

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



Franklinville Elementary School - Vita Brodnex

It is only fitting that social worker Vita Brodnex be chosen as STAR Employee for Franklinville Elementary School in January, right after she has finished distributing holiday gifts for children. Mrs. Brodnex gathers names, finds donors, collects gifts, and ensures that gifts get to the parents. She has even delivered gifts on Christmas Eve. She tirelessly gives of herself counseling students and parents in order to help them live their best lives. Mrs. Brodnex answers phones, covers for classes and one-on-ones, makes backpacks, counsels colleagues, and performs many other tasks, all while smiling and never complaining. She works tirelessly for the students, families, and staff at multiple schools across the county. Mrs. Brodnex rarely receives recognition, as she moves from one school to the next. She is always willing to help wherever needed, her kindness is contagious, and she is always positive. Franklinville Elementary School is proud to recognize Vita Brodnex as our STAR Employee for January.

Grays Chapel Elementary School - Michelle Haithcock

Going above and beyond, doing all it takes, and leading with a passion are just a few phrases that describe Michelle Haithcock, Grays Chapel Elementary School's data manager and receptionist. Each day, Ms. Haithcock serves, guides, and assists everyone in our school and community, and her love for others is evident and contagious to others. Her friendly smile radiates to others, and our students know she cares for them and believes in them. Ms. Haithcock wears many hats at school and always conducts herself in a professional and courteous manner. She coordinates the school's weekly Backpack Pals food distribution, and organizes school events such as the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, Veteran's Day Assembly, and Fire Prevention Day. We are immensely blessed to have Michelle Haithcock on our team, and we thank her for the positivity, passion, and dedication she displays daily to our students, staff, and families. Congratulations to Michelle Haithcock, Grays Chapel Elementary School's STAR Employee for January.

Level Cross Elementary School - Jennifer Albright

As the saying goes, "You never get a second chance to make a great first impression." Receptionist Jennifer Albright is the first impression at Level Cross Elementary School. When visitors come into the school, she greets them with a smile and makes them feel welcome. Ms. Albright is "the face and voice of Level Cross." She takes the time to get to know parents, grandparents, and community members. Ms. Albright is a good listener and her understanding of the policies and procedures of our school and school system has helped her in her work with staff and families. Her calm demeanor creates a pleasant and orderly atmosphere and her customer service is exemplary. Level Cross Elementary School is pleased to recognize Jennifer Albright as our STAR Employee for January.

Liberty Elementary School - Amy Heilig

Amy Heilig has served Liberty Elementary School for the past 22 years as a classroom teacher and reading specialist. This year, she added lead testing coordinator to her many responsibilities. Ms. Heilig's day begins with morning duty as she greets students and parents at the door with a smile. With dedication and passion, she teaches students who face challenges in kindergarten through fifth grade. In addition to her work roles, Ms. Heilig goes above and beyond to foster a positive school community. Recently, she made an evening meal for UNC-Greensboro students and co-hosted a hot chocolate bar for our school staff. Liberty Elementary School is proud to name Amy Heilig our STAR Employee for January.

Northeastern Randolph Middle School - Tracy Whatley

Counselor Tracy Whatley cares about students, with regard to their needs both at school and at home. She gathers food, holiday gifts, and other donations for students and their families throughout the year. Recently, Ms. Whatley gave her time on a Saturday to pass out donated goods to families at the school. She ensures that students have heat and electricity when the need arises. Ms. Whatley has even assisted a bus driver by riding along on an unfamiliar route. She is an unsung hero who works behind the scenes at Northeastern to truly put students first. Congratulations, Tracy Whatley, for your well-deserved recognition as Northeastern Randolph Middle School's STAR Employee for January.

Providence Grove High School - Sergeant Michael Newkirk

Sergeant Michael Newkirk, JROTC instructor, is a leader in and out of the classroom. He supports all of the JROTC cadets as they learn lifelong skills and participate in community service events. Sergeant Newkirk is a positive and professional role model for his students and takes the time to develop meaningful relationships with each of them. He sets the expectations high for the cadets and supports them as they develop their leadership skills. Sergeant Newkirk is always willing to help in any way possible to assist our students, staff, and community. Sergeant Michael Newkirk, thank you for all you do, and congratulations on being selected Providence Grove High School's STAR Employee for January.

Ramseur Elementary School - Julie Turner

Julie Turner is a joy to have at Ramseur Elementary School. She is our secretary/treasurer, but takes on many roles in the school and is always helpful when anyone has a question or needs assistance. Ms. Turner offers to drive the bus, organizes school events, communicates with parents and families, and is always willing to help in any way she can. Her bright, cheerful nature and sense of humor make the office a more pleasant place to be, even during times of stress. Every day, Julie Turner demonstrates her dedication to Ramseur Elementary School, which makes us proud to call her our STAR Employee for January.

Randleman Elementary School - Maria Broos

Assistant Principal Maria Broos has gracefully worn many hats over the past few months during a time of transition. She has diligently and clearly demonstrated her love for the Randleman community. Ms. Broos has a bright outlook that is contagious, and her infectious giggle is a welcomed sound around the building. She has been approachable, available, and willing to lend a hand. Her snack cart brings goodies just when a pick-me-up is needed. Ms. Broos thinks of creative ways to keep students and teachers engaged in learning. She has a can-do attitude and is a willing listener and an active education partner. Ms. Broos is a cheerleader who is equitable in her treatment of everyone in the building. We are her biggest fans and we have been truly blessed to have her with us. Thank you, Maria Broos, for all you do for Randleman Elementary School, and we are proud to recognize you as our STAR Employee for January.

Randleman High School - Stephanie Adams

Career Development Coordinator Stephanie Adams leads Randleman High School's strong Career-Technical Education department, serves as a liaison to students taking classes at Randolph Community College, arranges extension experiences for students to explore educational and career possibilities, and promotes Apprenticeship Randolph and other programs to ensure that students are pursuing opportunities now that will set them up for future success. Under her leadership, our school has implemented Career Management as a course to ensure that freshmen are learning skills necessary to make the most of their high school experience and increasing their future employability. Mrs. Adams

invests in our students by counseling them on their career and academic options, and she also plays integral roles in planning our prom and graduation ceremony. Randleman High School is proud to recognize Stephanie Adams as our STAR Employee for January.

Randleman Middle School - Bea Edwards

Randleman Middle School's data manager, Bea Edwards, is an essential member of Tiger Nation. Anytime you pass Ms. Edwards in the hallway or stop by her office, she greets you with a warm and genuine smile. She is the epitome of a team player who goes above and beyond her job responsibilities, even working at home and after hours because she knows the work has to be completed. On any given day you can find Ms. Edwards fielding calls, helping students who come to the office, talking with parents, and assisting teachers, all while executing her job. She is prompt with reports, parent information, or any other information requested of her. In addition, Ms. Edwards is an excellent treasurer of the school's Booster Club. It is with great pleasure that we recognize Bea Edwards as Randleman Middle School's STAR Employee for January.