

Spotlight on...

Mr. Wheeler and Ms. Barefoot

At Uta Halee Academy, we staff heroes in every position. Amid COVID-19 outbreaks in the community, a lot of welldeserved recognition has gone to our nursing and direct care staff. So a lot of folks tend to overlook the fact that things are equally stressful in nutrition and food services. In fact, Ms. Barefoot and Mr. Wheeler have worked tirelessly to keep our students and staff safe and healthy in the face of unprecedented times. Added sanitation protocols have demanded substantially more from each of their roles: in addition to following the kitchen's usual food safety procedures, Barefoot and Wheeler have had to adjust from preparing and serving cafeteria-style meals to packing out meals three times a day (not to mention delivering those meals to cottages, the shelter, and the day school). Today, Ms. Barefoot and Mr. Wheeler continue to work hard to make sure all our meals are prepared and served fresh daily, despite the changing demands of this pandemic and their being shorthanded. These two dedicated staff never stop to hit pause; we are truly grateful for the compassion and commitment delivered daily by two of our greatest behind-the-scenes heroes.