

Randolph County School System - STAR³ Winners for December 2015



Archdale Elementary School - Travia McDonald - 5th Grade

Travia is the daughter of DeAndrea Gannaway and is in Mrs. Burkholder's class. While Travia has only been an AES Panther since the beginning of fourth grade, she has already made her mark at our school. She loves school and is a friend to everyone she meets. Her caring spirit shines through in all that she does, from her role as president of the AES Student Council to nurturing the younger students who attend her after-school program. The students at our school look up to her as a leader and a friend. Travia is a shining example of what the STAR³ award represents. Archdale Elementary School is proud to recognize Travia McDonald as our STAR³ student for December!

Archdale-Trinity Middle School - Stephen Hunt - 8th Grade

Stephen is the son of Donald and Tonya Hunt. He has overcome many medical difficulties in his young life. He has not let those challenges deter him from being successful in every way. One of Stephen's dreams has been to be able to wrestle. This dream has come true. Stephen persevered and was able to get medical clearance to wrestle. Stephen tries just as hard to succeed academically. Whatever task is given, he works diligently until he completes it to the best of his ability. Stephen is a very polite and respectful young man who is well-liked by students and staff. He is the epitome of a STAR³ student! Archdale-Trinity Middle School is proud to name 8th grader Stephen Hunt as our STAR³ student for the month of December!

Braxton Craven Middle School - Adam (AJ) Wintch - 6th Grade

AJ lives with his grandpa, Chad, and grandma, Melanie. He is a member of the Pirate team. When AJ was 2 years old, his father died in a car crash that involved a drunk driver. AJ is a great student who is on the "A" honor roll. He is an inspiration to teachers and students because he works very hard, is very likeable, and has a positive attitude despite obstacles in his life. He likes school because of his teachers and friends. When he arrives home from school, he likes to eat junk food like pretzels, chips, and ice cream. He also loves to play outside with his little sister, Lizzie. AJ's goal is to finish high school and go to college to earn a degree in early childhood education so he can work with children around the age of 5. Braxton Craven is proud to present AJ Wintch as our STAR³ student for December.

Hopewell Elementary School - Luis Esparza-Villa - 4th Grade

Luis is the son of Jose Angel Esparza Sanchez and Marisela Villa-Escalante. According to his teacher, Miss Finch, Luis always arrives at school prepared with his homework and is excited about learning. He is very organized with his work materials, participates in group work, and remains focused during independent assignments. No matter where he is on the school campus, he is respectful to all students and staff and eager to lend a helping hand. When at home, Luis enjoys riding his bike with his brother, Alexander, and walking his dog, Charlie, with his sister, Dayana. Luis also likes to play kickball with his friends and go exploring with his siblings and dog. Hopewell is very proud of Luis and is delighted to recognize him as our STAR³ student for December!

John Lawrence Elementary School - Memphis Chap - 2nd Grade

Memphis is the son of Tony Chap and Sydney Chinn. He has two older siblings, Alizeyah and Jadabliss Chap. At school, his teachers depict Memphis as a sweet and caring student. He always lends a helping hand. If someone would fall on the playground, he would help them up. Memphis is very respectful and well-mannered, too. During times when the class would have a special treat, a smile and a "thank you" would be his reply. Memphis is also responsible for his learning at home. When mom is hard at work, so is Memphis. He independently completes his assignments and his older sister signs off on it. Memphis has a special talent, too. He loves to draw. His mom says he is quite talented. Memphis has a dream of his artwork being in a museum one day. We are very proud to have Memphis as our STAR³ student for John Lawrence Elementary School for December.

New Market Elementary School - Jerald Osorio - 5th Grade

Jerald is the daughter of Darcy Samperio, and is in Ms. Elisabeth Johnson's class. She speaks both Spanish and English fluently, and is always willing to help some of our ESL students who have difficulty with the English language. Jerald is part of our Techno Cats program. Many students filled out applications for this program, but only the most responsible students were chosen to fill the limited slots available. One of the projects they are currently working on is the school yearbook. Jerald is a hard working student and is always interested in supporting others. She is a person of very good moral character who operates with integrity, and never has a bad word to say about anyone. She is a personable young lady who gets along well with everyone, and is sensible and considerate in all circumstances. Jerald is capable of handling any situation with thoughtfulness and maturity, and we have no doubts about her ability to succeed in the future.

Randolph Early College High School - Macy Daniel - 9th Grade

Macy is the daughter of Tommy, a teacher at Southwestern Randolph High School, and Adena Daniel of Asheboro, and the granddaughter of Harry and Brenda Daniel, both retired Randolph County School System teachers. The nominating teacher wrote that Macy is "an outstanding student who is always prepared for class." Her conscientiousness and adaptability make her a joy to teach. This semester Macy has emerged as a leader among her peers, encouraging respectful behavior and positive academic performance. Though she's only been a Raven since August, we are looking forward to watching Macy achieve great things in her future. Randolph Early College High School is proud to call Macy Daniel our STAR³ student for December!

Trindale Elementary School - Drake Steffey - 3rd Grade

Drake is the son of Shon Steffey and Natalie Norman. Drake is a hard worker and always strives to do his best at school. His younger sister was recently diagnosed with Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD), a degenerative brain disorder. After this diagnosis his family has faced big changes and a lot of uncertainty. During this time Drake has stepped up to the plate to help. He is a big help to his sister at school. Each morning he makes sure she gets to class and gets her unpacked before he goes to his room. His positive attitude and willingness to help have made a big difference for his family and his classmates. He was recently named a student of the month and now he is a STAR³ student. He is a pleasure to have in class and Trindale Elementary is proud to give Drake Steffey this STAR³ award for December.

Trinity Elementary School - Elijah (Eli) King - 3rd Grade

Eli is the son of Corey King and Aubrey and Michael Kelly, and is in Mrs. Blackburn's class. He is a hard-working student who takes his time and does his best on every activity he completes. He always gives nothing less than his best effort. Eli is a wonderful friend to others and is always willing to help anyone in need. He uses his manners, treats others with respect, and greets everyone with a smile. He is an absolute model student at all times, and a joy for all of his teachers and classmates! Trinity Elementary School is very pleased to recognize Elijah (Eli) King as our STAR³ student for December.

Trinity High School - Ashley Steffey - 11th Grade

Ashley is the daughter of Macky Steffey. She is an excellent student-- honest, trustworthy, forthright, passionate - her dedication and effort for Trinity High School's theater program is unsurpassed, and as a result her work and care for the school also stands out as noteworthy. Not only does Ashley hold down a job, participate in a rigorous after school theater program, work as lead designer for theater, take care of her sister, manage her home commitments and family time-- Ashley is an A student. Moreover, Ashley cares deeply about the success of her school. Ashley deals with adversity

well and responds to direction and constructive criticism with a can-do attitude. Congratulations to Ashley Steffey, Trinity High School's STAR³ student for December.

Wheatmore High School - Samuel J. (CJ) Cumbie - 12th Grade

CJ is the son of Samuel and Wanda Cumbie. He is a senior who has finally found his passion in high school. CJ might not have always been the most academic student, but he has truly found his niche in life. CJ is a member of our choral department. His love and desire to sing is amazing. He has been selected to participate in our All County Chorus and he is a sectional leader in our Intermediate Men's Chorus. In the last four years CJ really has grown and matured as respectful young adult. CJ's long range goal is to attend Randolph Community College and then transfer to either Mars Hill or UNC-Greensboro to major in music. Wheatmore High School is extremely excited to recognize CJ Cumbie as our STAR³ student for December.