

## NCSSM Staff Senate Employee of the Month Summertime 2025



### Damien Overcash

#### Note of Recognition

Damien Overcash is our real-life superhero—no cape needed, just sharp instincts and a calm, confident presence. He keeps the campus safe with a perfect blend of professionalism, quick thinking, and subtle humor.

#### Nomination



### Emily Cunard

#### Note of Recognition

Working with Emily Cunard, the Director of Communications, is an exceptional experience marked by her unique blend of professional expertise, creative vision, and genuine collaborative spirit. She is a cornerstone of the campus community, elevating not just the school's message but also the people she works with.

#### Nomination



## Dustin Hand

### Note of Recognition

Dustin Hand is the innovative powerhouse behind the Fab Lab — a true master of creativity, craftsmanship, and collaboration. As our Fab Lab Manager, Dustin brings ideas to life and empowers others to do the same. His deep knowledge of tools, technology, and design is only matched by his passion for teaching and inspiring those around him. Whether he's guiding a student through their first project or helping staff think outside the box, Dustin makes the Fab Lab a hub of imagination and possibility. His energy, expertise, and willingness to support everyone's creative journey make him an irreplaceable part of our campus community. We're beyond lucky to have Dustin leading the way — he doesn't just manage a space; he cultivates innovation.

### *Nomination*



## Susan Gantt

### Note of Recognition

Susan is an all around amazing person. She's so organized and she's very easy to work with. Summers are always a beast, but every time I see her she always has a calmness about her that I adore.

### *Nomination*



## **Pam Sherrill**

### **Note of Recognition**

Ms. Pam Sherrill is a wonderful employee and colleague. She works hard. She volunteers whenever she sees something needing attention. She's thorough and helpful, and above all, she's kind and uplifting. Ms. Pam is also an amazing baker who loves to share her culinary creations. We appreciate her generosity and warm spirit and hope to recognize her with this award.

### **Nomination**



## **Alicia Stokley**

### **Note of Recognition**

Alicia Stokley is an extraordinary leader and the driving force behind the success of Summer Programs in Durham. As Director, she brings unmatched vision, energy, and passion to everything she does. Alicia's ability to balance big-picture planning with thoughtful attention to detail ensures that every program runs seamlessly and leaves a lasting impact on students and staff alike. Her commitment to excellence, collaboration, and creating meaningful experiences sets the tone for the entire team. Alicia leads with heart, purpose, and a deep dedication to the mission — and it shows in every aspect of the work she touches. We're so fortunate to have her at the helm.

### **Nomination**



## Joyce Ventimiglia

### Note of Recognition

Joyce Ventimiglia is a shining example of passion, creativity, and unwavering dedication. Her energy is contagious, and she brings such a thoughtful, authentic touch to everything she does. Whether she's leading a project or lifting up a teammate, Joyce makes a lasting impact simply by being herself.

### Nomination



## Clayton Moore

### Note of Recognition

He consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to safety, ensuring a secure environment for staff and visitors. His keen attention to detail, quick response to potential threats, and excellent problem-solving skills make him a reliable asset to the team. Clayton's positive attitude, teamwork, and willingness to go above and beyond his duties set a high standard for excellence in security.

### Nomination



## **Jill Masten-Byers**

### **Note of Recognition**

It's a joy to work with Jill Masten-Byers, our Associate Registrar. She masterfully handles the complex worlds of academic records and scheduling with incredible precision and an unflappable calm. Jill's kindness and expertise make her an essential and supportive resource for the entire NCSSM-Morganton community, turning potential challenges into simple solutions.

***Nomination***



## **Mikhaela Johnson**

### **Note of Recognition**

She is on top of things and gets back to me in a timely manner when a problem arises with temp payroll. She is always willing to help problem solve and talk through situations to find solutions and answers. When needed she will take time to research and find an answer if she does not know how to resolve the situation.

***Nomination***



## Kiana Washburn

### Note of Recognition

It's impossible not to smile when you work with Kiana Washburn. As an Admissions Counselor, she is the perfect first impression of NCSSM-Morganton—full of genuine warmth, infectious enthusiasm, and incredible kindness.

### *Nomination*



## Johnathan Johnson

### Note of Recognition

Johnathan is a trustworthy reliable campus safety officer who works on the overnight shift of our campus. He continually displays his caring, kind, professional, friendly manner while dealing with issues that arise on the overnight shift.

### *Nomination*



## Camilla Brothers

### Note of Recognition

Camilla Brothers is a true force of excellence! She brings vision, dedication, and heart to everything she touches, making the Connect program amazing throughout the State of NC. Her leadership, creativity, and commitment to NCSSM inspire all of us.

*Nomination*



## Blake Reed

### Note of Recognition

Blake has proven himself to be an intricate part of the Summer Programs team. His leadership and positivity shines through while being an active member of the NCSSM Community and interacting with families in preparation of Summer Accelerator. Blake is constantly fine tuning his craft with Staff management by researching professional development opportunities to attend in the Fall and applying feedback given by summer staff. . With Blake's endless curiosity, combined with his willingness to take risks, leads me to believe there will be no limit to his growth and achievements at NCSSM.

*Nomination*





## **Rob Andrews**

### **Note of Recognition**

When we faced the challenge of multiple, unforeseen staff absences during the same week, Rob dropped everything and came to the Morganton campus to make sure everything was covered. He led a really important tour and made sure everything kept running as needed.

*Nomination*



## **Nate Lyons**

### **Note of Recognition**

Nate Lyons exemplifies the dedication and excellence that make him a standout candidate for Employee of the Month. Nate goes above and beyond to ensure every space is spotless, organized, and welcoming for all. His attention to detail and tireless work ethic transform cleanliness into an art, creating environments where employees and guests feel comfortable and cared for.

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