

## Randolph County School System - STAR<sup>3</sup> Winners for May 2016



### **Southwestern Randolph High School - Don Walton - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Don is the son of Donald and Jenifer Walton. If STAR<sup>3</sup> Student was in the Merriam-Webster dictionary, Don Walton's picture would be beside it! This wonderful young man epitomizes all the qualities of a STAR<sup>3</sup> Student. "Don is one of the most respectful students I have encountered in my years of teaching," are words one teacher uses to describe Don, while another says, "He is willing to do whatever is needed without expecting anything in return, and he is a model student." Don is well liked by the staff and students at Southwestern Randolph High School, and he always represents the school well. Don is a true gentleman who holds doors for others, and his life is characterized by being respectful and well-mannered. As you can see, Southwestern Randolph High School has much to be proud of in Don Walton, and that is why we have named him our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for the month of February.

*(Don was selected Southwestern Randolph High School's STAR<sup>3</sup> Student in February, but because the Board of Education meeting in February was cancelled due to inclement weather, he was unable to be recognized at that time.)*

### **Southwestern Randolph Middle School - Lori Proctor - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Lori is the daughter of Timothy and Carmen Proctor. One of her teachers describes Lori as one of the most ambitious students he has taught in 25 years. Lori brings a smile with her wherever she goes! She is always positive, prompt, and caring. She is the first one to volunteer to help any student or teacher and always does so with enthusiasm. Her hard work and dedication are unparalleled, and she is always striving for excellence, setting goals for herself, and refusing to let any obstacles get in her way. Whatever she sets her mind to, she will put in the work to get there. Lori is very active in sports and clubs at Southwestern Randolph Middle. She participates in the Future Farmers of America, Campus Life, Running Club, and Junior Beta Club. At the most recent Beta Club convention she won second place in the state for her speech and third place for her essay. Not only does she wrestle on the Southwestern Randolph Middle team, she was the ONLY female wrestler in the "A" bracket at the Randolph County Wrestling Tournament. She was a number one seed in her weight class and placed third at the tournament, all in her first year on a wrestling mat! Lori enjoys lifting weights with her brother, Alex, which may have something to do with her success as a wrestler! Perhaps the best way to sum up Lori is

to quote one of her teachers, who said, "I would love to have a class full of Lori Proctors!" Southwestern Randolph Middle School is extremely proud to honor Lori Proctor as our STAR<sup>3</sup> student for February. *(Lori was selected Southwestern Randolph Middle School's STAR<sup>3</sup> Student in February, but because the Board of Education meeting in February was cancelled due to inclement weather, she was unable to be recognized at that time.)*

#### **Tabernacle Elementary School - Makayla Register - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Makayla is the daughter of Melissa Dyer and sister to Leiha Dyer. Makayla is a STAR<sup>3</sup> student because she consistently makes choices that reflect her exemplary character. She frequently and patiently helps other students, follows directions from adults, and goes above and beyond on all tasks. She has overcome personal obstacles to excel academically. Makayla has attempted all her third grade assessments with determination and has met several benchmark goals on the first attempts. No matter what Makayla does, she gives her best effort. Therefore, we are proud for Makayla to represent Tabernacle Elementary School as our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for the month of February. *(Makayla was selected Tabernacle Elementary School's STAR<sup>3</sup> Student in February, but because the Board of Education meeting in February was cancelled due to inclement weather, she was unable to be recognized at that time.)*

#### **Uwharrie Middle School - Sarah Crews - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Sarah is the daughter of Scott and Karen Crews. Sarah is a consistently high-performing student athlete. She maintains a high A average in school and, most recently, has led the Uwharrie Middle School Lady Timberwolves basketball team to the Randolph County Middle School Tournament Championship. As one of her Uwharrie Middle School coaches remarked, Sarah "...leaves everything on the floor. Our team would not have been complete without her." Sarah's basketball coach also observed that Sarah is a leader among her peers both on and off the court. She is always motivated to do her best and always gives 100% effort. Her eighth grade language arts teacher sees that Sarah is goal-oriented and that she makes the necessary sacrifices in her personal life to achieve those goals. Her teacher writes, "Sarah is humble, focused, and realizes that the choices she makes today will have an impact on tomorrow. Regardless of the task assigned, she meets it with a 'Will Do' attitude and goes above and beyond what is expected to make sure it reflects her personal best." Sarah's parents are most proud of their daughter's positive and caring attitude and strength to be there for her family, her strong academics, and her being an all-around great kid. During Sarah's seventh grade year, Sarah's mother faced a serious health issue. While others may have crumbled and quit during such personal difficulties, Sarah kept her head high, continued to focus on her goals, and always performed in class and on the court with a great deal of talent and heart. Uwharrie Middle School is very proud of Sarah Crews, our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for February!

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#### **Coleridge Elementary School - Jesse Wright - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Jesse is the son of Cherodie Wright. Jesse's sister, Rachel, also attends Coleridge and is in the third grade. Jesse has one brother, Jasper, who is four. Jesse has endured some personal struggles, but has overcome them with dignity and has grown into a very polite, responsible, and respectable young man. Jesse's passion for helping others is evident to anyone who knows him well. In a recent storm, Jesse took the initiative to help keep everyone calm on his bus. He steps up to help others without being asked and does it with a genuine and kind demeanor. Jesse's family and close friends know him as the "Handyman," because of his mechanical ability to fix almost anything he touches. His favorite subjects are science and reading. Jesse also loves to socialize with others and meet new friends. Coleridge Elementary School proudly recognizes Jesse Wright as STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for the month of May.

**Eastern Randolph High School - Georgina Mena Rosas - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Georgina is the daughter of Ricardo Mena and Monica Rosas. Georgina overcame some academic and attendance struggles her first few years at Eastern Randolph but was able to persevere and has had an outstanding senior year. She just recently was recognized for two awards at our Academic Awards ceremony for making A/B Honor Roll and for being the top student in her Foods II class. Georgina's teacher described her as very respectful, hard-working, and a very well-rounded student. She constantly volunteered to help classmates who were struggling and she was a leader among her peers. Georgina plans to enroll at Randolph Community College next fall where she plans to major in psychology and then transfer to a four-year college where her ultimate goal is to become a child therapist. Eastern Randolph High School is proud to recognize Georgina Mena Rosas as our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for May.

**Farmer Elementary School - Airianna Hayes - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Airianna is the daughter of Carlos Hayes and Kelly Dowd. She makes a tremendous effort in class. Her quality of work exceeds grade level expectations and reflects focus and effort. We see a commitment in Airianna to complete and do her best in all she does. She enthusiastically participates in class. She is an independent worker and demonstrates self-discipline. She is agreeable, conscientious, and considerate of her classmates. She usually has a pleasant smile on her face and many friends around her. Despite personal family hardships, Airianna has chosen to overcome the obstacles that lie on her pathway. She not only goes above and beyond in her own work ethic but she is always willing to lend a hand to others. She spends every morning with our first graders helping them get their breakfast and start their morning work. The time she gives to our first grade classes is a real asset to our school. Airianna is a brilliant student and a respected member of our school family. Farmer Elementary is proud to select Airianna Hayes as the STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for May.

**Seagrove Elementary School - Kyra Needham - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Kyra is the daughter of Charles Jason Needham and Pamela Needham. Kyra is a hard worker and always tries her best. She has worked extremely hard this year to achieve above grade level in reading. Kyra has taken personal ownership of her learning and puts 100% into her education every day. We are so proud of Kyra and her accomplishments this year! Seagrove Elementary is proud to nominate Kyra Needham as our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for May.

**Southeastern Randolph Middle School - Kyle Smith - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Kyle is the son of James Randy and Lechelle Smith. Kyle strives to make responsible choices even when it is not popular. I have watched him lead by example in the cafeteria, hallway, and classroom. Kyle is a courteous, respectful, self-motivated, determined, and driven sixth grader with a bright future ahead of him. Southeastern Randolph Middle School is honored to recognize Kyle Smith as its STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for the month of May.

**Southmont Elementary School - Miles Fox - Kindergarten**

Miles is the son of Lurico Jordan and Brandi Fox. Miles is always going above and beyond to do his best, not only in his kindergarten classroom, but also when he is visiting an encore teacher or helping another child out. He always uses his manners, does his homework, he is reading above grade level, knows all of his sight words, and never gets in trouble. Miles always tries his best and wants to help out anyone and everyone whenever he can. Miles gives 100% to everything he tries and he takes great pride in his work. He is friends with everyone in the classroom and always tries to include others, especially ones that might feel left out. He is a wonderful role model to many and an absolute joy to have in class. Southmont Elementary is honored to recognize Miles Fox as for STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for May.

**Southwestern Randolph High School - Annabeth Poe - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Annabeth is the daughter of Donald Poe. She is an exceptional young lady all the way around! She has high academic standards which are mirrored in her 4.75 GPA, but what is even more exceptional about

Annabeth is the gracious and accepting spirit by which she lives her life. Life has not always been easy for her, but Annabeth has taken the good with the challenges and allowed circumstances and events to shape her into the beautiful person she is today! She plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill next year and major in Communications. Annabeth Poe epitomizes the qualities of a STAR<sup>3</sup> Student in all that she does and that is why Southwestern Randolph High School is pleased to designate her as our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for the month of May.

#### **Southwestern Randolph Middle School - Holden Thomas - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Holden is the son of Teresa and Chris Snyder. Holden is a great example of what hard work and determination should look like. He genuinely loves learning and being a great student. He is extremely self-motivated, always taking charge of his own learning. All of his eighth grade teachers say that they love having Holden as a student in their classrooms. Holden works hard to overcome any obstacles that stand in his way, especially when it comes to his education. He is very detail-oriented and always strives to do his very best on each task given to him. He is such a polite and caring student who comes to class each day with a smile on his face, striving to please everyone. Holden is conscientious, thoughtful, and a positive role model to other students. In addition to his wonderful demeanor and being on the Honor Roll this year, Holden plays the clarinet with the school band, was runner-up in the 2015-16 school Spelling Bee, and held the title of Valentine Prince at our Valentine's Dance this year. He enjoys playing basketball and has a career goal of being a meteorologist, pursuing his love of science. Holden has grown from a shy sixth grade boy to a mature young man, and it has been a pleasure to watch that transformation take place. There is definitely a reason that Holden Thomas received nominations from three different staff members to be our May STAR<sup>3</sup> Student, and we couldn't be prouder of him. Congratulations, Holden Thomas, Southwestern Randolph Middle School's STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for May.

#### **Tabernacle Elementary School - Maverick Auman - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Maverick is the son of Jody and Miranda Auman and is in Mrs. Hughes' class. Maverick always comes into the classroom with a smile on his face and a passion to learn something new every day. He is always eager to learn and always has a positive attitude. Maverick takes learning seriously, but also knows how to have fun and make others smile. He takes pride in his work and always tries his best. Maverick has grown academically this year and we could not be more proud of him! Maverick never thinks twice about helping others. If there is a child that needs a friend, someone to play with or talk to, Maverick is always there to give a hug or just to listen. He also knows how to make his teacher smile. Maverick is an example of what a STAR<sup>3</sup> Student should be, as he is always respectful, responsible and makes positive choices. I am proud to choose him as a STAR<sup>3</sup> Student to represent Tabernacle Elementary School and Randolph County Schools while setting a wonderful example for others. Tabernacle Elementary is pleased to select Maverick Auman as our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for May.

#### **Uwharrie Middle School - Devon Satterfield - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Devon is the son of Ronnie and Kelly Satterfield. Devon is a student who has overcome many obstacles with his physical health since birth. At school, however, Devon participates in discussions, makes friends, completes his work, and tries his best in every school subject despite his struggles. Devon has a positive attitude about school. He has a wonderful sense of humor and can joke with his teachers, especially about how he pulls for Duke vs. Carolina basketball! But he also knows when to be serious and focused. He is always observed helping others, offering to share materials, cleaning up messes he didn't make, and not getting involved when his peers might not be doing the right thing. Devon is a true example of a respectful, responsible student who does the right thing. We are proud to have nominated him for this well-deserved recognition. Congratulations to Devon Satterfield, Uwharrie Middle School's STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for May.