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Don Flow, CEO, of Flow Honda in Winston-Salem, donates a one-year lease on a new vehicle for the North Carolina Teacher of the Year Program to assist the Teacher of the Year in traveling the state. Support of the recognition program highlights the company's appreciation and commitment to public education and teachers across our state.



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. With over 3,000 employees at its Morrisville headquarters and Guilford County distribution center, Lenovo is proud to call North Carolina home.



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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.



No Kid Hungry NC — No Kid Hungry North Carolina is working to break down the barriers that keep kids from healthy food. They help connect our state's children — including the almost 900,000 public school students who qualify for free-or-reduced price meals — to effective but underutilized federal nutrition programs such as school breakfast, summer meals, and afterschool meals. Our organization was formed in 2011 in partnership with state leaders and the national No Kid Hungry campaign, which is a program of the nonprofit Share Our Strength. In 2014, No Kid Hungry NC became an initiative based at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. Learn more about nutrition's connection to academic success at NoKidHungryNC.org.



Bojangles Restaurants — Bojangles Restaurants 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. We believe not only in serving great food but serving our communities. As part of our community relations program, 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!

AWARD CEREMONY

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

DR. SONJA BROWN • Recognition & Advancement Lead
Division of Transformation, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

DR. CYNTHIA MARTIN • Director, Division of Transformation, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
AMY WHITE • North Central Education Region, State Board of Education

VIDEO GREETING

ROY COOPER • Governor of North Carolina

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT

ALESSANDRO MONTANARI • Assistant Director, Division of Transformation
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

— LUNCHEON —

REMARKS

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KEN REYNOLDS • Corporate & Community Affairs Director, Bojangles Restaurants, Inc

SPECIAL REMARKS

MAUREEN STOVER • 2020 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year

— VIDEO PRESENTATION —

RECOGNITION OF REGIONAL CANDIDATES

DR. BEVERLY EMORY • Executive Director, Office of District and School Transformation

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2021 BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND NORTH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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

CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT

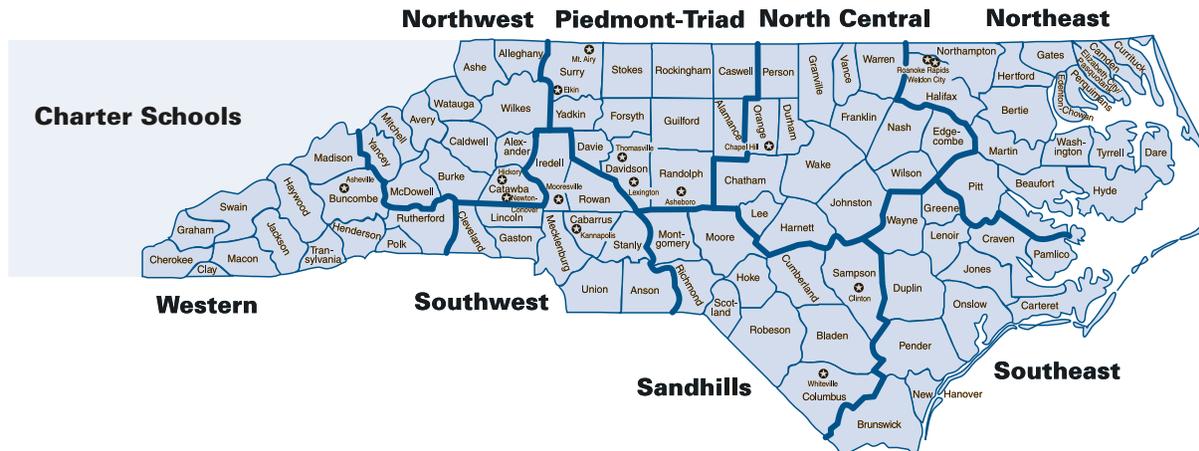
DR. SONJA BROWN

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 Division of Transformation at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.



2021 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 • Recognition & Advancement Lead,
Division of Transformation, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

NORTHEAST REGION



JENNIFER ATTKISSON

Northeast Region Teacher of the Year

White Oak Elementary
Edenton-Chowan Schools

- 1st Grade Teacher
- 21 years of teaching experience
- UNC Chapel Hill (BA)
- District Teacher Talk Coach
- 2019 Digital Innovator Leader (NC Digital Age Learning Initiative)
- North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics member
- Mentor for Beginning Teachers
- School Improvement Team Member



Northeast REGION WINNERS

SANDRA HINES ARNOLD

Washington County Middle | Washington County Schools

STARR S. BINNER

Camden Middle | Camden County Schools

ELLEN BRYSON

Kitty Hawk Elementary | Dare County Schools

KENYA CLEMONT

Northwest Collegiate & Technical Academy | Halifax County Schools

LAKISHA FAGBEYRO

Clara Hearne Pre-K Center | Roanoke Rapids Graded School District

CANDY FLEETWOOD

Riverview Elementary | Hertford County Public Schools

KRISTINE GARVEY

Hertford Grammar | Perquimans County Schools

SHANNON GOSS

Weldon Elementary Global Academy | Weldon City Schools

PAIGE HART

Rodgers Elementary | Martin County Schools

DEIDRA HOUSE

Central Middle | Gates County Schools

ANISSA ROBERTS POTTER

Ridgewood Elementary | Pitt County Schools

ELISABETH RASCOE

Windsor Elementary | Bertie County Schools

BETHANY RIDDICK

P.W. Moore Elementary | Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools

EMILY SMITH

Chocowinity Primary | Beaufort County Schools

SHEA YUELL

Ocracoke School | Hyde County Schools

SOUTHEAST REGION



JENNIE BRYAN Southeast Region Teacher of the Year

South Brunswick High
Brunswick County Schools

- 9th & 11th Grade AP US History & World History Teacher
- 10 years of teaching experience
- UNC Chapel Hill (BA)
- Wake Forest University (MA)
- Mentor for Beginning Teachers
- Site Liaison for ECU School of Education Practicum Placements
- School Improvement Team Chair
- James Madison Memorial Graduate Fellow

Southeast REGION WINNERS

DR. ZADDA BAZZY

Queens Creek Elementary | Onslow County Schools

ALAN DUPREE

North Duplin Jr. - Sr. High | Duplin County Schools

ELIZABETH FELTS

New Hanover High | New Hanover County Schools

RYAN CHRISTOPHER GARDNER

South Lenoir High | Lenoir County Public Schools

GAYLE HARDY

New Bern High | Craven County Schools

SCOTT S. HARDY

Spring Creek High | Wayne County Public Schools

RACHEL HOBBS

Snow Hill Primary | Greene County Schools

SHANNON BRILEY HUMPHREY

Malpass Corner Elementary | Pender County Schools

KAYLI SUE TAYLOR KREIS

Jones Senior High | Jones County Public Schools

SUSAN LONG MANNING

Fred A. Anderson Elementary | Pamlico County Schools

JODY STOUFFER

Croatan High | Carteret County Public School System

NORTH CENTRAL REGION



EUGENIA FLOYD

North Central Region Teacher of the Year

Mary Scroggs Elementary
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

- 4th Grade Literacy Teacher
- 7 years of teaching experience
- UNC Greensboro (BA)
- NCCU (Certificate)
- Elon University (MA)
- Mentor for Beginning Teachers
- MSES Equity Team member
- Founder of the "What I Need" Program

North Central REGION WINNERS

BRITTANY BOOTH

Person High | Person County Schools

TYLER BROWN

Wilson Academy of Applied Technology | Wilson County Schools

JENNA HOLLOWAY

Mount Energy Elementary | Granville County Public Schools

SARA LILLEY

Clarke Elementary | Vance County Schools

ASHLEY MATSIK

Deep River Elementary | Lee County Schools

AMANDA MONGILLO

W.A. Pattillo Middle | Edgecombe County Public Schools

ANNEKE OPPEWAL

Gravelly Hill Middle | Orange County Schools

JESSICA RICHARDSON

Nash County Early College High | Nash County Public Schools

MADRIA SPIVEY

Bunn Middle | Franklin County Schools

AMANDA TURNER

Clayton Middle | Johnston County Public Schools

ANGELA VANORE

Silk Hope School | Chatham County Schools

JAMIE WEST

South Harnett Elementary | Harnett County Schools

TAYLOR WHITE

City of Medicine Academy | Durham Public Schools

SANDHILLS REGION



NICOLE RIVERS Sandhills Region Teacher of the Year

Gray's Creek High
Cumberland County Schools

- 9th-12th Grade English III and Creative Writing Teacher
- 15 years of teaching experience
- Fayetteville State University (BS)
- NCCAT Scholarship Recipient
- English Department Chair
- District Curriculum Team Member
- Founder of "Poetic Pathos Club"
- Head Advisor of "Girls Expecting More Success"

Sandhills REGION WINNERS

ELAINA APONTE

Elise Middle | Moore County Schools

JUSTIN FURLOW

East Columbus Junior-Senior High | Columbus County Schools

BRITTON GOODWIN

Scotland High | Scotland County Schools

VANECIA JOHNSON

Richmond Early College High | Richmond County Schools

CINDY MARTIN

Montgomery County Early College | Montgomery County Schools

JESSICA MCPHERSON

Edgewood Elementary | Whiteville City Schools

ALEXIS ROZIER

Saint Pauls Elementary | Public Schools of Robeson County

ELIZABETH SANDERS

Bladen Early College High | Bladen County Schools

SHANNON SINCLAIR

Sampson Early College High | Sampson County Schools

HOLLIS WHITE

Sampson Middle | Clinton City Schools

PIEDMONT-TRIAD REGION



KELLY POQUETTE Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year

E. M. Yoder Elementary
Alamance-Burlington Schools

- Pre K-5th Grade Music Teacher
- 16 years of teaching experience
- Wisconsin Lutheran College (BA)
- VanderCook College of Music (M.M.Ed.)
- UNC Greensboro (Doctoral Candidate)
- American Orff-Schulwerk Association Master Orff-Schulwerk Certification
- Feierabend Association for Music Education member
- School Improvement Team Member

Piedmont-Triad REGION WINNERS

BRITTANY BEASLEY

Wentworth Elementary | Rockingham County Schools

ANNA BUTTS

North Elementary | Caswell County Schools

PAM COOK

William Ellis Middle | Davie County Schools

TANYA DAVIS

Mount Airy High | Mount Airy City Schools

KATHY FLEETWOOD

Randolph Early College High | Randolph County School System

MICHAEL GROCE

Starmount High | Yadkin County Schools

EBONIE N. JONES

Oak Hill Elementary | Guilford County Schools

ANGELA OLIVER

Elkin Elementary | Elkin City Schools

DAVID PRIDDY

Stokes Early College High | Stokes County Schools

ERIC RIGGS

J. Sam Gentry Middle | Surry County Schools

STEPHANIE SANCHEZ

Lexington Middle | Lexington City Schools

KIRSTEN VISCOUNT

Thomasville Primary | Thomasville City Schools

STEPHANIE J. WALLACE

East Forsyth High | Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools

STEVE WATSON

Charles W. McCrary Elementary | Asheboro City Schools

ANGELICA YEPES-VELOSA

Southwood Elementary | Davidson County Schools

SOUTHWEST REGION



CECELIA SIZOO-ROBERSON

Southwest Region Teacher of the Year

Piedmont IB Middle

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

- **8th Grade Math, Math 1, and Math 2 Teacher**
- **8 years of teaching experience**
- **Haverford University (BA)**
- **Teachers College, Columbia University (MA)**
- **Eighth Grade Team Leader**
- **Head Volleyball Coach**
- **Math PLC Lead**
- **District Teacher Academy member**

Southwest REGION WINNERS

TINA H. CARTER

North Stanly High | Stanly County Schools

PATRICIA COLE

Morven Elementary | Anson County Schools

ANNA HOGAN

Shady Brook Elementary | Kannapolis City Schools

PETER JONES

North Gaston High | Gaston County Schools

TRACI JONES

Lakeshore Elementary | Iredell-Statesville Schools

DAREION MALONE

Marvin Ridge High | Union County Public Schools

EMILY PARKER

Union Elementary | Cleveland County Schools

YEVETTE PEVELER

MIWAYE Program - N.F. Wood Campus | Mooresville Graded School District

SALLY SCHULTZ

Knox Middle | Rowan-Salisbury Schools

HEATHER SPICOLA

East Lincoln Middle | Lincoln County School District

EMILY WAGONER

R. Brown McAllister STEM Elementary | Cabarrus County Schools

NORTHWEST REGION



ERIN ELLINGTON Northwest Region Teacher of the Year

Mabel School

Watauga County Schools

- K-8 Music and Chorus Teacher
- 16 years of teaching experience
- Indiana University South Bend (BS)
- Ball State University (BS)
- UNC Greensboro (MA)
- School Re-Entry Committee Member
- Clinical Educator - Appalachian State University
- American Orff-Schulwerk Association National Conference Publicity Committee Co-Chair



Northwest REGION WINNERS

MACKENZIE BRADSHAW

Lower Creek Elementary | Caldwell County Schools

JANE CALHOUN

Sparta School | Alleghany County Schools

DANNY ELDTRETH

Ashe County Middle | Ashe County Schools

DIJION "ANYEA" GIBSON

Viewmont Elementary | Hickory Public Schools

ANDREA GLADDEN

East Burke Middle | Burke County Schools

JUSTIN HOLLIFIELD

Greenlee Primary | Mitchell County Schools

KRISTEN LEWIS

Saint Stephens High | Catawba County Schools

JEFF LINTZ

North Carolina School for the Deaf | Education Services for the Deaf and Blind

ASHLEY RANDOLPH

Blue Ridge Elementary | Yancey County Schools

MOLLY RHOADES

Banner Elk Elementary | Avery County Schools

RYAN ROWE

West Alexander Middle | Alexander County Schools

ERIN SIMS

Newton-Conover Middle | Newton-Conover City Schools

ALICIA STONE

Wilkesboro Elementary | Wilkes County Schools

HOLLY WOODY

North Cove Elementary | McDowell County Schools

WESTERN REGION



SUSANNA CERRATO

Western Region Teacher of the Year

Ira B. Jones Elementary
Asheville City Schools

- 3rd Grade Teacher
- 10 years of teaching experience
- New York University (BA)
- Teachers College, Columbia University (MA)
- District Professional Development Lead
- Facilitator Asheville City Schools Equity Steering Committee
- Founding Member of Social Justice Team
- Arthur Zankel Fellow

Western REGION WINNERS

RACHEL ALFORD

Union Academy | Macon County Schools

DAVID BURRELL

Madison High | Madison County Schools

WANDA CRISP

Blue Ridge | Jackson County Public Schools

HEATHER HERRON

Swain Middle | Swain County Schools

JAMIE HILL

Chase High | Rutherford County Schools

LAURA HOWALD

Polk Central Elementary | Polk County Schools

BOBBIE JONES

Hayesville High | Clay County Schools

FRAN NELSON

North Henderson High | Henderson County Public Schools

JOSLYN PARKER-BOOTH

Andrews High | Cherokee County Schools

JASON RHODES

Buncombe County Middle College | Buncombe County Schools

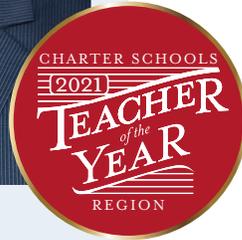
LAURA SMITH

Rosman Middle | Transylvania County Schools

RHONDA WESTER

Pisgah High | Haywood County Schools

CHARTER SCHOOLS



JEREMY WHITE Charter Schools Teacher of the Year

West Lake Preparatory Academy
Denver, NC

- Kindergarten Teacher
- 9 years of teaching experience
- Elon University (BA)
- UNC Charlotte (MA)
- 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year at Brisbane Academy
- Implemented and Organized the African-American Wax Museum K-1 Program
- Author "Estelle and Gustoff" Children's Book
- Author "In His Shadow: Growing Up with Reggie White" Autobiography

Charter Schools REGION WINNERS

STEPHANIE BARKER

A.C.E. Academy Charter

ALEXIS BENITEZ

Vance Charter

SUZANNE BRYANT

Uwharrie Charter Academy

SILAS BURKE

Chatham Charter

JENNIFER CARTER

Roxboro Community

ASHLEY CULLIPHER

Bear Grass Charter

YVONNE DREW

Envision Science Academy

JAZZI GOODE

Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy

ERIN HARDEN

Pine Springs Preparatory Academy

CAROLYN JACKSON

Pinnacle Classical Academy

CLINTON JACKSON

IC Imagine Charter

JESSI KENNEDY

Wayne Preparatory Academy

ERIN LARGE

Lincoln Charter

ALICE LAUER

Mountain Island Charter

SEAN LEDDY

Socrates Academy

KATIE-ANN MAJESKI-TURNER

Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington

KATHY O'NEIL

Lake Norman Charter Elementary

TORIE PAYLOR

Clover Garden School

SIMONE RANDAZZO

ArtSpace Charter

HEATHER ROCHÉ

Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy

MARSHA ROSWICK

River Mill Academy

NANCY SARRATT

Lake Lure Classical Academy

KATE SHOBER

Brevard Academy

DEBORAH WEST

Northeast Academy for Aerospace and
Advanced Technologies

2020 NORTH CAROLINA REGIONAL TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



Maureen Stover



Sandhills Region

Cumberland International Early College High
Cumberland County Schools



JEANIE OWENS

Northeast Region Teacher of the Year
Ocracoke School
Hyde County Schools



DANIEL SCOTT

Southeast Region Teacher of the Year
Swansboro High
Onslow County Schools



CAROL FORREST

North Central Region Teacher of the Year
Long Mill Elementary
Franklin County Schools



TONYA SMITH

Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year
Elkin High
Elkin City Schools



CHAD BEAM

Southwest Region Teacher of the Year
Burns High
Cleveland County Schools



MAGGIE MURPHY

Northwest Region Teacher of the Year
Piney Creek Elementary
Alleghany County Schools



DAWN GILCHRIST

Western Region Teacher of the Year
Jackson Community School
Jackson County Public Schools

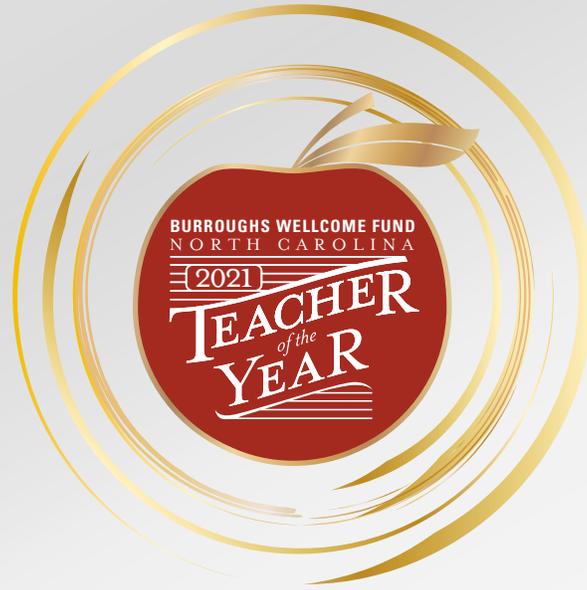


ASHLEY BAILEY

Charter Schools Teacher of the Year
Roxboro Community School
Roxboro, NC

PAST NC TEACHER OF THE YEAR WINNERS

- 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 Gottlieb**, 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"



“My students are my ikigai. In the Japanese culture, ikigai means life’s purpose. My ikigai is helping my students develop academically, socially, and emotionally as they transition from adolescence into adulthood.”

MAUREEN STOVER

2020 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year

Please share moments from today on social media using #nctoy2021.

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year process is facilitated by the Division of Transformation.