

# 2023-24 KENAN FELLOWS & PARTNERS

## ALAMANCE-BURLINGTON

### Shavon Via

Eastlawn Elementary School  
*STEPS4GROWTH Clean Energy Fellowship: Energy Efficiency*  
**Mentor:** Bently Pagura, Alamance Community College  
**Sponsor:** NCBCE

## BRUNSWICK COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Ashanda Grissett

The COAST  
*North Carolina Oysters*  
**Mentor:** Heather Morton, Brunswick County Farm Bureau  
**Sponsors:** NC Farm Bureau Federation and Brunswick County Farm Bureau

## BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Amanda Corbitt

Reynolds Middle School  
*Dogwood Health Trust Fellowship*  
**Mentor:** Carol Steen, Biltmore Farms  
**Sponsor:** Dogwood Health Trust

## CABARRUS COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Michelle Toepfer

JN Fries Magnet School  
*Igniting Futures in Tech with SparkNC*  
**Mentors:** Patricia Hilliard and Joe Ableidinger, SparkNC  
**Sponsor:** SparkNC

## CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Rick Lage

Camden Early College  
*Northeastern NC Computational Thinking/Computer Science Fellowship*

**Mentors:** Rick Evans, TCOM  
**Sponsor:** NC DPI

## CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO CITY

### Christine Sudzina Schut

East Chapel Hill High School  
*Memories and Fruit Flies*  
**Mentor:** Toshihide Hige, UNC-Chapel Hill  
**Sponsor:** UNC-Chapel Hill

## CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG

### Tempestt Harrison

Mallard Creek High School  
*STEPS4GROWTH Clean Energy Fellowship: Grid and Storage*  
**Mentor:** Mark Rohlinger, Bosch Rexroth Corporation  
**Sponsor:** NCBCE

### Wyounda Horton

Druid Hills Academy  
*STEPS4GROWTH Clean Energy Fellowship: Grid and Storage*  
**Mentor:** Dawn Braswell, Siemens Energy  
**Sponsor:** NCBCE

### Elijah Watson

Ranson IB Middle School  
*Powering Smart, Sustainable Cities with Siemens Energy Hub*  
**Mentor:** Dawn Braswell, Siemens Energy  
**Sponsor:** Duke Energy

## DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Deborah Granger

The School for Creative Studies  
*Biogen Foundation Fellowship*  
**Mentors:** Tracy Ahrens, Biogen  
**Sponsor:** Biogen Foundation

### Jessica Odom

Charles E. Jordan High School  
*Biogen Foundation Fellowship*  
**Mentors:** Emily Norris, Q2 Lab Solutions and Tracy Ahrens, Biogen  
**Sponsor:** Biogen Foundation

### Joy Mason

George Watts Montessori Magnet  
*From the Mountains to the Outer Banks with the NC State Climate Office*  
**Mentors:** Kathie Dello and Rebecca Ward, State Climate Office  
**Sponsor:** N.C. State Climate Office

## EDGECOMBE COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Kenya Raynor

Phillips Middle School  
*Whole Community Health Fellows*  
**Mentor:** Jeanne Bonds, UNC-CH  
**Sponsor:** Whole Community Health

## GATES COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Anna Seaborn-Pugh

Gatesville Elementary School  
*Northeastern NC Computational Thinking/Computer Science Fellowship*  
**Mentors:** Brittney Wilder, Nucor Steel  
**Sponsor:** NC DPI

## GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Claudja Dwight

Brown Summit Middle School  
*Igniting Futures in Tech with SparkNC*  
**Mentors:** Patricia Hilliard and Joe Ableidinger, SparkNC  
**Sponsor:** SparkNC

## HALIFAX COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Dawn Stokes

Enfield Middle S.T.E.A.M. Academy  
*EmPowering Education with Roanoke Electric Cooperative*  
**Mentors:** Dennis McFee and Chris Nault  
**Sponsor:** North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives and Roanoke Electric Cooperative

## HENDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Holly Kolarova

Clear Creek Elementary  
*Dogwood Health Trust Fellowship*  
**Mentors:** Molly Nicholie and Danielle Rauchisen, ASAP  
**Sponsor:** Dogwood Health Trust

## JOHNSTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Janice West

West Johnston High School  
*Biogen Foundation Fellowship*  
**Mentors:** Tracey Ahrens, Biogen  
**Sponsor:** Biogen Foundation

## LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Paola De Avila

Southern Lee High School  
*From Dreams to Action with LatinxED*  
**Mentors:** Mirella Cisneros Perez and Carol Bono, LatinxED  
**Sponsor:** Burroughs Wellcome Fund

## MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOLS

### William Prettyman

Innovation Campus  
*STEPS4GROWTH Clean Energy Fellowship: Clean Energy Vehicles*  
**Mentor:** Tabitha Miller, Martin Community College  
**Sponsor:** NCBCE



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## MCDOWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS

### **Tammy Dayton**

Nebo Elementary School  
*Dogwood Health Trust Fellowship*

**Mentors:** Michelle Morris and Naomi Cole, Continental

**Sponsor:** Dogwood Health Trust

### **Kendra Hughes**

Eastfield Global Magnet School  
*Dogwood Health Trust Fellowship*

**Mentors:** Sarina Sweeney and Dominique Spruill,

Baxter Healthcare

**Sponsor:** Dogwood Health Trust

### **Rachel Pedler**

McDowell High School  
*Western NC Meta Fellowship*

**Mentors:** Pam Torlina and Julianne Johnson,

Conserving Carolina

**Sponsor:** Meta

### **Jennifer Wilson**

West McDowell Middle School  
*Western NC Meta Fellowship*

**Mentors:** Pam Torlina and Julianne Johnson,

Conserving Carolina

**Sponsor:** Meta

## ONSLOW COUNTY SCHOOLS

### **Savannah Brown**

Hunters Creek Middle School  
*STEPS4GROWTH Clean Energy Fellowship: Renewable Energy*

**Mentor:** Perry Harker, Carteret Community College

**Sponsor:** NCBCCE

## PENDER COUNTY SCHOOLS

### **Matthew Yaeger**

Topsail High School  
*STEPS4GROWTH Clean Energy Fellowship: Renewable Energy*

**Mentor:** Todd Miller & Bonnie Mitchell, NC Coastal Federation

**Sponsor:** NCBCCE

## PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS

### **Elizabeth Driver**

Pactolus Global School  
*Northeastern NC Computational Thinking/Computer Science Fellowship*

**Mentor:** Michelle Smith, FRC East

**Sponsor:** NC DPI

### **DaChelle Gupton**

Wellcome Middle School  
*Northeastern NC Computational Thinking/Computer Science Fellowship*

**Mentors:** Batt Masterson and David Catt, Hitachi Astemo

**Sponsor:** NC DPI

### **Ashley Jones**

Grifton School  
*Northeastern NC Computational Thinking/Computer Science Fellowship*

**Mentor:** Michelle Smith, FRC East

**Sponsor:** NC DPI

### **Anthony Wade**

Ayden Middle School  
*STEPS4GROWTH Clean Energy Fellowship: Clean Energy Vehicles*

**Mentor:** Brandi Bragg, NENC Career Pathways

**Sponsor:** NCBCCE

## POLK COUNTY SCHOOLS

### **Eric Eaton**

Polk County Middle School  
*Protecting Natural Spaces with SAWS*

**Mentor:** Leandra Taylor, SAWS

**Sponsor:** Burroughs Wellcome Fund

## ROBESON COUNTY SCHOOLS

### **Phyllis King**

Lumberton Junior High School  
*Whole Community Health Fellows*

**Mentor:** Jeanne Bonds, UNC Chapel Hill

**Sponsor:** Whole Community Health

## ROWAN-SALISBURY SCHOOLS

### **Angela Ramey**

China Grove Middle School  
*Igniting Futures in Tech with SparkNC*

**Mentors:** Patricia Hilliard and Joe Ableidinger, SparkNC

**Sponsor:** SparkNC

## WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### **Edwin Davis**

Broughton High School  
*Cells and More Cells*

**Mentor:** Amy Maddox, UNC-Chapel Hill

**Sponsor:** UNC-Chapel Hill

## **Kimberly MacDonald**

Wake STEM Early College  
*Igniting Futures in Tech with SparkNC*

**Mentors:** Patricia Hilliard and Joe Ableidinger, SparkNC

**Sponsor:** SparkNC

## WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH

### **Trey Nichols**

Vienna Elementary School  
*STEPS4GROWTH Clean Energy Fellowship: Energy Efficiency*

**Mentors:** Bently Pagura, Alamance Community College

**Sponsor:** NCBCCE

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

### **April Clinard**

North Carolina Cyber Academy (Durham Charter)  
*Biogen Foundation Fellowship*

**Mentors:** Tracy Ahrens, Biogen and Latrinda Riley, Trial Card

**Sponsor:** Biogen Foundation

### **Heather Graham**

Pine Springs Preparatory (Wake Charter)  
*Biogen Foundation Fellowship*

**Mentors:** Tracy Ahrens, Biogen and Arlen Peters, Novozymes

**Sponsor:** Biogen Foundation