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Crystal Folger-Hawks is the Executive Director for Surry-Yadkin Works. She has her national board-certification in Career & Technical Education, taught work-based learning through Family & Consumer Sciences courses for 12 years in the Stokes County Schools, was the College Liaison at East Surry High School for 3 years and was a Career Coach for Surry County Schools and Surry Community College for 4 years. She has served as the Executive Director of Surry-Yadkin Works since its inception in 2021.



Crystal has a Bachelor of Science degree in Family & Consumer Sciences Education from Virginia Tech and a Masters in School Administration & Educational Leadership from UNC Greensboro. She was a 2018-2019 Kenan Fellow, a program for Teacher Leadership, and a 2023-2024 Cohort 4 participant of the ElevateNC: Higher Education program. Currently, Crystal serves as the treasurer for the Surry County Human Resources Association and is a local 4-H leader.

As the Executive Director for Surry-Yadkin Works, Crystal works with businesses to implement apprenticeships and extended internship opportunities for high school and college students. She also works with Surry Community College to provide industry-recognized credentials for pre-apprentices. She directly works with businesses in Surry & Yadkin County to invest in the development of a well-prepared and highly engaged workforce. As the Executive Director, she is responsible for the delivery and overall success of the program.