

Randolph County School System

“RCSS STAR Employees” for November 2017



Coleridge Elementary School - Rebecca Brady

At Coleridge Elementary School, the media center is a happy place. Students file in by a newly revived, 55-gallon aquarium filled with neon fish. There is a tree, fashioned of tissue paper, filling a reading corner. Brightly painted stools are carefully placed at a computer station. All of these things, and more, didn't just happen. These cheerful elements were selected by Rebecca Brady, Coleridge Elementary School's media specialist. Although all of these things are wonderful, the brightest element is Ms. Brady herself. Her contagious smile and endless energy fill the room with positivity. Ms. Brady jumps in to help wherever there is a need. Staff members at Coleridge have come to appreciate Ms. Brady for all that she has done and is willing to do. Congratulations, Rebecca Brady, Coleridge Elementary School's STAR Employee for November.

Eastern Randolph High School - Michael Roberti

Michael Roberti is a leader in the English department at Eastern Randolph High School, teaching English II and III this semester. He works diligently to provide diverse learning opportunities for all students with a strong focus on integrating technology into his daily instruction. He is active both in and out of the classroom, sponsoring the gaming club and helping in any capacity he is able. Mr. Roberti strives to create cutting edge 21st century learners who will become globally competitive citizens. We are especially proud of Mr. Roberti's work with the Literacy Design Collaborative initiative. He has not only used this approach in his own classroom, but has sought to spread his passion for the program across content areas throughout the school. This is just one of many ways Mr. Roberti shows his commitment to student achievement and continuous growth. The Eastern Randolph Wildcat family is proud to recognize Michael Roberti as our STAR Employee for November.

Farmer Elementary School - Kendra Martin

Kendra Martin is the first person students see every morning when dropped off in the car rider line. As the school's guidance counselor, not only is Mrs. Martin responsible for teaching guidance lessons, she also meets with individual students and student groups, serves as the 504 coordinator, is a member of the Multi-Tier System of Supports team, participates on the School Improvement Team, and is a member of the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support team. Mrs. Martin takes on all of these roles, as well as many others, with a positive attitude. She is always willing to step in and help out anytime she is needed, and she always does so with a smile. Kendra Martin is a terrific role model for the students at Farmer Elementary School, and we are proud to select her as our STAR Employee for November.

Seagrove Elementary School - Melissa Smith

The cafeteria at Seagrove Elementary School has fewer workers this year than in previous years. Despite this challenge, Melissa Smith has kept order in the cafeteria and the food is always prepared on time when the students arrive. Cafeteria workers are ready when the kids arrive and they are able to serve classes quickly and efficiently. Working in the cafeteria is a difficult job, but Ms. Smith always has a positive attitude and works hard to keep the teachers informed of changes, which inevitably occur. She interacts with the students and has positive relationships with many of them. Seagrove Elementary School is proud to select Melissa Smith as our STAR Employee for November.

Southeastern Randolph Middle School - Katie Wicker

Katie Wicker, seventh grade science teacher, is in her second year at Southeastern Randolph Middle School, and we are fortunate to have her. Ms. Wicker is a wonderful teacher who cares about every one of her students and colleagues. She is always positive and is never seen without a smile on her face. Ms. Wicker listens to her students and helps them with any difficulties they might face in class. She finds ways to always make her classroom and learning enjoyable for the students each and every day. Ms. Wicker's students enjoy going to her class and having her as their teacher. Southeastern Randolph Middle School is proud to recognize Katie Wicker as our STAR Employee for November.

Southmont Elementary School - Kristen Chargualaf

Guidance Counselor Kristen Chargualaf has the most positive attitude. She is always willing to do whatever the staff or students need from her. Ms. Chargualaf has excellent classroom management during guidance lessons. The students are engaged in her lessons, and she has a great rapport with them. Ms. Chargualaf goes above and beyond to ensure students' needs are taken care of, and also finds fun ways to implement good student behavior. She has been an excellent addition to the school staff and we are lucky to have her. Southmont Elementary School is proud to recognize Kristen Chargualaf as the STAR Employee for November.

Southwestern Randolph High School - Andrew Atwell

Andrew Atwell is a star teacher at Southwestern Randolph High School, where he has taught in the agriculture department the past three years. Mr. Atwell has an incredible work ethic that shows in everything he does at school. He frequently works well past school hours and recently took his FFA student leaders to the national conference in Indiana. Mr. Atwell can be seen welding with his students, cleaning the barn, and mowing the fields. His classes always have a high level of rigor and student engagement. In addition, Mr. Atwell's students find his passion for the subject matter contagious. He works hard to get to know his students and builds positive relationships through his caring demeanor. Last year, his Agriculture Mechanics team placed 8th in the state and one of his students finished 2nd in the state in Agricultural Mechanics Proficiency. Southwestern Randolph High School is proud to select Andrew Atwell as our STAR Employee for November.

Southwestern Randolph Middle School - Fennon Hunt

Fennon Hunt serves as the In-School Suspension coordinator and goes above and beyond in many capacities at Southwestern Randolph Middle School. He helps teachers and administrators organize activity buses for field trips, substitutes as a driver when needed, and makes every effort to establish positive relationships with students who are struggling behaviorally or academically. Mr. Hunt works with teachers to make sure students are not missing much-needed assignments. He also helps students reflect on why they were assigned a consequence, so they have a better chance of avoiding the same consequence in the future. Mr. Hunt serves as a coach at the school and organizes events that help different clubs raise money for projects and resources. Southwestern Randolph Middle School is proud to name Fennon Hunt our STAR Employee for November.

Tabernacle Elementary School - Melanie Slack

Lead Teacher Melanie Slack is a tremendous asset to Tabernacle Elementary School. Her guidance and knowledge of curriculum and instruction continue to lift staff to a higher level of planning and instructional delivery. The school exceeded growth last year after implementing many new instructional strategies and data conversations led by Ms. Slack. This school year, she has worked with administration to schedule all students in an intervention or enrichment group for daily small group instruction in two areas based on the most current data. Ms. Slack also leads professional development for all staff to assist in their continuous growth as educators. She goes above and beyond the call of duty by always being approachable and extending her talents toward many aspects of the educational environment. Congratulations, Melanie Slack, Tabernacle Elementary School's STAR Employee for November.

Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve - Sherry Vestal

English Language Arts teacher Sherry Vestal goes above and beyond to do what is best for students on a daily basis. She is dedicated to student learning and maintains high expectations of herself, her students, and her colleagues. The last two years, Ms. Vestal has dealt with more than one personal tragedy, yet her high expectations have not wavered. Her planning is meticulous, her student learning tasks are rigorous, and she holds herself to a standard of excellence regardless of personal trials. Ms. Vestal is more than an effective and skilled educator - she is a beacon of hope and positivity who will smile through storms most could not endure. Her inner strength and quiet determination are inspirational. Congratulations, Sherry Vestal, Uwharrie Six-Twelve's STAR Employee for November.