

All-Starr Review

Continuing the practice of honoring employees who are consistently exceptional in carrying out their assigned responsibilities, a selection committee at Starr Commonwealth has chosen Carolyn Girod and Kevin Matthews as Employee of the Month for December and January respectively. Their names have been added to a plaque that is displayed in the administrative library and they have enjoyed the use of a reserved parking place, in close proximity to the school entrance, for a month. Girod has been school secretary at Lincolnview Langley School for years, serving under three principals — Betsy Baldwin, Pauline [unclear], and current principal Clark [unclear]. "I've learned a lot down through the years regarding the educational system and how its relative agencies operate," she noted. Girod is a graduate of York High School and mother of two adult daughters: Stephanie (Girod) [unclear] and Jackie Girod. She has two grandsons, Austin David and [unclear] Lynn Kayser. [unclear] church elder at Salem



Kevin Matthews and Carolyn Girod were recently named Employees of the Month at Starr.

Presbyterian Church in Venedocia. Girod also serves as a preschool Sunday School teacher, emphasizing

her daily dedication to youth. When not involved with her Starr students and family interaction at home, she

spends much of her time engrossed in sewing and knitting projects.

Matthews, a native of Cleveland, is presently a Senior Clinician-Residential at Mason Cottage. He has been employed at Starr for five years, beginning as a youth specialist, following a stint with Lucas County Children Services.

Dedicated to the young men in his charge, Matthews recently jumped in to fill the void in a neighboring cottage when its senior clinician left. This meant running group and team meetings, staffings and writing growth letters, along with many other job duties, for both cottages (24 students). His work load was doubled for two months.

Matthews is a Bowling Green State University graduate and is presently working toward a master's degree in educational counseling at the University of Dayton. He is recognized on campus as having a talent for teaching others the skills necessary to positively interact with Starr youth.

"Eventually," he says, "I'd like to work as a guidance counselor in a large school district."

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