Several local educators attend NCCAT in Cullowhee

CULLOWHEE — Several area educators recently attended programs held at the N.C. Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT), a recognized national leader in professional development programming for the state’s teachers.

Participating educators from the Randolph County School System included Jennifer L. Benner of Randleman Middle School; Meagan Dillard and Madison Edwards of Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve School; Joann M. Keeter of Southwestern Randolph Middle School; and Thomas J. Martin of Farmer Elementary School.

Martin was named the NCCAT 2017–2018 Lynda Petty Honored Educator Scholar. This scholarship honors the late Lynda Petty, who dedicated her life to improving public education for the children of Randolph County.

Known as the “First Lady of NASCAR”, she supported the Randolph County community in many ways, but most commendably, she served as a local leader in education. During her lifetime, Lynda served as a school volunteer and, from 1984-2000, served as a member of the Randolph County Board of Education including taking on the role as its chairperson for seven years.

NCCAT’s Lynda Petty Honored Educator Scholarship pays tribute to her life-long commitment to the teaching profession. NCCAT’s Honored Educator Scholarship Program gives tribute to outstanding individuals and educators by providing scholarship funds in their names.

Participating educators from Asheboro City Schools were Adam M. Reeder of Asheboro High School and Steven P. Watson of Charles McCrary Elementary School.

A participant from Chatham County Schools was Jessica L. Haithcox of Virginia Cross Elementary School.

Increasing teacher effectiveness is fundamental to improving public education. NCCAT provides teachers with new knowledge, skills, teaching methods, best practices and information to take back to their classrooms. NCCAT conducts a wide variety of high-quality professional development for pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers.

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