



April Employees of the Month!

Congratulations to Ashe County Middle School Counselor Kristy Aldridge and Bus Driver Shelby Dowell for their outstanding contributions! Your hard work and heart for students is noticed and applauded.

Check out what their peers had to say about these incredible ladies:

“Kristy has been the only guidance counselor at Ashe County Middle School since December and has handled this with positivity and grace. She continues to serve two grade levels of students, guide teachers with student needs, push out new and ongoing initiatives, and continue

communication with parents via remind messages and personal phone calls. She's always available to speak with students and teachers with an open-door policy. She is a tremendous help and asset to Ashe County Middle School.”

“Kristy has successfully held down the counseling department at ACMS singlehandedly since December. She has completed the registration process both for rising freshmen at the early college and for rising seventh graders at the elementary schools. She juggles group counseling and individual counseling with students. She supports teachers and provides training during MTSS meetings. She is simply outstanding.”

“Shelby is an outstanding bus driver. She knows every student by name and as they get on the bus, you will always see her giving her kids a high five or telling them to have a great day as they exit. She is genuinely concerned for their well-being. She even shoveled a kid's driveway this year so they could safely walk to the bus. She has not missed a day of work that I know of in the last 3 years. She is uplifting and positive with everyone she sees.”

“First and foremost, Shelby is a wonderful person. She truly cares for her students and their families. She shows up every day, never complains and always goes above and beyond in her job responsibilities. She even removed snow from a student's driveway during the winter so they would not slip and fall. Shelby deserves this honor every month.”

“Shelby is an exemplary employee! She is always at work and she is always going above and beyond to take care of the students on her bus route. She even shoveled a driveway out during a snow storm so the student would slip. She is a great person and a great employee.”

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