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**Cumberland County Schools recognizes several individuals for their  
consistent commitment to the district's core values**

*High school counselors and health care professionals honored by the district in  
surprise announcements*

*Fayetteville, N.C.* – Today, Cumberland County Schools (CCS) recognized several individuals for their consistent demonstration and commitment to CCS' students, schools and core values — excellence, innovation, collaboration, equity, integrity and compassion.

Terry Sanford High School (TSHS) counselors Tracy Rowland and Emonique Grevel are the co-recipients of the August 2022 Extra Mile Award, the district's monthly employee recognition program. For the August 2022 Committed Community Support Award, CCS is recognizing three community partners who have supported the health, safety and wellbeing of the district's students and employees: Dr. Roxie Wells, president of Cape Fear Valley Hoke Hospital; Dr. Chris Tart, president of Highsmith-Rainey Specialty Hospital; and Dr. Jennifer Green, health director of the Cumberland County Health Department.

The Extra Mile Award is designed to acknowledge employees who demonstrate a sustained high level of performance and inspire others to do their best. Dr. Rowland and Grevel were nominated by TSHS Assistant Principal Jennifer Walker. Walker noted how these school counselors are a 'dynamic duo' who work tirelessly to support the success of every TSHS student.

"During the summer months, they continued to work to ensure that all students' schedules had been audited and EACH student had a schedule to start the school year," said Walker. "Their work is done with care and tact. They are self-starters and display a level of professionalism that sets them apart from many others. Their work ethic is superb!"

The Committed Community Support Award is presented monthly to an individual or group for selflessly supporting the school system and helping students succeed. In February 2021, Cumberland County was facing daunting

challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. As the community's rates were declining, parents were eager for a return to in-person learning. In collaboration with CCS, Dr. Wells, Dr. Tart and Dr. Green worked to meet the needs of the public health crisis.

These three doctors worked closely with the district's health services department by providing guidance and offering community-based immunization events. As committed community partners, they continue to develop and modify public health strategies and processes that impact the district's schools and community.

"We are so grateful for our partnership with such incredible public health heroes," said CCS Superintendent Dr. Marvin Connelly Jr. "In CCS, our number one priority is keeping our students safe and healthy so that they may reach their full potential. In the post-2020 world, the dedication of health professionals like Dr. Wells, Dr. Tart and Dr. Green cannot be overvalued."

Any permanent full-time or part-time employee is eligible for the Extra Mile Award. Nominations can be submitted [here](#). To learn more about CCS' Extra Mile Award, visit [the CCS Human Resources website](#).

The Committed Community Support Award is for mentors, businesses, community partners, parents and volunteers who dedicate their time and resources to assist schools and help students succeed. Nominations can be submitted [here](#).

A selection committee reviews nominations on a monthly basis and selects one winner for each award. Winners are recognized during the Cumberland County Board of Education's regular monthly meetings from September through May.



CCS Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Ruben Reyes presents the August 2022 Extra Mile Award to Emonique Grevel and Dr. Tracy Rowland at Terry Sanford High School.



CCS Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Ruben Reyes, Emonique Grevel, Dr. Tracy Rowland and TSHS Principal Royvell Godbolt



Committed Community Support Award winners  
Dr. Chris Tart and Dr. Jennifer Green are  
surprised by Associate Superintendent of  
Communications and Community Engagement  
Dr. Lindsay Whitley.

Committed Community Support Award winners  
Dr. Chris Tart and Dr. Jennifer Green pose for a  
photograph with Associate Superintendent of  
Communications and Community Engagement  
Dr. Lindsay Whitley. (Not pictured: Committed  
Community Support Award winner Dr. Roxie  
Wells)

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