

A SHOWCASE OF EXCELLENT EDUCATORS



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Bojangles — The Bojangles Foundation was formed in June 2023 to provide support to the communities we serve.

Our main pillars are military and first responders support, literacy and educational support and hometown heroes in the communities we serve. We believe that literacy impacts all individual's ability to make positive contributions to society. It is relevant to both our community and crew to form future leaders. It is our goal to make an impact in the Tar Heel state!

Bojangles Restaurants, Inc. began as the dream of Jack Fulk and Richard Thomas, two veteran restaurant operators who predicted rising consumer demand for good food served in a quick-service environment. They based their concept on three attributes: distinctive flavor, high-quality products made from scratch, and a festive restaurant design with friendly service.



Carolina Hunger Initiative — Our mission is to increase access to healthy food year-round for North Carolinians. The Carolina Hunger Initiative is a project

at the UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention working in collaboration with No Kid Hungry North Carolina, part of Share Our Strength's national No Kid Hungry Campaign. We use programming, applied research, and compelling communications to support policy, systems, and environmental changes. From innovative ways to serve school breakfast and summer meals for kids, to nutrition classes empowering elementary students, we are connecting people with the food they need to thrive. Learn more at CarolinaHungerInitiative.org.



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Lenovo — Lenovo is committed to supporting educators. Focused on a bold vision to deliver smarter technology for all, we are developing world-changing technologies that create a more inclusive, trustworthy, and sustainable digital society. As a global industry leader in the education market, Lenovo is committed to making a difference in support of teachers, students, classrooms, and education through related initiatives focused on community investments and collaborative partnerships. For nearly 20 years, Lenovo has called North Carolina our home — one of our two global headquarters is located in Morrisville and our U.S. Fulfillment Center is located in Guilford County.



NC Digital Learning Initiative — The NC Digital Learning Initiative focuses on providing digital teaching and learning supports and resources for North Carolina Public School Units. These supports include:

- Designing and Implementing the North Carolina Digital Learning Plan
 - Providing Professional Learning Around Digital Teaching and Learning Pedagogies and Resources
 - Curating and Developing Resources Related to the Goals Established in the Digital Learning Plan
 - Conducting Research to Inform the Design of Digital Teaching and Learning Professional Learning and Resources
- The work that is completed under the Digital Learning Initiative is done with support from the North Carolina State Legislature.



NC State Athletics — The mission of the NC State University Department of Athletics is to prepare student-athletes to compete at the highest level and to inspire them to be leaders now and for the future. NC State Athletics provides the best environment for students to achieve their athletic, academic, and personal aspirations as well as provides support for the professional development of our coaches and staff, all within the role of the greater institutional relationships to the University.

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— LUNCHEON —

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North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

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KIMBERLY JONES • 2023 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year

CELEBRATION OF TEACHERS

ROY COOPER • Governor of North Carolina

RECOGNITION OF REGIONAL FINALISTS

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2023 BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND NORTH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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

ACCEPTANCE REMARKS

2024 BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND NORTH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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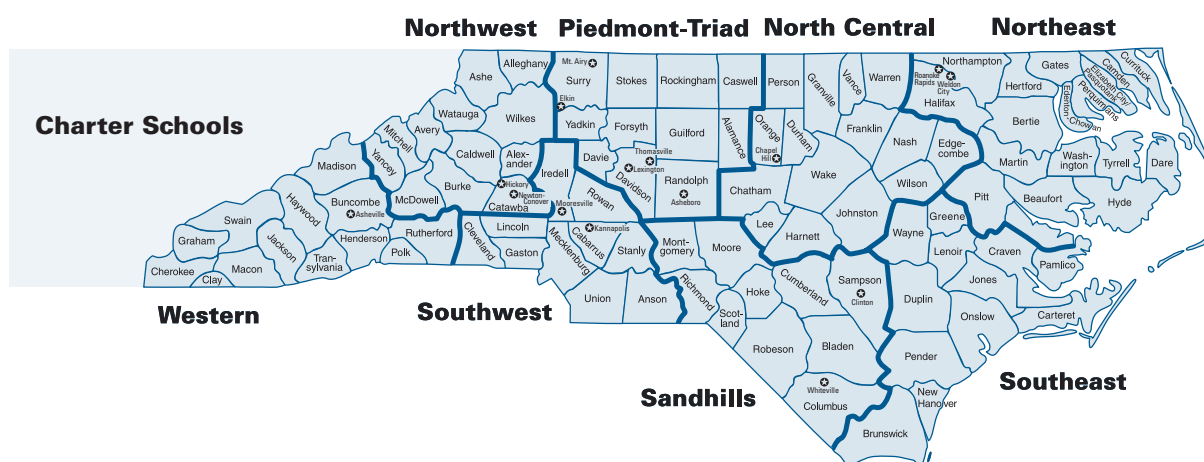
ELIZABETH SANTAMOUR

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 and elevate the teaching profession through advocacy, support, and recognition of outstanding educators. This program aims to identify and honor exemplary teachers who implement best practices in classrooms across the state. By celebrating their achievements, the program seeks to inspire and encourage excellence in teaching, ultimately contributing to the advancement of education in North Carolina.

Each Public School Unit and Charter School can submit one educator to participate in the regional selection process. The state is made up of eight geographic regions, with charter schools grouped together to form the ninth region. The Regional Teachers of the Year collaboratively form a dynamic team, actively engaging in diverse opportunities to promote and uplift the teaching profession. Together, they participate in various initiatives, events, and activities serving as a liaison between teachers in the field and other stakeholders. This collective effort not only highlights their individual achievements but also fosters a strong sense of mutual support among the outstanding educators representing different regions.



2024 TEACHER OF THE YEAR STATE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Identifying the person to serve as the representative and liaison for all teachers in North Carolina is a challenging task. Committee members for the state selection are carefully 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 recognizing the most innovative and impactful public school educators in the state. A heartfelt thank you to the selection team for dedicating their time and commitment to celebrating excellence.

LISA GODWIN • 2017 North Carolina Teacher of the Year

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

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

YONA WADE • Head of Training and Development, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority

SANDHILLS REGION



JENNIFER BLAKE

Sandhills Region Teacher of the Year

Carthage Elementary School
Moore County Schools

- 3rd Grade Teacher
- 19 Years of Teaching Experience
- The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (BA)
- Learners to Lead Mentor
- Member of the Moore County Reading Association
- Member of Delta Kappa Gamma
- Growing to Greatness Award Recipient



Sandhills REGION WINNERS

REVA ORR

West Bladen High School
Bladen County Schools

JENNIFER ROSCOE

Sampson Middle School
Clinton City Schools

STEPHANIE HAMMOND

West Columbus High School
Columbus County Schools

STEVEN BARBOUR

Terry Sanford High School
Cumberland County Schools

MONIQUE SANTIAGO

West Hoke Elementary School
Hoke County Schools

JENNIFER PIECZYSKI

Montgomery Central High School
Montgomery County Schools

KIMBERLY D. HUNT

Union Elementary School
Public Schools of Robeson County

FELISIA GULLEDGE

Hamlet Middle School
Richmond County Schools

LESLIE SEALS

Plain View Middle School
Sampson County Schools

TIMOTHY M. JOHNSON

Shaw Academy
Scotland County Schools

ALEXA JACKSON

Whiteville Primary School
Whiteville City Schools

NORTH CENTRAL REGION



RACHEL BRACKNEY

North Central Region Teacher of the Year

SouthWest Edgecombe High School
Edgecombe County Schools

- High School Math Teacher
- 8 Years of Teaching Experience
- The University of Missouri (BA)
- North Carolina State University (M.Ed. Candidate)
- Teach for America North Carolina
- Beginning Teacher Mentor
- MTSS Lead



North Central REGION WINNERS

ROBERT BALLARD

Chapel Hill High School
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

EMILY PRUCKNO

Perry Harrison Elementary School
Chatham County Schools

JAHARA DAVIS

Hillside High School
Durham Public Schools

LAKECIA BULLOCK

Wilton Elementary
Granville County Public Schools

CHRISTINE COX

Highland Elementary School
Harnett County Schools

MELISSA PEARCE

Cleveland High School
Johnston County Public Schools

TAYLOR WATERS

Benjamin T. Bullock Elementary School
Lee County Schools

JOANNA HALE

Nash Central High School
Nash County Public Schools

SAVANNAH PATTERSON

Cedar Ridge High School
Orange County Schools

KATIE AUSTIN

Northern Middle School
Person County Schools

ANALIZA T. MAGHANOY

E.M. Rollins Elementary School
Vance County Schools

TERRY L. HENNINGS

Garner Magnet High School
Wake County Public School System

HEATHER RENEAU

Rock Ridge Elementary School
Wilson County Schools

CHARTER SCHOOLS



LEE HAYWOOD

Charter Schools Teacher of the Year

Uwharrie Charter Academy
Asheboro, NC

- Middle School Visual Art and STEAM Teacher
- 18 Years of Teaching Experience
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro (BA)
- Beginning Teacher Mentor
- Member of National Art Education Association
- NCASA Art Showcase Team Coach
- 2019 NCAEA Middle School Art Educator of the Year



Charter Schools REGION WINNERS

SARAH MAYLE

Alamance Community School
Haw River, NC

KINSEY STEERE

ArtSpace Charter School
Swannanoa, NC

TAMMY NEWMAN HALL

Bear Grass Charter School
Williamson, NC

NICHOLE CHALK

Bethel Hill Charter School
Roxboro, NC

BRITTANY WEAVER

Carolina Charter Academy
Angier, NC

CHLOE E. KING

Envision Science Academy
Wake Forest, NC

MARY JENKINS

Hobgood Charter School
Hobgood, NC

MARCUS A. BLANKENSHIP

IC Imagine Public Charter School
Asheville, NC

MARY HART

Iredell Charter Academy of Arts and Science
Troutman, NC

EVELYN WARNER

Lake Lure Classical Academy
Lake Lure, NC

ALLISON HODGES

Lake Norman Charter
Huntersville, NC

LESLIE RILEY

Lincoln Charter School
Lincolnton, NC

JESSICA CLARKSON

Mountain Island Charter School
Mt. Holly, NC

ELAINE DELGADO

North Carolina Cyber Academy
Durham, NC

SHANNON DONAHUE

Northeast Academy for Aerospace and
Advanced Technologies
Elizabeth City, NC

SUSAN WESTBROOK

Oxford Preparatory
Oxford, NC

JAMES LAUGHLIN

Pinnacle Classical Academy
Shelby, NC

DENNIS ABLINE

Roxboro Community School
Roxboro, NC

KAREN M. PICERNO

Socrates Academy
Matthews, NC

BARBARA SCRIVEN

The Capitol Encore Academy
Fayetteville, NC

KATHERINE SUTTON

Tiller School
Beaufort, NC

JORGE GIRALDO

Union Academy Charter School
Monroe, NC

PAULA LENHART WILSON

Vance Charter School
Henderson, NC

DENNIS BAKER

Voyager Academy
Durham, NC

HELENA PENN

West Lake Preparatory Academy
Denver, NC

SOUTHWEST REGION



SARAH LEFEBVRE

Southwest Region Teacher of the Year

Health Science Academy at
Monroe Middle School
Union County Public Schools



- Middle School Math Teacher
- 16 Years of Teaching Experience
- Appalachian State University (BS, M.Ed)
- NCCTM Outstanding Secondary Mathematics Teacher
- Co-chair of Flight Committee that supports Beginning Teachers
- Serves as a Cooperating Teacher
- Next Stop: TeachUCPS Teacher Ambassador

Southwest REGION WINNERS

GENNIFER KAYE JONES

Anson High School
Anson County Schools

CARIE FUGLE

West Cabarrus High School
Cabarrus County Schools

ANA CUNNINGHAM

Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

MICHELLE MACK

North Elementary School
Cleveland County Schools

MELISSA CLEMENTS

Belmont Middle
Gaston County Schools

CHRISTOPHER AULD

Lake Norman High School
Iredell-Statesville Schools

MEREDITH KATZ

Shady Brook Elementary
Kannapolis City Schools

DR. LAURIE DYMES

North Lincoln Middle School
Lincoln County Schools

JENNIFER LLOYD

Mooreville High School
Mooreville Graded School District

MEREDITH BOWERS HOWELL

South Stanly High School
Stanly County Schools

PIEDMONT-TRIAD REGION



WILL MARRS

Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year

Davie County High School
Davie County Schools

- **CTE Teacher - Drafting Engineering**
- **6 Years of Teaching Experience**
- **North Carolina State University (BID)**
- **Appalachian State University (M.Ed)**
- **SkillsUSA Advisor**
- **Member of the North Carolina Association of Educators**
- **Industry Partner Liaison - Davie County Schools**



Piedmont-Triad REGION WINNERS

ASHLEY WEST

Hill Crest Elementary School
Alamance Burlington School District

TAMEKA JORDAN

South Asheboro Middle School
Asheboro City Schools

DEAUTI S. HARRIS

Barlett Yancey Senior High School
Caswell County Schools

KAILEY POLLARD

Stoner-Thomas School
Davidson County Schools

HEATHER GILLIAM-WALL

Elkin Middle School
Elkin City Schools

JHONATAN MARIN MESA

Hunter Elementary School
Guilford County Schools

COURTNEY BYERLY

Charles England Elementary
Lexington City Schools

JESSE HIATT

Mount Airy High School
Mount Airy City Schools

MARK WALKER

Randleman High School
Randolph County Schools

WALTER MOORE

Reidsville High School
Rockingham County Schools

RICHARD SMITH

South Stokes High School
Stokes County Schools

HEATHER GRANT

J. Sam Gentry Middle School
Surry County Schools

NICK SWEITZER

Thomasville Middle School
Thomasville City Schools

AMY H. MATHIS

Boonville Elementary School
Yadkin County Schools

NORTHWEST REGION



ERIK MORTENSEN

Northwest Region Teacher of the Year

Watauga High School
Watauga County Schools

- Automotive Service Teacher
- 5 Years of Teaching Experience
- Wake Technical Community College (Automotive Technology Diploma)
- Veteran of the US Army and National Guard
- NCDPI Automotive Curriculum Writing Team
- ASE Master Tech
- ASE Advanced Level Specialist L1



Northwest REGION WINNERS

MELISSA W. SHARPE

Alexander Early College
Alexander County Schools

MAKAYLA SPENCE

Westwood Elementary School
Ashe County Schools

DEWAYNE KREGE

Avery County High School
Avery County Schools

AMBER PETERSON

W.A. Young Elementary School
Burke County Public Schools

DANA MILLER

Granite Falls Elementary
Caldwell County Schools

WENDY WILSON

Harry M. Arndt Middle School
Catawba County Schools

KRIS HOLBROOK

Oakwood Elementary School
Hickory Public Schools

MARYANN BASNEY

East McDowell Middle School
McDowell County Schools

AMBER ALLEN

Greenlee Primary School
Mitchell County Schools

DEANNA SHOOK

Newton-Conover STEM Middle School
Newton-Conover City Schools

ADINA C. WATKINS

Wilkes Early College High School
Wilkes County Schools

FRANKLIN COX

Mountain Heritage High School
Yancey County Schools

SOUTHEAST REGION



NARDI ROUTTEN

Southeast Region Teacher of the Year

Creekside Elementary School
Craven County Schools

- **4th Grade Teacher**
- **25 Years of Teaching Experience**
- **Florida Atlantic University (BA, M.Ed)**
- **Milken Educator Award Recipient**
- **Appointed to the National Assessment Governing Board**
- **2022 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching NC State Finalist**
- **Member of the Craven County Teacher Advisory Council**



Southeast REGION WINNERS

KOURTNEY SAAVEDRA

West Brunswick High School
Brunswick County Schools

MIKIE McCULLOUGH BROADHURST

Broadcreek Middle School
Carteret County Public Schools

JESSICA LAUREN VILLARRUEL

Wallace Elementary School
Duplin County Schools

GRIFFIN GURKIN

West Greene Elementary
Greene County Schools

KATHRYN C. GRIFFIN

Banks Elementary School
Lenoir County Public Schools

FATIMA SAIL

Eugene Ashley High School
New Hanover County Schools

KEVIN BARRY

Jacksonville Commons
Elementary School
Onslow County Schools

KATIE BROWN

Pamlico County Middle School
Pamlico County Schools

BRITTANIE HOPKINS COLEMAN

Cape Fear Elementary School
Pender County Schools

NORTHEAST REGION



ANITA RUBINO-THOMAS

Northeast Region Teacher of the Year

Currituck County High School
Currituck County Schools

- Visual Arts & AP Capstone Teacher
- 22 Years of Teaching Experience
- National Board Certified
- Appalachian State University (BA)
- Kenan Fellow
- Beginning Teacher Mentor
- Varsity Cross Country Coach



Northeast REGION WINNERS

DANIEL GARCIA

Northside High School
Beaufort County Schools

JACQUELINE CHERRY

Windsor Elementary School
Bertie County Schools

RICK LAGE

Camden Early College High School
Camden County Schools

MICHELLE L. DEWEES

D. F. Walker Elementary School
Edenton-Chowan Public Schools

MICHAEL RATZLAFF

Northeastern High School
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank
Public Schools

IBEN BOGUES

T.S. Cooper Elementary School
Gates County Schools

SUMALATHA SURA

Northwest Collegiate and
Technical Academy
Halifax County Schools

APRIL S. BLACKWELL

Hertford County Middle School
Hertford County Public Schools

KATIE O'NEAL BROWN

Ocracoke School
Hyde County Schools

CONSTANCE CUMBEE

Rodgers Elementary School
Martin County Schools

TREBA HOWARD

Northampton County High School
Northampton County Schools

LYNETTE BAKER

Perquimans County High School
Perquimans County Schools

AINSLEY VANBUSKIRK

Pactolus Global School
Pitt County Schools

LAURA A. MANNING

Roanoke Rapids High School
Roanoke Rapids Graded School District

JENNIFER BRICKHOUSE

Columbia High School
Tyrrell County Schools

SUMMER RIDENOUR

Pines Elementary School
Washington County Schools

COREY L. ODOM

Weldon Middle School
Weldon City Schools

WESTERN REGION



HEATHER SMITH

Western Region Teacher of the Year

Waynesville Middle School
Haywood County Schools

- Middle School Math Teacher
- 7 Years of Teaching Experience
- Western Carolina University (BA)
- National Board Certified
- WCU's Outstanding Clinical Educator
- Chair of the Sunshine Committee
- Grade Level Chair



Western REGION WINNERS

LIZZIE ROGERS

Asheville High School
Asheville City Schools

MAURA BROUWER

A.C. Reynolds High School
Buncombe County Schools

KIM STATEN

Hayesville Primary School
Clay County Schools

BEN DAVIS

Robbinsville High School
Graham County Schools

DYLAN KING

North Henderson High
Henderson County Schools

KRISTIN HOLT

Jackson County Early College
Jackson County Public Schools

KATY HUSCUSSON

Mountain View Intermediate School
Macon County Schools

GINGER FORAN

Brush Creek Elementary School
Madison County Schools

LYLA R. JOHNSON

Polk Central Elementary School
Polk County Schools

JODI BELL

R-S Middle School
Rutherford County Schools

MEGAN LUCAS

Swain Middle School
Swain County Schools

BAYLEE HALE

Pisgah Forest Elementary School
Transylvania County Schools

2023 REGIONAL FINALISTS



KIMBERLY JONES

**North Central Region
Teacher of the Year**

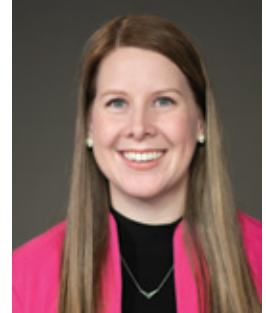
Chapel Hill High
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

- 10th Grade English Teacher
- 17 Years of Teaching Experience
- Wake Forest University (BA, M.Ed)
- National Board Certified
- Recipient of the Multicultural Student Action Network Equity Equals Excellence Award
- Co-Coordinator of the AVID Program



CASEY LEWIS SCHULTE

Northeast Region Teacher of the Year
Bath Elementary
Beaufort County Schools



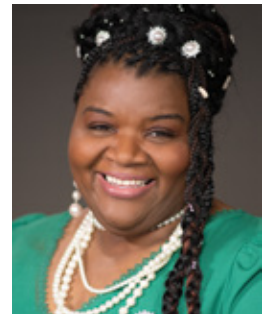
LAURA WILSON

Southeast Region Teacher of the Year
Roger Bell New Tech Academy
Craven County Schools



TEENA MCCURRY ROBINSON

Sandhills Region Teacher of the Year
Mineral Springs Elementary
Richmond County Schools



TIFFANY MICHELLE WYNN

Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year
Thomasville Middle
Thomasville City Schools



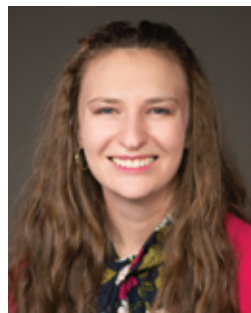
RACHEL FRYE

Southwest Region Teacher of the Year
East Lincoln High
Lincoln County Schools



SHEA BOLICK

Northwest Region Teacher of the Year
South Caldwell High
Caldwell County Schools



RACHAEL RAY

Western Region Teacher of the Year
Madison High
Madison County Schools



RYAN M. HENDERSON

Charter Schools Teacher of the Year
Sugar Creek Charter
Charlotte, NC

PAST WINNERS

2022 Leah Carper , Guilford County Schools, English II, High School	2000 Laura Bilbro-Berry , Beaufort County Schools, 2nd Grade	1979 Jo Ann Payne Norris , Wake County Schools, 1st Grade
2021 Eugenia Floyd , Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, 4th Grade	1999 Kimberly H. Hughes , Wake County Schools, Kindergarten	1978 Ruth P. Watkins , Richmond County Schools, Social Studies, High School
2020 †Maureen Stover , Cumberland County Schools, Biology, 9th-10th grade	1998 Rebecca O. Hoyle , Onslow County Schools, Music, Grades K-5	1977 Ted Scott Henson , Vance County Schools, Language Arts/Social Studies, 5th Grade
2019 Mariah Morris , Moore County Schools, 2nd Grade	1997 Julian L. Coggins, Jr. , Cabarrus County Schools, Science, High School	1976 *Ruby Murchison , Fayetteville City Schools, (Cumberland Co.), Language Arts/Social Studies, 7th Grade
2018 Freebird McKinney , Alamance-Burlington Schools, History/Philosophy, High School	1996 Richard Scott Griffin , Gaston County Schools, 5th Grade	1975 Herman L. Forbes , High Point City Schools, (Guilford Co.), 6th Grade
2017 Lisa Godwin , Onslow County Schools, Kindergarten	1995 Vernestine Kent Taylor , Wilson County Schools, Mathematics, High School	1974 Frances A. Kiser , Cleveland County Schools, English, High School
2016 Bobbie J. Cavnar , Gaston County Schools, English/Journalism, High School	1994 Sandra C. Wells , Asheville City Schools, (Buncombe Co.), Team Teacher, 1st & 4th Grades	1973 †Sarah E. Spivey , Raleigh City Schools, (Wake Co.), 4th-5th Grade
2015 Keana C. Triplett , Ashe County Schools, English, High School	1993 **Sarah M. Pratt , McDowell County Schools, English/Social Studies, High School	1972 *James M. "Jay" Rogers , Durham City Schools, (Durham Co.), American History/Black Studies, High School
2014 James E. Ford , Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, World History, High School	1992 Dixie F. Abernathy , Gaston County Schools, Science, Junior High School	1971 Genella Allison , Hickory City Schools, (Catawba Co.), English/Journalism, High School
2013 Karyn Collie Dickerson , Guilford County Schools, English, High School	1991 Annie Pegram , Durham City Schools, (Durham Co.), 1st Grade	1970 †John McFadden , Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, 6th Grade
2012 Darcy Grimes , Watauga County Schools, 3rd Grade	1990 Louis Gotlieb , Granville County Schools, Science, High School	
2011 Tyronna Hooker , Alamance-Burlington Schools, EC Inclusion, Grades 6-8	1989 Sandra Davis Rogers , Rowan County Schools, 1st-3rd Grades	
2010 Jennifer J. Facciolini , Sampson County Schools, Social Studies, High School	1988 Merv Sessoms , Haywood County Schools, English, High School	
2009 Jessica Garner , Union County Public Schools, Spanish, High School	1987 Cynthia B. Zeger-Ostherhus , Salisbury City Schools, (Rowan Co.), Mathematics, High School	
2008 †Cindi Rigsbee , Orange County Schools, Reading, Middle School	1986 *Donna H. Oliver , Burlington City Schools, (Alamance Co.), Science, High School	
2007 James Bell , Edenton-Chowan Public Schools, Language Arts, 8th Grade	1985 Pamela F. Brewer , Person County Schools, English/Journalism, High School	
2006 Diana Beasley , Hickory City Schools, Biology, High School	1984 Phillip R. Dail , Wake County Schools, Science, High School	
2005 Wendy Miller , Craven County Schools, Grades K-2	1983 Jean Paul Powell , Clinton City Schools, (Sampson Co.), English, 12th Grade	
2004 Lizbeth Alfaro , Catawba County Schools, ESL, Grades K-6	1982 James Jerome Williams , Burke County Schools, Music, High School	
2003 Allison Ormond , Rockingham County Schools, Language Arts/Social Studies, 7th Grade	1981 Penelope Sue Smith , Asheboro City Schools, (Randolph Co.), Humanities, High School	
2002 †Melissa Bartlett , Iredell-Statesville Schools, English, High School	1980 Linda Lee , Burlington City Schools, (Alamance Co.), English, High School	
2001 Carmen Wilson , Ashe County Schools, Mathematics, High School		



“I believe students can be educated to build a better, more just, kinder, more equitable future. And I think every school teacher possesses the power to build that future within their students.”

KIMBERLY JONES

2023 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year

TODAY'S LIVESTREAM POWERED BY



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Please share moments from today on social media using #nctoypoy.

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year process is facilitated by the Office of the State Superintendent.