

Randolph County School System “RCSS STAR Employees” for February 2020



Coleridge Elementary School - Jordan Thompson

Jordan Thompson is kind and caring towards all students. She greets her students with genuine love each and every day and always has a smile on her face. Ms. Thompson is very organized and has amazing classroom management skills. She is able to oversee a room full of first graders in reading and math stations while ensuring all students are getting the differentiation they need. Ms. Thompson is extremely hard-working and our students and staff benefit from her kindness every day. Coleridge Elementary School is proud to call Jordan Thompson our STAR Employee for February.

Eastern Randolph High School - Lavette Graham

At Eastern Randolph High School (ERHS), everyone knows “Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat!” Lavette Graham is a 1995 graduate of ERHS and came home to coach in Wildcat country in 2012. As head softball coach he has led the Lady Cats to multiple conference championships, 92 wins, and most recently, a second-place finish in the 2A North Carolina High School Athletic Association state tournament. Mr. Graham has left his mark on more than softball. He also serves as our In-School Suspension Coordinator and is an integral part of our staff. Mr. Graham is loved and respected by students, staff, and community members alike, and his commitment to serving students makes him most deserving of Eastern Randolph High School’s STAR Employee award for February.

Farmer Elementary School - Jessica Herring

Since joining the Farmer Elementary School staff during the 2018-2019 school year, teacher assistant Jessica Herring has been a welcome addition to our school. She has jumped right in and is a big help to teachers and students alike. Mrs. Herring willingly assists teachers with getting tasks accomplished, and is often found working with small groups of students from various grade levels throughout the school day. She has also been called upon to fill in and drive buses on a regular basis. Not only does Mrs. Herring take on all of these roles, but she does so with a positive attitude. All of these reasons are why Farmer Elementary School is proud to present Jessica Herring as our STAR Employee for February.

Seagrove Elementary School - Ruth Grantham

Ruth Grantham, School Nutrition assistant, is always a positive light in Seagrove Elementary School. Each morning she serves breakfast to our kindergarten and first grade students, always displaying patience and kindness and greeting the students with a warm “good morning.” Ms. Grantham always represents a positive start to a student’s day. She also works in our cafeteria, where her kind spirit shines through as well. We are thankful to have Ruth Grantham as an integral part of our Seagrove Elementary School staff, and congratulate her on being named our STAR Employee for February.

Southeastern Randolph Middle School - Kelly Ellison

Seventh grade teacher Kelly Ellison sends the message, "Don't Give Up," to everyone. She believes with all her heart and soul that every student, with the right connection to an adult, can be successful. Ms. Ellison's students are fully aware of the battles she has faced, which allows her to model that giving up should never be an option. She encourages and pushes students to persevere through difficult situations. Ms. Ellison is passionate about teaching and makes the classroom a fun and inviting place for all. She strives to give her students a "hands-on" learning environment to help them understand concepts that are essential for success. Ms. Ellison pushes her peers to stay positive and give their best at all times. She fits the motto, "Students First in All We Do." There is no doubt that Kelly Ellison is a unique talent, and that is why she is representing Southeastern Randolph Middle School as our STAR Employee for February.

Southmont Elementary School - Whitney Moore

Whitney Moore is a role model for not only our cafeteria staff, but others throughout the school building. As cafeteria manager, she strives to ensure the food is prepared and served in a safe, efficient manner. Mrs. Moore maintains a positive attitude and seeks to establish relationships with students as she monitors the cafeteria and serves breakfast in the hallways. She comes to work every day prepared to accept challenges in a positive manner. Mrs. Moore models Growth Mindset by learning every day and helping her staff learn and grow as well. Southmont Elementary School is proud to recognize Whitney Moore as our STAR Employee for February.

Southwestern Randolph High School - Susan Robbins

Selfless, compassionate, and possessing a "whatever it takes" mentality, social worker Susan Robbins is a great asset to our school system. She is an exceptional human being and a blessing to know. Not only is Ms. Robbins a social worker extraordinaire, she also is an Uber driver, Santa Claus, and Sherlock Holmes all rolled into one. She always goes above and beyond. During the holidays, Ms. Robbins worked around the clock to ensure students - even those no longer in our school system - received gifts. She often works late into the night to make sure students' needs are met, giving up time with her own family to serve the needs of others. Ms. Robbins has served in almost every area of Randolph County and makes it a point to remember the names of the students and staff with whom she works. Southwestern Randolph High School is proud to recognize Susan Robbins as our STAR Employee for February.

Southwestern Randolph Middle School - Lance King

Lance King works as a teacher assistant in the Functional Skills classroom at Southwestern Randolph Middle School and has proven to have a tremendous heart for students, as well as demonstrating excellent work ethic during the instructional day. Not only does he serve his students within the classroom and maintain excellent relationships with his colleagues and the families of the students, he also has a positive impact on athletes as our head boys' basketball coach and assistant baseball coach. Mr. King demonstrates a competitive drive while modeling for students how they should carry themselves on the court, on the diamond, and in the classroom. Southwestern Randolph Middle School is fortunate to have a staff member who demonstrates character and attitude like Lance King, and that is why he is being recognized as our STAR Employee for February.

Tabernacle Elementary School - Dionne Currie-Hunsucker

Guidance Counselor Dionne Currie-Hunsucker goes above and beyond for the students at Tabernacle Elementary School. She makes sure all students are cared for and loved. Ms. Currie-Hunsucker checks in with students and staff and helps whenever she can. She worked tirelessly through the holiday season to make sure students had meals and presents. Ms. Currie-Hunsucker has even carried out tasks beyond her normal job responsibilities during administrative and front office transitions at our school. She helps wherever needed and never complains. Ms. Currie-Hunsucker serves on various committees, offering up wonderful suggestions to help both staff and students. She is a great listener to staff and students during difficult seasons of life. Dionne Currie-Hunsucker is a bright and cheerful face at Tabernacle Elementary School, we don't know what we would do without her, and we are proud to recognize her as our STAR Employee for February.

Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve - Angel Freeland

When you think of the word “teacher,” you think of a person who goes above and beyond, puts in his/her very best every day, and puts the profession and students first. Chorus teacher Angel Freeland fits this description of a teacher. She stays after school every day to help students who need extra practice, searches for opportunities for students to have the experiences needed to be well-rounded people, and cares for all students as if they were her own. Ms. Freeland is a wonderful person and colleague to work with, and she always can be seen smiling and saying her well-known “Hey” when walking the halls. Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve is blessed to have Ms. Freeland as a part of the Timberwolves tribe, but Randolph County is even more blessed to have such a wonderful and dedicated person in the teaching profession. Thank you, Angel Freeland, for all you do and congratulations on being Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve’s STAR Employee for February.