



SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



December Teacher and Staff

of the Month- CCHS

December's category for Teacher/Staff of the month is Imagination and Creativity in the learning environment. These categories are voted on by school employees. December Teacher of the Month is Jennifer Morgan and Staff of the Month is Stacie Vandiver. We appreciate your time and service to the students of CCHS.



Change Agent

See below: Provide Servantship to others: Help and make the world a better place. Be a Change Agent.

<https://ucpalabama.org/northwest-alabama/>

<https://myaea.org/>

<https://exceptionalchildren.org/>

<https://www.uwnwal.org/about-us>

<https://cpfamilynetwork.org/resources/resources-guide/stepping-stone-pediatric-therapy/>

Snaps, Cheers, and Congrats!!

We would like to provide SNAPS, CHEERS, AND CONGRATS!!

- To Mrs. Stacey Vandiver and Mrs. Jennifer Morgan for being nominated for the STAFF of the Month/ Teacher of the Month.
- 2. To Mr. Judd Franks for providing PD Restraint Training for the school district.
- 3. To Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Reaves (our gifted teachers) for displaying a good faith effort in trying to secure the grant; we fell short this time, but we appreciate their efforts as they have previously won the grant three years in a row.

SNAPS, CHEERS, AND CONGRATS TO ALL!
HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON.

All the best,
Dr. Fred Abernathy





STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Brooke Cunningham #2

This is my 2nd year as SpEd Secretary. I graduated from CHS in 2001 and received a B.S. in Accounting from UNA in 2004.

I worked as an Accountant for 15 years before moving to Carries, Haiti in 2020 to serve as Hostess to mission teams and Children's Advancement Director of Alex's House Orphanage. I'm married to Frankie and we have a 17 year old son, Colt, who attends CHHS. I enjoy canning vegetables from the garden, true crime podcasts, crappie fishing, and reading.



Christopher Judd Franks

I served as a Para-Ed from 2016-2021, and Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 2021-present. I service Colbert Heights High School/Elementary as well as Leighton Elementary/Colbert County High. I received a B.S Business Management-Univ. of Alabama 2008; J.D.-Cumberland School of Law-Samford University 2012; U.S. Army Military Police School-Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri 2013; B.A. Communicative Disorders-Univ. of Alabama 2016. I have a wife, Abby, who is a Special Education Teacher at Rogers High School in Lauderdale County. My mother, Kim, is a Dyslexia Interventionist for the Franklin County School System. My father is deceased, and I have no known children. I enjoy antique shopping with my wife as well as spending time with our dogs (Roxy and Joey), cat (Blanche), and pig (Reba). I'm a Taurus that enjoys long walks on the beach, and listening to the music of Jimmy Buffett.





STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Tonia Klyce

I have been a RN for 16 years. I graduated from Coffee High School in 1996. I started college, but then took some time off when we started our family. I went back to college and graduated from UNA in 2006 with a BSN. The last semester of nursing school I was introduced to pediatrics and knew that I had found an area that I would love forever. I have been married to my husband Michael for 25 + years. Our son, Will, is 24. He is in the Navy and currently living in Virginia with his wife, Angel, and my beautiful 2 yr old granddaughter, Izzy. They are planning on returning home when his finishes up his contract in a few years. Our daughter, Katelyn, is 20. She is an assistant manager at Aldi and is currently going to Athens State studying business. My favorite thing to do is to spend time with my family and talk to the ones who aren't close to home via Facetime. I could honestly talk to, and watch, the grandbaby for hours on end (she's very entertaining). Otherwise, I enjoy reading when I find the chance to do so.



Destin Gargis

I attended college at Freed Hardeman and UNA. This is my 23rd year in Special Education: 13 years at CHHS as SpEd teacher and coach. I've been at the Central Office since 2014 as Inclusion/IEP Coordinator and Homebound Facilitator/Teacher. My husband Matt is an instructor at NWSCC and we have 2 girls: Mattie (8) and Grace (10). I enjoy camping with my family, riding bikes, sports, outdoors, and church. I am blessed to work in the special education department and be surrounded by the best educators in the world. The special education teachers in CCS are absolutely the best in the business!



STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Savannah Latham, M.S., CCC-SLP

This is my fourth year as a Speech-Language Pathologist. I am originally from Arab, Alabama, and graduated from Arab High School in 2012. I attended Snead State Community College and received an Associate of Science degree in 2013. I took a slight detour in my educational journey to The University of North Alabama before finally deciding on Speech-Language Pathology. I graduated from Alabama A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Communicative Sciences and Disorders degree in 2017. I went on to complete my Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology degree from Alabama A&M University in 2019. GO BULLDOGS! I hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence for Speech-Language Pathology that I obtained in Fall of 2020. I am currently licensed by the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA), the Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (ABESPA), and the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE). I am also a member of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama (SHAA). Outside of serving as Colbert County School District's Lead Speech-Language Pathologist, I also serve Alabama's Early Intervention System as an Independent Contractor with TriCounty Agency for Intellectual Disabilities and the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind - Shoals Regional Center. I work with families of children ages 0-3 who have intellectual disabilities and/or developmental delays, covering Franklin and Colbert Counties. I have a loving and supportive family back home including: my mom and stepdad, my brother (who is currently attending UAB's School of Dentistry), and my dad and stepmother. As far as my own family - I am single as a pringle and have no kids. I consider the 180 students I service my own. I spend my free time with professional development, cooking if time permits, and stressing out over anything and everything.



Savannah Latham



Kelsey Flanagan - LES

I graduated from Colbert County High School in 2011 and Northwest Shoals Community College in 2022. I have been a Para-Professional for 5 months and will begin my career at LES in January. I have a wonderful Husband of 6 years and 3 beautiful children, a boy (3) and two girls (2 and 1). I enjoy spending time with family, shopping and singing.



STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Anna Underwood

I am married to Kerry “Bubba” Underwood. We have 4 children, Holly, Victoria, Faith and Walker and 2 grandchildren, Vivianne and Luke. I attended Belmont University in Nashville TN, and received a Master’s degree in Occupational Therapy. I’ve been an OT for 26 years and have worked for Colbert County schools for 19 years. I enjoy traveling, camping, cooking and Auburn Football games.



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CHRISTMAS
AND
✦✦ HAPPY ✦✦
NEW YEAR ✦✦



Wade Turberville

I am the Transportation and Federal Programs Director and currently serving my 23rd year in education. I graduated from Cherokee High School, Athens State University, Auburn University, and Grand Canyon University. I've been married for 23 years to Christina and we have two sons, Travis and Zack, and a daughter Destiny. I enjoy reading, hunting, fishing, and camping in my free time. I also serve as a Youth Pastor for Cherokee First Baptist Church.



STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Jason Hubbert

I've worked in the Bus Shop for 5 months. I'm married with 3 daughters and we also have grandkids. I enjoy spending time outdoors.

Daniel Cunningham

I graduated from Deshler High School and I've worked in the Maintenance Dept. for 11 years. I'm married to Brooke and we have a son, Garrett. I enjoy spending time outdoors with my family.

Allan Hyde

I graduated from Colbert Heights High School and NWSCC. I've worked in the Maintenance Dept. for 17 years. I'm married to Haley and we have 2 children, Caden and Zander. I enjoy spending time outdoors hunting and fishing.

Ricky McAnnally

I've worked in the Maintenance Dept. for 9 years. I'm married to Jacquelyn and we have 2 daughters, Chancely and Eadie. I enjoy fishing, hunting, and spending time with family.

Greg Loveday

I've worked in the Bus Shop for 5 years. I'm married to Michelle and we have 2 children, Zac and Zane. I enjoy spending time outdoors.

Josh Everett

I've worked in the Bus Shop for 9.5 years. I graduated from Belgreen High School. I'm married to Laura and we have 2 children, Lindsay and Logan. I enjoy spending time outdoors.



STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Katie Dalrymple

I worked 9 years in secondary ELA & Theatre, 8 Years building administration, & 1 year at the central office as the Curriculum & Testing Director. I received a B.A.- Judson College in Secondary ELA, Master's in Secondary English from University of North Alabama, Master's in Educational Leadership from University of North Alabama, Educational Specialist from University of North Alabama, Doctorate in Curriculum & Instructional Leadership from Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, Tennessee (Talons Up!). I'm married to Michael Dalrymple (paraprofessional at LES) & we have 3 children- Nora- 13 at CHHS, Oliver-4 at CAPS at LES, Theodore- 2 (my miracle- ask me my story & I'll tell you :)). I enjoy acting & directing in Community Theatre, bingeing Netflix, & running around after 3 busy kiddos. My family loves Dollywood, Gatlinburg, & East Tennessee. We have recently become Disney nerds & are heading out on our 3rd trip. We love a weekend getaway to the Smokies more than anything & following Nora around in competition dance with Applause Studio.



William Kilpatrick - CCHS

I am a new SpEd teacher at Colbert County High School and this will be my first year teaching. I just graduated December 3rd, 2022 with my Bachelor's from Athens State University. I also have an Associate's degree from Northwest Shoals Community College. I am married to Sydnee Kilpatrick and I enjoy coaching football.

Skyler Holden - CCHS

I am a new SpEd teacher at Colbert County High School. I have 7 years in education, but this will be my first year teaching. I have an Associate's degree from NWSCC and just received my Bachelor's in Special Education from Athens State. I am married to Julia and we have one son, Oliver. I enjoy coaching, hunting, and fishing in my spare time.

Merry
Christmas





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Grants

- The McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program provides formula grants to SEAs. Among other things, the program supports an office for coordination of the education of homeless children and youths in each state, which gathers comprehensive information about homeless children and youths and the impediments they must overcome to regularly attend school. These grants also help SEAs ensure that homeless children, including preschoolers and youths, have equal access to free and appropriate public education (FAPE).
- The Neglected and Delinquent (Title I, Part D) Program provides formula grants to SEAs for supplementary education services to help provide education continuity for children and youths in state-run institutions for juveniles and in adult correctional institutions, so that these youths can make successful transitions to school or employment once they are released.
- The Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program provides formula grants to SEAs to support the capacity building of states, local educational agencies, schools and local communities to: (1) provide all students with access to a well-rounded education; (2) improve school conditions for student learning; and (3) improve the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy for all students.
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers support the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during nonschool hours for children, particularly students attending high-poverty and low-performing schools.
- The Carol M. White Physical Education Program provides grants to local educational agencies and community-based organizations to initiate, expand, or enhance physical education programs that help students make progress toward meeting state standards, including after-school programs, for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.
- ED Office of Safe and Healthy Students (OSHS) provides financial assistance for drug and violence prevention activities; activities that promote the health and well-being of students in elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education; and school preparedness activities that contribute to improved conditions for learning. Activities may be carried out by other federal agencies, state and local educational agencies, and public and private nonprofit organizations. OSHS is divided into three subordinate units: Safe and Supportive Schools Group, Healthy Students Group, and Center for School Preparedness.
- Education for Homeless Children and Youths Grants for State and Local Activities help schools ensure that homeless children, including preschoolers and youths, have equal access to free and appropriate public education.
- Promise Neighborhoods provides funding to significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of all children in the most distressed communities, including rural and tribal communities.
- The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act provides grants to states to support programs that help individuals ages 16 and older who lack a high school diploma (or its equivalent) or proficiency in English become literate, obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency, obtain a secondary school diploma, and transition to postsecondary education and training. During the 2015 program year, more than 136,000 out-of-school youth ages 16 to 18 participated in AEFLA-supported programs.
- The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act provides grants to assist states in expanding and improving career and technical education in high schools, technical schools, and community colleges. Each state uses program funds to support a variety of career and technical education programs developed in accordance with its State plan.



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As you conclude your 2022 year please consider the following as you enter Spring 2023?

1. What is your Philosophy of Education? Has it changed?
2. Why are you teaching?
3. Are you servicing your student(s) at level 10?
4. Do you communicate with your parents? How often?
5. What are some formative assessments that you use in your classroom? Do you monitor your students?
6. What is your management plan?
7. Are you looking for ways to improve your instructional practices?
8. When was the last time you attended some professional development opportunities?
(Be creative, attend via online; communicate with your co teachers; present your processes at faculty meetings; observe co workers; provide constructive feedback.)
9. What can you do to help students attend school on a regular basis?
10. Are you checking you on your student's total well being (including mental/ emotional process)?

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

All the best,

Dr. Fred Abernathy

Director of Special Education

Colbert County Schools

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*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year*