

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: STEPS4GROWTH

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: NCDPI

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: STEPS4GROWTH

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

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: NCDPI

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



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Community College
Sponsor: STEPS4GROWTH

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: STEPS4GROWTH

PENDER COUNTY SCHOOLS

Matthew Yaeger
Topsail High School
STEPS4GROWTH Clean Energy Fellowship: Renewable Energy
Mentor: Todd Miller & Bonnie Mitchell, NC Coastal Federation
Sponsor: STEPS4GROWTH

PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS

Elizabeth Driver
Pactolus Global School
Northeastern NC Computational Thinking/Computer Science Fellowship
Mentor: Michelle Smith, FRC East
Sponsor: NCDPI

DaChelle Gupton
Wellcome Middle School
Northeastern NC Computational Thinking/Computer Science Fellowship
Mentors: Batt Masterson and David Catt, Hitachi Astemo
Sponsor: NCDPI

Ashley Jones
Grifton School
Northeastern NC Computational Thinking/Computer Science Fellowship
Mentor: Michelle Smith, FRC East
Sponsor: NCDPI

Anthony Wade
Ayden Middle School
STEPS4GROWTH Clean Energy Fellowship: Clean Energy Vehicles

Mentor: Brandi Bragg, NENC
Career Pathways
Sponsor: STEPS4GROWTH

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: STEPS4GROWTH

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