

2024–25 KENAN FELLOWS, MENTORS & SPONSORS

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOLS

Casey Schulte

Northside High School
Clean Energy

Mentors: Gery Boucher, Eddie Foster,
The VOLT Center at Craven
Community College

Sponsor: NC Department of
Environmental Quality

BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Sumer Robinson

Martin Nesbitt Discovery Academy
Computational Thinking

Mentor: Liz Hoekwater, Nantahala
Outdoor Center

Sponsor: NCDPI

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Derrick Black, Ph.D.

Camden Early College High School
*Galvanizing the Community with
Nucor Steel*

Mentors: Greg Payne and Brittney
Wilder, Nucor Steel

Sponsor: BelleJAR Foundation

CARTERET COUNTY SCHOOLS

Ann Kelly

Newport Middle School
*Increasing Community Engagement
Through Scientific Research*

Mentors: Dr. Kathryn Stevenson and
Dr. Elizabeth Demattia, Duke University
Marine Lab Community Science
Initiative and NC State EE Lab

Sponsor: Duke University Marine Lab
Community Science Initiative and
NC State EE Lab

Rob Condie

Broad Creek Middle School
*Increasing Community Engagement
Through Scientific Research*

Mentors: Dr. Kathryn Stevenson and
Dr. Elizabeth Demattia, Duke University
Marine Lab Community Science
Initiative and NC State EE Lab

Sponsor: Duke University Marine Lab
Community Science Initiative and
NC State EE Lab

Jason Vanzant

Bogue Sound Elementary School
*Addressing Health Equity
Through Food Security*

Mentors: Rachel Bisesi and Kristin
Benokraitis, NC Coastal Federation

Sponsor: Biogen Foundation

Betsy Vorster

Beaufort Middle/Morehead City Middle
*Increasing Community Engagement
Through Scientific Research*

Mentors: Dr. Kathryn Stevenson and
Dr. Elizabeth Demattia, Duke University
Marine Lab Community Science
Initiative and NC State EE Lab

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Community Science Initiative and
NC State EE Lab

CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO SCHOOLS

Erin Lisi

Guy B. Phillips Middle School
Cells and More Cells

Mentor: Dr. Amy Maddox
Sponsor: UNC-Chapel Hill

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG

Rodriques Clark

Ranson Middle School
Clean Energy

Mentors: Chad Robinson and
Michael Hogan, Siemens Energy
Sponsor: NC Department of
Environmental Quality

Vashti Mosby

Northridge Middle School
Clean Energy

Mentors: Mark Rohlinger,
Bosch Rexroth

Sponsor: NC Department of
Environmental Quality

CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOLS

Carrie Dobbins

Burns High School
Meta Western NC

Mentor: Leandra Taylor, Southern
Appalachian Wilderness Stewards
Sponsor: Meta

CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS

Julia Little

Westover High School
Clean Energy

Mentors: Lee Spruill, Eric Grant, and
Brian Maccarelli, Blue Ridge Power
Sponsor: NC Department of
Environmental Quality

DARE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Mike Phelan

First Flight High School
Computational Thinking

Mentor: Rick Evans, TCOM
Sponsor: NCDPI

DUPLIN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Garrick Purdie

Duplin Early College High School
EmPowering Education

Mentors: Chris Nault, Molly Giffin

and Ashley Davis

Sponsor: North Carolina's Electric
Cooperatives and Four County EMC

GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS

Yorel Lofters

Guilford Elementary School
*Providing Perspectives for
Pre-Service Teachers*

Mentor: Tosha Rooks and Deanna
Townsend-Smith, NC A&T Teaching
Fellows and Dudley Flood Center

Sponsor: Burroughs Wellcome Fund

Shavonne Speight

Triangle Lake Montessori Elementary
*Providing Perspectives for
Pre-Service Teachers*

Mentor: Tosha Rooks and Deanna
Townsend-Smith, NC A&T Teaching
Fellows and Dudley Flood Center

Sponsor: Burroughs Wellcome Fund

HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS

William Yates

Waynesville Middle School
*Addressing Health Equity
Through Food Security*

Mentors: Danielle Raucheisen and
Kristin Benokraitis, ASAP
Sponsor: Biogen Foundation

HENDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Adam Chacon

Hendersonville High School
Meta Western NC

Mentors: Julianne Johnson and Pam
Torlina, Conserving Carolina
Sponsor: Meta

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Christine Coren

Henderson County Career Academy
Computational Thinking

Mentor: Shelly Martinez and Tina Whitfield, Harrah's Cherokee Casino

Sponsor: NCDPI

JOHNSTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Justin Ingram

AG Glenn (District Office)
Addressing Health Equity Through Food Security

Mentors: Sarah Dinger and Kristin Benokraitis, N.C. Plant Sciences Initiative at NC State University

Sponsor: Biogen Foundation

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Teba Howard

Northampton County High School
Clean Energy

Mentors: Mozine Lowe, The Center for Energy Education

Sponsor: NC Department of Environmental Quality

ONslow COUNTY SCHOOLS

Brandon Dillman

White Oak High School
Computational Thinking

Mentor: Ryan Ellis, National Weather Service/NOAA

Sponsor: NCDPI

ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Savannah Patterson

Cedar Ridge High School
A New Approach to Genetics Education

Mentor: Fred Gould, Genetics and Genomics Academy

Sponsor: NC State University

Kumar Sathy

Orange County Schools Central Office
Providing Perspectives for Pre-Service Teachers

Mentors: Crystal Espey and Latrinda Williams, NC State Teaching Fellows and Mercalis

Sponsor: Burroughs Wellcome Fund

PAMLICO COUNTY SCHOOLS

Sheri Hale

Pamlico County Middle School
Expanding the STEM Pipeline: The Sky's the Limit with FRC East

Mentor: Michelle Smith and Randall Lewis, Fleet Readiness Center East

Sponsor: Fleet Readiness Center East

PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS

Rachel Candaso

Wellcome Middle School
Feeding the Future with Nutrien

Mentor: Renee Hunt and Leslie Rosengrant, Nutrien

Sponsor: Nutrien

Laurel Currie

Pitt County Schools Early College High
Clean Energy

Mentor: Gery Boucher and Eddie Foster, The VOLT Center at Craven Community College

Sponsor: NC Department of Environmental Quality

ROWAN-SALISBURY SCHOOLS

Josh Welch

China Grove Middle School
Clean Energy

Mentors: Chad Robinson and Michael Hogan, Siemens Energy

Sponsor: Duke Energy

SAMPSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Anna Gillespie

Sampson Early College High School
North Carolina Turkeys

Mentor: Heather Morton

Sponsor: NC Farm Bureau Federation, Ag in the Classroom NC and Sampson County Farm Bureau

SWAIN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Ian Roper

Swain County High School
Computational Thinking

Mentor: Teresa Mallonee, TekTone

Sponsor: NCDPI

WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Natalie Daumen

Apex Friendship High School
Clean Energy

Mentors: Gena Renfrow, Jennifer Mundt, and Emily Roach, NC TOWERS

Sponsor: NC Department of Environmental Quality

Audra Hawley

Heritage High School
Memories and Fruit Flies

Mentor: Dr. Toshihide Hige

Sponsor: UNC-Chapel Hill

Tammy King

Vernon Malone College & Career Academy
Creating a Culture of Creativity and Problem Solving with NC State's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program

Mentor: Ahmed Ali and Raj Narayan, NC State's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program and the Kenan Institute for Engineering, Technology & Science

Sponsor: NC State University

DJ Ormond

Vernon Malone College & Career Academy
Clean Energy

Mentor: Caroline Sullivan and Morgan Crawford, NC BCE

Sponsor: NC Department of Environmental Quality

Amanda Pierce

Dillard Drive Magnet Middle School
A New Approach to Genetics Education

Mentor: Fred Gould, Genetics and Genomics Academy at NC State

Sponsor: NC State University

Cameron Steitz

Centennial Campus Middle School
Sowing the Seeds of Sustainability with Kidzu Museum

Mentors: Jamie Holcomb and Melanie Levinson, Kidzu Museum

Sponsor: Kidzu Museum

WILSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Christine Mitchell

District Level
Providing Perspectives for Pre-Service Teachers

Mentor: Crystal Espey and Latrinda Williams, NC State Teaching Fellows and Mercalis

Sponsor: Burroughs Wellcome Fund

YANCEY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Sarah Laws

Mountain Heritage High School
Dogwood Health Trust Western NC

Mentor: Carol Steen, Biltmore Farms

Sponsor: Dogwood Health Trust