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Halifax County Schools (HCS) announced Mrs. Ida Nicholson Pope as the district's September Employee of the Month. Mrs. Pope is the campus-based teacher at the HCS Empowerment Zone (EZ). Janice Jones, EZ Lab Facilitator, states, "Mrs. Pope demonstrates the true meaning of teamwork at the Empowerment Zone. She prepares challenging and real-world math activities that allow students to be hands-on learners in the classroom. Mrs. Pope understands the importance of preparing students to be mathematically proficient in today's global society. She understands the "whole child" approach to the Empowerment Zone students. Mrs. Pope is also the senior advisor at the Empowerment Zone. She ensures that the "senior year" experience for the students is meaningful and fulfilling." Superintendent Dr. Cunningham adds, "Mrs. Pope truly deserves this recognition. Her

commitment and dedication to our scholars are phenomenal, and we are grateful to have her a part of our team". Mrs. Pope shares, "I am delighted to be nominated as the Employee of the month! This is my first time in over 30 years as an educator to be nominated for this honor. This is a job that I cannot do alone, and my heart is true with these young people that I work with in Halifax County".



Halifax County Schools recognized Janiyah Blow as September's Student of the Month. Janiyah is a senior at the Halifax County Early College High School. Janiyah currently holds a 3.769 GPA on the high school side and a 3.108 on the college side. Dr. Janette Harvey states, "Janiyah comes to school with a smile on her face and an upbeat attitude that I feel is inspiring to others. Janiyah is focused on keeping her grades up and is excited about graduating with a High School Diploma and Associate's Degree. It does not matter the grade level of her classmates; she encourages them with words of her experience with various high school and college courses. She loves math and helps other students when her time

permits. Janiyah is a part of the Youth Department at The True Living Divine Church of God Inc., Rich Square. This past summer, she volunteered at the Food Pantry for Saint Paul's Church, Murfreesboro. She is a leader in her church and school". Janiyah states, "My favorite subject is math because I like numbers and money. I want to be a Financial Advisor." Her hobbies include singing and dancing, and her advice for other students is "Time management is key". Janiyah adds, "Please take school seriously. It will be the end before you know it. It will be hard to catch up if you get behind". When asked how she felt about being selected for the student of the month, she stated, "Honestly, I am surprised; however, I am very excited." Superintendent Dr. Cunningham states, I am so proud of Janiyah for her hard work and commitment to school, working and engaging with the community. Continue to Strive for Five!"



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The Halifax County Board of Education approved Mrs. Tierriqua Jones as the Director of School Nutrition. Mrs. Jones is a native of North Carolina. With over nineteen years in the workforce, she has gained experience working with a diverse group of clients in the hospitality industry. Those encounters have allowed her to work closely with a franchise owner of multi-million-dollar entities, as well as in positions of leadership not limited to executive-level administrative and financial support. After being introduced to school nutrition as a manager with Pitt County Schools, Mrs. Jones became highly motivated to gain knowledge with the department and progress driven to make a difference in the lives of the scholars impacted by the program. She has served as the school nutrition bookkeeper/supervisor with Beaufort County Schools. Graduating cum laude at the top of her department, Mrs. Jones holds a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality & Tourism Administration from the illustrious North Carolina Central University. She is pursuing her Master's in Business Administration at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Superintendent Dr. Eric Cunningham states, "We are excited to have Mrs. Jones join our team. Her experience and expertise will ensure that our scholars continue to have healthy and nutritious meals". Mrs. Tierriqua Jones expressed her thanks to the Board of Education and the warm welcome she received from the team.

 **NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH**



October is National Principals Month. Halifax County Schools is pleased to recognize its Principals for their tireless dedication to their students and the schools they serve. These school leaders fight every day to give their students the best education. It is time to thank our principals who have overcome challenges from a pandemic to focus on student learning, staff wellbeing, and community pride. Superintendent Dr. Cunningham states, "I'd like to take a moment to thank our principals. I am exceptionally grateful to be associated with our team of outstanding leaders. It is substantial to see all the hard work, time away from families, and dedication to our students and staff behind the scenes. Please join me in thanking our outstanding group of

principals. Pictured from Left to Right: Lykisa Coby- Southeast Collegiate Prep Academy, Chastity Kinsey- Inborden Elementary STEAM Academy, Angela Battle- Scotland Neck Elementary Leadership Academy, Linda Cooper- Enfield Middle STEAM Academy, Jerome Williams- Halifax County Early College, Benjamin Eustice- Hollister Elementary Leadership Academy, Steve Hunter- Northwest Collegiate and Technical Academy, Brian Biles- William R. Davie Middle STEM Academy, Sharon Arrington- Halifax County Schools Empowerment Zone, Tonya Hedgepeth- Pittman Elementary Leadership Academy, Angela Sessoms- Everetts Elementary STEM Academy, Katina Lynch- Aurelian Springs Institute of Global Learning.