

Randolph County School System - STAR³ Winners for November, 2015



Coleridge Elementary School - LaDaryan Spinks - 4th Grade

LaDaryan is the son of Sasha Spinks. LaDaryan is an excellent role model for his two younger brothers, Dakota and Christian. He exemplifies the characteristics required of a STAR³ Student and consistently demonstrates respect and kindness for other students and staff. LaDaryan had some major health challenges during his first week of life, but he pulled through and overcame them with flying colors. LaDaryan also shines in his academics and is currently on the A-B Honor Roll. He enjoys competing in Battle of the Books and excels at reading. Additionally, he loves to play basketball and football, where he plays linebacker. We are so proud of LaDaryan and know that he will continue to do very well with anything he pursues. It is with great pleasure that Coleridge Elementary School recognizes LaDaryan Spinks as our STAR³ Student for the month of November.

Eastern Randolph High School - Shanna Langley - 11th Grade

Shanna is the daughter of Stephanie Langley and the late Greg Langley. Shanna recently lost her father after a long battle with cancer and she persevered through that difficult time with an amazing courage and positivity. At Eastern Randolph Shanna has continued to excel academically and put forth her best throughout this trying time. She recently was inducted into the Beta Club and also is very involved with the FFA and competes in dairy judging and nursery landscape. Shanna's teacher and FFA sponsor says Shanna puts all that she has into everything she does and she embodies the idea that hard work equals success. Outside of school Shanna's passion is showing cows through her involvement with the local 4-H club. She also recently competed at the N.C. State Fair with her cow. Shanna's family runs and operates Langley Farms, where Shanna is very involved in the dairy and hopes to make it her career after graduation. Eastern Randolph is honored to select Shanna Langley as its STAR³ student for November.

Farmer Elementary School - Riley Key - 3rd Grade

Riley is the daughter of Mitchell and Cheryl Key. Riley is an exceptional student. Since the first day of school she has shown such a remarkable personality and has been a tremendous help and comfort to her classmates. We had a student who cried coming into third grade on the first day, which is rather unusual. Without being asked, Riley stepped over and consoled and helped this classmate. She continues to help her on a daily basis and offers her comfort, because the student has anxiety issues and needs affirmation and encouragement regularly. On that same first day of school Riley happened to get an assigned seat next to a student from a foreign country who does not speak much English at all. Once

again, without being asked, Riley simply leaned over and helped her classmate to understand what was going on and exactly what she needed to do to be successful that day. Riley continues to do so regularly. That's just who Riley is. She has a wonderful temperament and does everything in her power to make sure that everyone around her is comfortable. It is no wonder that on Fridays when our Student of the Week gets to choose where to sit, almost every week the selected student chooses to sit next to Riley. We believe the world would be a better place if there were more "Rileys" in it. Farmer Elementary is very proud to call Riley our STAR³ Student for November!

Seagrove Elementary School - Jonathan De La Torre - 3rd Grade

Jonathan is the son of Saul and Elba Margarita De La Torre. He is an outstanding third grade student who always demonstrates respect, responsibility, and doing the right thing. He displays traits that are needed to be successful in school and in life. Jonathan currently speaks, reads, and writes in English and Spanish. He is working on adding Italian to the list. Not only does Jonathan go "above and beyond" every day at school, he also is very active in his church. He often reads from the Bible in Spanish to the congregation. Jonathan is an intelligent young man who is enthusiastic about learning and works hard to reach his goals. Seagrove Elementary School is proud to select Jonathan De La Torre as its STAR³ Student for November.

Southeastern Randolph Middle School - Priscilla Peguero Day - 8th Grade

Priscilla is the daughter of Sergio Peguero and Julie Day. Priscilla is a student who strives for success in spite of being an English Language Learner. She is always kind to others. She is a respectful student and is often seen helping others on their work. She is an incredible student and example of SERMS, and we are proud to have Priscilla Peguero Day as our STAR³ Student for November.

Southmont Elementary School - Alek Millikan - 4th Grade

Alek is the son of Amy Millikan. He is a student who strives to do his best everyday by demonstrating his love of learning. He completes assignments on time, turns in his homework daily and takes pride in his work. He leads by example among his peers for assisting classmates when needed. He shows compassion towards students less fortunate than himself with his generosity and he is always available to lend a helping hand to staff or students. Alek serves as a positive role model in his classroom and in the school. Congratulations to Alek Millikan, Southmont Elementary's STAR³ Student for November.

Southwestern Randolph High School - Kimberly Aguirre - 12th Grade

Kimberly is the daughter of Arely Lima. Dedicated, responsible, and compassionate with a maturity beyond her years - these are words that have been used to describe Kimberly Aguirre. She is presently Vice President of our Family, Career and Community Leaders of America club, as well as a member of the Action, Inspiration and Motivation and Interact Service clubs and a member of our Student Government Association. During her years at our school, we have watched Kimberly grow into a fine young lady who is well liked by her peers as well as her teachers. She is extremely hard working, not only in school, but outside of school as well. Kimberly works after school most days and was saving her money to purchase a car, but when the money was needed last summer to pay for a trip to help her ailing grandmother in Guatemala, she saw that as a better investment. This is just one example of Kimberly's kind and generous spirit, which will be well utilized as she pursues her career goal of being a school counselor. We will certainly miss this young lady when she graduates, but look forward to hearing about all the wonderful accomplishments she makes in the years to come! Congratulations to Kimberly Aguirre, Southwestern Randolph High School's STAR³ Student for November.

Southwestern Randolph Middle School - Savannah Kennedy - 8th Grade

Savannah is the daughter of Jerri Kennedy. She is a straight A student who is involved in band, yearbook, and Beta Club. Her future career goal is to be a cardiothoracic surgeon and no one at SWRMS has any doubt that she will accomplish whatever she sets her mind to. Savannah is the type of person who sees a need and rises to meet it. If a student is new or doesn't have many friends, Savannah will go out of her way to befriend and mentor that person and help him or her feel included. If a teacher or staff member needs help with something, she is among the first to volunteer her time. Savannah genuinely wants to make SWRMS a better place and she succeeds in that mission on a daily basis. She is kind, respectful, hardworking, and always above and beyond what is asked of her. Her hard work is greatly appreciated by the teachers and staff of Southwestern Randolph Middle, and we congratulate Savannah on being selected our school's STAR³ Student for November.

Tabernacle Elementary School - Bethany Stoneman - 4th Grade

Bethany is the daughter of Timmy and Beverly Stoneman. When asked to list five words that best describes herself, Bethany chose “small, funny, shy, smart”, and with a quick chuckle, she added, “a good listener.” Ms. Perryman, her fourth grade teacher, agrees with each carefully chosen adjective. She describes Bethany in much the same way; however, she adds that Bethany is a thinker, a planner, and an executor of good deeds. When Bethany sees someone in need of help, no matter what type of help, she offers her assistance without hesitation. She is a giver of hope to those she is around. Bethany is a member of the Battle of the Books Team at Tabernacle, derived from the joy she receives from reading books. Bethany was asked to select her favorite school subject and she replied, “I like reading and math.” When asked to select her favorite among the two, she chose reading. Continuing the conversation with Bethany, Ms. Perryman was able to get a glimpse into her student’s future. “Bethany, what would you like to be when you grow up?” Bethany quickly responded, “A teacher, and I want to teach reading or math.” Bethany has already chosen Duke University as the college she would like to attend. Another question asked of Bethany was, “If you could change one thing in the world and make it better, what would it be and why?” Bethany thought for a moment and replied, “I would build hotels so all the people who don’t have any money or any place to live would be able to live there and I would not charge them any money, they could stay there for free. I just want them to have a place to live.” Following that amazing response, Ms. Perryman had to follow up with just one more question... “Bethany, what is the best gift you have ever given to someone?” A huge smile swept across Bethany’s young, sweet face as she said so innocently, “A card I made.” Ms. Perryman asked, “Why is that the most important gift you have given?” There was no surprise this time... “Because it was from my heart”, responded our STAR³ Student. The fourth grade team of Tabernacle Elementary School is proud to select Bethany Stoneman as our school’s STAR³ Student for November.

Uwharrie Middle School - Maggie Dunn - 8th Grade

Maggie is the daughter of Matt and Ginny Dunn. Maggie is a high-performing student who is always respectful to adults and to her peers. Moreover, what impresses us so much about Maggie is that she does a great job of balancing her many extracurricular activities along with her strong academic performance. Maggie has participated in the UMS chorus, All-County and Honors Chorus, Drama Club, and our Battle of the Books Team each year since 6th grade. On Battle of the Books, Maggie is often the “go-to” when her teammates are stuck on a question, as she always reads more than what is expected. Maggie has also had prominent parts in the UMS Drama Club since 6th grade. This December, she will portray the Wicked Witch in the UMS production of “The Wizard of Oz.” For many students, all of these extracurricular activities might detract from their classroom performance, but not for Maggie! This young lady is a prime example of a middle school student who does the “right thing” at all times, whether that means in the classroom, on stage, or in a musical competition. Uwharrie Middle School is very proud of Maggie Dunn and is also proud to select her as our STAR³ Student for November.