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**Local Educator Wins District  
Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year Award**  
*Tiffany McMillan, Cumberland Academy (6-12) Virtual School teacher,  
wins Cumberland County Schools title*

**Fayetteville, N.C.** – Cumberland County Schools (CCS) Career and Technical Education (CTE) recently announced that Tiffany McMillan, a business and marketing teacher for Cumberland Academy (6-12) Virtual School (CAVS), has been selected as the 2021-2022 CCS CTE Teacher of the Year.

The selection committee unanimously selected McMillan for her poise, passion, and perseverance during the transition to virtual learning. She is the founding Career and Technical Education teacher for CAVS.



*Tiffany McMillan  
CCS 2022 CTE Teacher of the Year*

In the midst of the recent pandemic, she taught over 300 students in one semester. Her students succeeded with positive proficiency levels in the virtual setting. In addition to teaching hundreds of students in a virtual classroom setting, she provided one-on-one and classroom tutoring.

“Her students are always engaged,” said CAVS Principal Dr. Tremaine Canteen. “Ms. McMillan has the power to ‘dissolve the screen’ in a virtual learning environment and make them feel like they are in face-to-face.”

McMillan graduated from Campbell University in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She joined CCS during the 2014-2015 school year as a data manager at Seventy-First High School.

“Ms. McMillan received an outstanding recommendation from her principal,”

said Chip Lucas, CCS' CTE executive director. "We are so proud of her hard work and excited to award the first ever CCS CTE Teacher of the Year award."

McMillan prioritizes student engagement with whole-child education in mind by designing classroom projects that allow students to utilize their personal strengths, modeling healthy relationships and demonstrating gratitude with every encounter. She also encourages families to participate in the learning environment and engage in their students' learning and academic success.

McMillan will go on to represent CCS in the Sandhills Regional CTE Teacher of the Year process during the summer of 2022.

The North Carolina Center for Advancement for Teaching (NCCAT) CTE Teacher of the Year process is in its first year. It was developed to honor and retain excellent CTE teachers and education leaders in North Carolina public schools and public charter schools.



CCS Career and Technical Education Executive Director Chip Lucas announced Tiffany McMillan as the district's 2022 CTE Teacher of the Year winner during a Cumberland Academy (6-12) Virtual School staff meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Watch as the prize patrol surprises McMillan and her colleagues with the announcement.



*CCS CTE Executive Director Chip Lucas (left) and Career Pathways Coordinator Taneka Williams (right) surprise Tiffany McMillan (center) at her home with the 2022 CCS CTE Teacher of the Year award.*



*CCS CTE Executive Director Chip Lucas and 2022 CCS CTE Teacher of the Year Tiffany McMillan pose for a photograph after the surprise announcement.*

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