

Board of Trustees Meeting



North Carolina
School of Science
and Mathematics

Report of the Staff Senate

Friday, December 9, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Durham, NC

Crystal Woods, Staff Senate Chairman

Report Effective December 9, 2022

The Staff Senate continued its mission to facilitate NCSSM SHRA and EHRA Non-Faculty employee communications; to promote a harmonious community by addressing issues affecting the activities and welfare of the membership; to serve as a liaison between its membership, the administration, and the Board of Trustees; and to seek opportunities for open communication with all members of the NCSSM community.

The Staff Senate is a forum for SHRA, EHRA Non-Faculty, and IRIT members to voice opinions and ideas about NCSSM and work to promote interdepartmental cooperation and create better communication about NCSSM policies, state policies, and future development of the school.

The Staff Senate consists of **Crystal Woods**, Chair; **Deann Barger**, SHRA Vice-Chair; **Mattie Gaddy-Parks**, EHRA-NF Vice-Chair; **Sandie Shoe**, EHRA-NF Recording Secretary; **Matt Boerner**, SHRA Recording Secretary; **Ashley Grindstaff**, Treasurer; Departmental Delegates: **Kate Axelrod & Michelle Rutowski**, Academic Programs; **Delaney Keefe**, Chancellor's Office; **Paulette Becoat**, Development/Foundation; **Blake Reed**, Extended Learning; **Beatrice Moss**, External Relations; **Sonya Tillman**, Finance & Operations; **Anthony Wilson**, Housekeeping & Plant Facilities; **Will Mack**, Information Technology-Durham; **Nathan Harmer**, Information Technology-Morganton; **Dennis Gilfillan**, Institutional Effectiveness; **Sharron Johnson**, LITCOM; **Kristen Harrison**, Morganton Campus; **Mariah Alexander**, Student Life. BOT Liaisons: **Mattie Gaddy-Parks**, EPPC; **Ryan Donaldson**, Extended Learning; **Alana Sanders**, FAHR; **Ellen Stone**, IA. UNC System Staff Assembly delegates: **Crystal Woods** Chair/delegate; **Sonya Tillman**, delegate; **Mattie Gaddy-Parks**, delegate.

Chancellor's Award for Excellence

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence recognizes the contributions of NCSSM EHRA-Non-Faculty, IRIT, and SHRA employees based on commendable or distinguished accomplishments in the categories of devotion to duty, innovation, public service, safety/heroism, human relations, and other achievements. This is an annual award given to one SHRA employee and one EHRA-NF employee.

The 2022 recipient of the EHRA-NF Chancellor's Award is Ms. Jennifer Betz. Jennifer has been at NCSSM since 2013. She is the NCSSM registrar working in the Academic Programs division. Jennifer was among 14 nominees in the EHRA Non-Faculty category. A nominator said of Betz, "She has taken the Registrar's Office, built a highly functional and effective team, and does that job with a great sense of

humor, infinite patience, and lots and lots of hard work. She serves as the registrar for our residential, online, and connect courses for Durham and Morganton.

The 2022 recipient of the SHRA Chancellor's Award for Excellence is Ms. Deann Barger. Deann has been at NCSSM since 2011. She serves as the Science Department Program Associate. During her time at NCSSM, Deann has taken on additional leadership roles, serving as Staff Senate Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, and Staff Liaison for the Board of Trustees committees. Deann has also been a member of the SCSSI Board of Directors. A nominator commented that "Without Deann, all of our jobs would be much more difficult and I'm sure the overall performance of our teaching would be diminished. Deann is literally the support for our entire team... She is the structure that allows us to focus on the students."

You can view more about all of the nominees and recipients [HERE](#).

Staff Senate Website and Social Media

The Staff Senate maintains a website keeping the NCSM community informed of its officers and procedures. You can view the website [HERE](#). We also have a social media site via Instagram. You can view the Instagram account [HERE](#).