaceable is the word that comes to mind when thinking about Isabel Newman, receptionist and interpreter at Randleman Elementary School. She works tirelessly in the office on anything that comes her way. Ms. Newman always is willing to help and has a positive attitude. She wears many hats throughout the day and approaches each one with professionalism, positivity, and kindness. She knows our students and their families by name and bridges our school and community like no other. Congratulations to Isabel Newman, Randleman Elementary School’s STAR Employee for January.

**Randleman High School - Mark Walker**

Student accolades and accomplishments bring Mark Walker the greatest reward as an educator. He proudly serves as our Agriculture Education teacher and FFA adviser. He focuses on teaching his curriculum and instilling a work ethic in his students, which translates into success with time management, commitment, leadership, and cooperative skills. Mr. Walker and his students have proudly earned eighteen State FFA Career Development Event titles over sixteen years, with three top ten Milk Quality and Products teams. His 2015 team finished second in the nation. Thirty-one of his students have earned American FFA Degrees, and over eighty have received State FFA degrees. Whether it is our student-run greenhouse sale, the successful competition teams, or the daily learning in the classroom, Tiger Nation is very proud to honor Mr. Walker and his students for creating such a successful program. Randleman High School is proud to honor Mark Walker as our STAR Employee for January.

### **Randleman Middle School - Shawn Shoptaw**

For just over a year, Shawn Shoptaw has been an assistant principal at Randleman Middle School. In that time, he has quickly built relationships with staff, students, and parents. He arrives each day with a positive attitude and approaches every situation with kindness and patience. Many of the students refer to him as “Mr. Smiley,” because he always has a smile on his face. Mr. Shoptaw is hard working and innovative and can make a spreadsheet do anything. He is the ultimate team player and is willing to help out in any situation. Mr. Shoptaw has a tenacious work ethic and does whatever it takes to ensure success for our staff and students. Without a doubt, he is an outstanding addition to our community. We enthusiastically select Shawn Shoptaw as the Randleman Middle School STAR Employee for January.