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VIDEO GREETING

ROY COOPER • Governor of North Carolina

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SPECIAL REMARKS

EUGENIA FLOYD • 2021 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year

-VIDEO PRESENTATION -

RECOGNITION OF REGIONAL FINALISTS

DR. CATHERINE EDMONDS • Deputy Superintendent, Office of Educational Equity

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2022 BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND North Carolina teacher of the year

CATHERINE TRUITT • State Superintendent, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT

DR. SONJA BROWN

Photos immediately following ceremony on terrace for finalists and sponsors

NC TEACHER of the YEAR PROGRAM

Since 1970, North Carolina has recognized outstanding teachers through the Teacher of the Year program. The mission of the North Carolina Teacher of the Year Program is to promote the profession through advocacy and support while recognizing quality teaching professionals implementing best practices within classrooms across North Carolina. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, along with its sponsors recognize outstanding teachers at the school, local, regional, and state levels. First, individuals are chosen to represent their respective schools as Teacher of the Year, then they advance to compete at the district level. Similarly, individual charter schools nominate Teachers of the Year who participate in a selection process facilitated by the Office of Charter Schools. Charter schools are clustered together to form the ninth region of the state.

After the district and charter school nomination processes are completed, the Charter School Teacher of the Year joins the eight Regional Teachers of the Year as a finalist for State Teacher of the Year. This selection process is facilitated in each region by Regional Education Facilitators representing the District & Regional Support Division at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.



2022 TEACHER OF THE YEAR STATE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Naming the individual who will represent North Carolina and serve as a spokesperson for all teachers in our state is a challenging task. The state selection committee members are chosen based on their dynamic public record in support of education. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education take pride in celebrating the most innovative and effective public school educators in our state.

CINDI RIGSBEE • 2008 North Carolina Teacher of the Year; National Finalist

ALFRED MAYS • Director & Chief Strategist for Diversity and STEM Education, Burroughs Wellcome Fund

HENRY PANKEY • Author & Retired Principal, Durham Public Schools

BILL MILLER • Retired Superintendent, Polk County Schools

DR. SONJA BROWN, EX OFFICIO MEMBER • Educator Advancement Lead, District & Regional Support, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

NORTHEAST REGION



CLINTON TODD Northeast Region Teacher of the Year

J.H. Rose High Pitt County Schools

- 9th-12th Grade Science Teacher
- 15 years of teaching experience
- East Carolina University (BS)
- North Carolina Teaching Fellow
- Beginning Teacher Mentor
- Clinical Educator East Carolina University
- Pitt County Educational Foundation Board Member

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DAWN S. JOHNSON P. S. Jones Middle | Beaufort County Schools

JEREMY PEEDE Aulander Elementary | Bertie County Schools

JENNIFER LILLY Camden Early College High | Camden County Schools

LAURA HUGHES Moyock Middle | Currituck County Schools

STEVE HANF First Flight High | Dare County Schools

CASEY SPEAR John A. Holmes High | Edenton Chowan Schools

CHRISTI WILLIAMS River Road Middle | Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Schools

JACOB HARRELL Gates County High | Gates County Schools

JOSE CIPRIANO Northwest Collegiate and Technical Academy | Halifax County Schools

CORESE BOWSER Ahoskie Elementary | Hertford County Schools

CALLIE LUKER Mattamuskeet Elementary | Hyde County Schools

THOMAS G. BARBER Riverside High | Martin County Schools

TERRY MORTON Gaston STEM Leadership Academy | Northampton County Schools

CRYSTAL SEYMOUR Hertford Grammar | Perquimans County Schools

SAMANTHA BAIRD Belmont Elementary | Roanoke Rapids Graded School District

CRYSTAL WHITE Columbia High | Tyrrell County Schools

JANNETTE DELGADO OLMEDA Pines Elementary | Washington County Schools

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SOUTHEAST REGION



ABBEY NOBLES Southeast Region Teacher of the Year

New Hanover High New Hanover County Schools

- 9th Grade English Teacher
- 6 years of teaching experience
- University of North Carolina at Wilmington (BA)
- North Carolina Teaching Fellow
- National Board Certified
- School Improvement Team Chair
- Equity Workgroup Member



BETSY O'HARA Cedar Grove Middle | Brunswick County Schools

WESLEY PEARSON White Oak Elementary | Carteret County Public Schools

ARNITA MORRIS HJ MacDonald Middle | Craven County Schools

BRITTANY KNOWLES Wallace Rose Hill High | Duplin County Schools

TRISHA GARRIS Greene County Middle | Greene County Schools

PEYTON JENKINS Jones Senior High | Jones County Schools

DARYLANNE TOWERY Contentnea-Savannah K-8 | Lenoir County Public Schools

CHELSEA D'ZURILLA Southwest High | Onslow County Schools

STACY NELSON Pamlico County Primary | Pamlico County Schools

MARIE RADCLIFF Cape Fear Middle | Pender County Schools

STEPHANIE GALL Brogden Middle | Wayne County Public Schools

NORTH CENTRAL REGION



BRIAN LINK North Central Region Teacher of the Year

East Chapel Hill High Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

- 10th Grade Civic Literacy Teacher
- 11 years of teaching experience
- Northwestern University (BA)
- Stanford Law School (J.D.)
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (MAT)
- National Board Certified
- Featured on NBC Nightly News, "Reexamining US History Textbooks to Promote Equality"



NATALIE SHANER Perry W. Harrison Elementary | Chatham County Schools

INETHER BROWN Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf | Deaf and Blind Schools

CAROLINE BRICKHOUSE Sherwood Githens Middle | Durham Public Schools

HAYLEY GEARHEART North Edgecombe High | Edgecombe County Public Schools

SHELBI WHEELER Louisburg High | Franklin County Schools

SAMALA DAWSON-ROBINSON GC Hawley Middle | Granville County Public Schools

BRANDI DENNIS Coats-Erwin Middle | Harnett County Schools

BRIAN JONES Smithfield-Selma High | Johnston County Public Schools

DILLON CROCKETT Southern Lee High | Lee County Schools

CLE'ANDRIA SMITH-BOONE Williford Elementary | Nash County Public Schools

MIKE GILBERT Partnership Academy | Orange County Schools

TRACEY VAUGHAN Southern Middle | Person County Schools

TIMOTHY HALL Vance Virtual Village Academy | Vance County Schools

JENNIFER PRIDE Heritage Middle | Wake County Public School System

KAREN CARLOS Wilson Academy of Applied Technology | Wilson County Schools

SANDHILLS REGION



ELIZABETH SANTAMOUR Sandhills Region Teacher of the Year

East Hoke Middle Hoke County Schools

- 6th-8th Grade ELA and Mathematics Teacher
- 10 years of teaching experience
- Keystone College (BS)
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke (Certification)
- PTO Parent Liaison
- MTSS School Lead
- Hoke County Schools Tech Savvy Teacher Spotlight



BRENDA FLOWERS East Bladen High | Bladen County Schools

SHARNEE' WHITE Sunset Avenue Elementary | Clinton City Schools

CHRISTIAN GODWIN Tabor City Elementary | Columbus County Schools

DANIEL SMITH Westover High | Cumberland County Schools

DAN KERN Montgomery Central High | Montgomery County Schools

LEAH BARTRAM New Century Middle | Moore County Schools

ELIZABETH LYTCH Piney Grove Elementary | Public Schools of Robeson County

TARA KING Richmond County Ninth Grade Academy | Richmond County Schools

ASHLEY KNOWLES Union High | Sampson County Schools

GABRIENNE MCBRIDE Wagram Elementary | Scotland County Schools

JULIE FONVIELLE Whiteville High | Whiteville City Schools

PIEDMONT-TRIAD REGION



LEAH CARPER Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year

Northern Guilford High Guilford County Schools

- English II Teacher
- 10 years of teaching experience
- Davidson County Community College (AA)
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro (BA)
- Queens University of Charlotte (M.Ed.)
- North Carolina Principal Fellows
 Commission Member
- Guilford County Council of PTAs Outstanding High School Educator Award



CHRISTOPHER DOI Hawfields Middle | Alamance-Burlington School System

LEIGHA BANNER Donna Lee Loflin Elementary | Asheboro City Schools

ROBERT THOMAS JR. N. L. Dillard Middle | Caswell County Schools

RACHEL JONES Friedberg Elementary | Davidson County Schools

ERIN WITCHER PENLEY Cooleemee Elementary | Davie County Schools

DARREN PELKEY Elkin Middle | Elkin City Schools

TRISHA SMITH Lexington Senior High | Lexington City Schools

MARIE SHUMATE HAUSER Mount Airy Middle | Mount Airy City Schools

KATIE HUSBAND Franklinville Elementary | Randolph County School System

WILLIAM BRADSHAW Reidsville High | Rockingham County Schools

MARCIA SAUNDERS King Elementary | Stokes County Schools

ALICIA FALLAW Flat Rock Elementary | Surry County Schools

MELISSA ROUSSEAU Thomasville High | Thomasville City Schools

JENNIFER SOLIS Hanes Magnet | Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools

MICHAEL DORMAN Yadkinville Elementary | Yadkin County Schools

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SOUTHWEST REGION



ASHTYN BERRY Southwest Region Teacher of the Year

W.R. Odell Elementary Cabarrus County Schools

- 3rd-5th Grade Teacher
- 8 years of teaching experience
- Appalachian State University (BS)
- Appalachian State University (MA)
- W. F. & Mozelle Costner Parker Endowed Scholarship Recipient
- Beginning Teacher Mentor
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars Member



ERIC HOWELL Anson Middle | Anson County Schools

DEMEKA KIMPSON Sedgefield Middle | Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools

ANTHONY DALTON Jefferson Elementary | Cleveland County Schools

STACI NEZEZON Pinewood Elementary | Gaston County Schools

DIMISHI LONG NB Mills Elementary | Iredell-Statesville Schools

MADISON HIPP Fred L. Wilson Elementary | Kannapolis City Schools

DR. TODD PARKER Salisbury High | Rowan-Salisbury Schools

HANNAH PARK HILL Porter Ridge Elementary | Union County Public Schools

NORTHWEST REGION



ASHLEY BANDY Northwest Region Teacher of the Year

Newton-Conover High Newton-Conover City Schools

- Math 1, 2, 3 and Honors Precalculus Teacher
- 6 years of teaching experience
- Appalachian State University (BS)
- North Carolina Teaching Fellow
- Local Trainer for the Mathematics Design Collaborative
- Served as a presenter for the Digital Learning Initiatives Grant
- School Improvement Team Member

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EDWARD WILLS Alexander Central High | Alexander County Schools

JENNY LEMASTERS Sparta School | Alleghany County Schools

HOLLY MCCLURE Ashe County Middle | Ashe County Schools

SONIA BEACH Crossnore Elementary | Avery County Schools

ANN MORRIS Oak Hill Elementary | Burke County Public Schools

MICHELLE CURRY Whitnel Elementary | Caldwell County Schools

HANNAH WIRT Blackburn Elementary | Catawba County Schools

PAULA GAMBILL Jenkins Elementary | Hickory Public Schools

NORMA HELMS Gouge Elementary | Mitchell County Schools

MISTY HYLER Hardin Park Elementary | Watauga County Schools

TRACI MCMANUS Wilkesboro Elementary School | Wilkes County Schools

SARAH LAWS Mountain Heritage High | Yancey County Schools

Western Region



RYAN MITCHELL Western Region Teacher of the Year

Mills River Elementary Henderson County Public Schools

- 2nd Grade Teacher
- 11 years of teaching experience
- Appalachian State University (BS)
- Beginning Teacher Coach
- School Improvement Chair
- Lighthouse Team Coordinator
- Served as a facilitator at the Winter 2020 Leader in Me Symposium

Western REGION WINNERS

DAVID KOTCHMAR School of Inquiry and Life Sciences | Asheville City Schools

WILLIAM HONEY W.D. Williams Elementary | Buncombe County Schools

JOHN WORDEN The Oaks Academy | Cherokee County Schools

EMILY MULL Hayesville Middle | Clay County Schools

BRITTANY TINCHER Robbinsville High | Graham County Schools

AMANDA ALLEN Bethel Elementary | Haywood County Schools

CHARITY JAMISON Smokey Mountain Elementary | Jackson County Public Schools

THOMAS GRAHAM Macon Middle | Macon County Schools

MEAGAN MORGAN Madison High | Madison County Schools

DALE RUSH Polk County Middle | Polk County Schools

KAREN GLOVER Forrest W. Hunt Elementary | Rutherford County Schools

JORDAN FARLEY Swain West Elementary | Swain County Schools

CASSANDRA SMATANA Brevard High | Transylvania County Schools

CHARTER SCHOOLS



KEEGAN STORRS Charter Schools Teacher of the Year

Roxboro Community School Roxboro, NC

- 9th-12th Grade AP Spanish, Linguistics and ESOL Teacher
- 7 years of teaching experience
- University of Florida (BA)
- University of Florida (MA)
- Adjunct Instructor Averett University
- Study-Abroad Coordinator
- Excellence in AP Instruction Award



RAHISHA CLAY A.C.E. Academy Charter

MARY BOUDREAULT The Arts Based School

LEILA WHELESS ArtSpace Charter

NANCY BERRYHILL Bethel Hill Charter

CAMY STIRLING Brevard Academy

KIMBERLY ROSS Carolina Charter Academy

KIMBERLY BURKE Chatham Charter

EMILY REAGAN Clover Garden School

AMANDA GARNER Emereau: Bladen Charter

JENNIFER PIANELLI Envision Science Academy

STACIE HOLM IC Imagine Charter

KAI WINGFIELD INVEST COLLEGIATE Transform **KEVIN LAMPSON** Lake Lure Classical Academy

JORDAN WALKER Lake Norman Charter

CASIE MANTOOTH Mountain Island Charter

AMY ROSE North Carolina Cyber Academy

AMBER NEAD North East Carolina Preparatory

CINDI WELCH Pinnacle Classical Academy

MARGARET HENNESSY The Point College Preparatory and Leadership Academy

BRIDGET GREEN Queen City STEM

TAMMY POWELL River Mill Academy

JD GOODWIN Uwharrie Charter Academy High

DAVID WEST Wayne Prep Academy

2021 REGIONAL FINALISTS



Northeast Region Teacher of the Year White Oak Elementary Edenton-Chowan Schools



JENNIE BRYAN Southeast Region Teacher of the Year South Brunswick High Brunswick County Schools



NICOLE RIVERS Sandhills Region Teacher of the Year Gray's Creek High Cumberland County Schools

BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND NORTH CAROLINA (2021) TEACHER of the YEAR

EUGENIA FLOYD North Central Region

Mary Scroggs Elementary Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools



KELLY POQUETTE Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year E. M. Yoder Elementary Alamance-Burlington Schools



CECELIA SIZOO-ROBERSON Southwest Region Teacher of the Year Piedmont IB Middle Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools



ERIN ELLINGTON Northwest Region Teacher of the Year Mabel School Watauga County Schools



SUSANNA CERRATO Western Region Teacher of the Year Ira B. Jones Elementary Asheville City Schools



JEREMY WHITE Charter Schools Teacher of the Year West Lake Preparatory Academy Denver, NC

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PAST WINNERS

- 2021 Eugenia Floyd, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, 4th Grade
- 2020 Maureen Stover, Cumberland County Schools, Biology, 9th-10th grade, "National Finalist"
- 2019 Mariah Morris, Moore County Schools, 2nd Grade
- 2018 Freebird McKinney, Alamance-Burlington Schools, History/Philosophy, High School
- 2017 Lisa Godwin, Onslow County Schools, Kindergarten
- 2016 Bobbie J. Cavnar, Gaston County Schools, English/Journalism, High School
- 2015 Keana C. Triplett, Ashe County Schools, English, High School
- 2014 James E. Ford, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, World History, High School
- 2013 Karyn Collie Dickerson, Guilford County Schools, English, High School
- 2012 Darcy Grimes, Watauga County Schools, 3rd Grade
- 2011 Tyronna Hooker, Alamance-Burlington Schools, EC Inclusion, Grades 6-8
- 2010 Jennifer J. Facciolini, Sampson County Schools, Social Studies, High School
- 2009 Jessica Garner, Union County Public Schools, Spanish, High School
- 2008 Cindi Rigsbee, Orange County Schools, Reading, Middle School, "National Finalist"
- 2007 James Bell, Edenton-Chowan Public Schools, Language Arts, 8th Grade
- 2006 Diana Beasley, Hickory City Schools, Biology, High School
- 2005 Wendy Miller, Craven County Schools, Grades K-2
- 2004 Lizbeth Alfaro, Catawba County Schools, ESL, Grades K-6
- 2003 Allison Ormond, Rockingham County Schools, Language Arts/Social Studies, 7th Grade

- 2002 Melissa Bartlett, Iredell-Statesville Schools, English, High School, "National Finalist"
- 2001 Carmen Wilson, Ashe County Schools, Mathematics, High School
- 2000 Laura Bilbro-Berry, Beaufort County Schools, 2nd Grade
- 1999 Kimberly H. Hughes, Wake County Schools, Kindergarten
- 1998 Rebecca O. Hoyle, Onslow County Schools, Music, Grades K-5
- 1997 Julian L. Coggins, Jr., Cabarrus County Schools, Science, High School
- **1996 Richard Scott Griffin,** Gaston County Schools, 5th Grade
- 1995 Vernestine Kent Taylor, Wilson County Schools, Mathematics, High School
- **1994 Sandra C. Wells**, Asheville City Schools, (Buncombe Co.), Team Teacher, 1st & 4th Grades
- 1993 Sarah M. Pratt, McDowell County Schools, English/Social Studies, High School, "National Hall of Fame Winner"
- 1992 Dixie F. Abernathy, Gaston County Schools, Science, Junior High School
- 1991 Annie Pegram, Durham City Schools, (Durham Co.), 1st Grade
- 1990 Louis Gotlieb, Granville County Schools, Science, High School
- **1989 Sandra Davis Rogers**, Rowan County Schools, 1st-3rd Grades
- 1988 Merv Sessoms, Haywood County Schools, English, High School
- 1987 Cynthia B. Zeger-Ostherhus, Salisbury City Schools, (Rowan Co.), Mathematics, High School
- 1986 Donna H. Oliver, Burlington City Schools, (Alamance Co.), Science, High School, "National Winner"
- **1985 Pamela F. Brewer**, Person County Schools, English/Journalism, High School

- 1984 Phillip R. Dail, Wake County Schools, Science, High School
- **1983 Jean Paul Powell**, Clinton City Schools, (Sampson Co.), English, 12th Grade
- 1982 James Jerome Williams, Burke County Schools, Music, High School
- **1981 Penelope Sue Smith**, Asheboro City Schools, (Randolph Co.), Humanities, High School
- **1980 Linda Lee,** Burlington City Schools, (Alamance Co.), English, High School
- 1979 Jo Ann Payne Norris, Wake County Schools, 1st Grade
- 1978 Ruth P. Watkins, Richmond County Schools, Social Studies, High School
- 1977 Ted Scott Henson, Vance County Schools, Language Arts/Social Studies, 5th Grade
- 1976 Ruby Murchison, Fayetteville City Schools, (Cumberland Co.), Language Arts/Social Studies, 7th Grade, "National Winner"
- 1975 Herman L. Forbes, High Point City Schools, (Guilford Co.), 6th Grade
- **1974 Frances A. Kiser**, Cleveland County Schools, English, High School
- 1973 Sarah E. Spivey, Raleigh City Schools, (Wake Co.), 4th-5th Grade, "National Finalist"
- 1972 James M. "Jay" Rogers, Durham City Schools, (Durham Co.), American History/Black Studies, High School, "National Winner"
- 1971 Genella Allison, Hickory City Schools, (Catawba Co.), English/Journalism, High School
- 1970 John McFadden, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, 6th Grade, "National Finalist"



One part of my teaching philosophy includes making sure that I am connecting what I am teaching to the world around us. My hope is that I am teaching students to think outside the box of our classroom and our community and to seek understanding of ideas that are different from their own.

EUGENIA FLOYD

2021 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year

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