

# 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

**Sponsor:** Duke University Marine Lab  
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**

### **Treba 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

**Sponsorship:** Coordinated by Eastern NC Tech Bridge

## **PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS**

### **Rachel Candaso**

Wellcome Middle School  
*Feeding the Future with Nutrien*

**Mentor:** Renee Hunt and Leslie Rosengrant, Nutrien

**Sponsor:** Nutrien

## **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, NCBCE

**Sponsor:** NCDEQ

## **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