Burroughs Wellcome Fund — The Burroughs Wellcome Fund (BWF) is an independent private foundation dedicated to advancing the biomedical sciences by supporting research and other scientific and educational activities. Within this broad mission, BWF seeks to help scientists early in their careers develop as independent investigators and to advance fields in the biomedical sciences that are undervalued or in need of particular encouragement. BWF was founded in 1955 as the corporate foundation of Burroughs Wellcome Co., the U.S. branch of the Wellcome pharmaceutical enterprise, based in the United Kingdom. In 1993, BWF received a $400 million gift from the Wellcome Trust to become a fully independent foundation. BWF became the flagship sponsor for the North Carolina Teacher of the Year program in 2013.

Flow Honda in Winston Salem — After 50 years in the retail automobile business, Flow Companies continue to be defined by three simple principles:

- A covenant with our customers to be a place that keeps its promises and is worthy of their trust.
- A community of people who work together towards a common vision.
- A commitment to work towards the common good of every city where we do business.

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.

Go Global NC — Go Global NC connects North Carolina and the world. For over 40 years, our international education and training programs have empowered North Carolinians with the skills, understanding, connections, and knowledge to succeed in a global economy. Go Global NC is proud to be part of the world-class, 17-campus University of North Carolina system.

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 —

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LOUIS MUGLIA • President and CEO of Burroughs Wellcome Fund
MEREDITH HENDERSON • Senior Director of Programs, Go Global NC
LISA MARIE L. FERRELL • Director of Public Relations, Events & Community Relations, Lenovo USA
BRIAN SIMORKA • Director of Ticket Sales, NC State Athletics
HELEN ROBERTS • Program Manager, No Kid Hungry NC
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 EMMORY • Executive Director, Office of District and School Transformation

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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
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.

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
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 FAGBEYIRO
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 YOUELL
Ocracoke School | Hyde County Schools

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
SOUTHEAST REGION

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 KREAIS  
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

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
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

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
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”

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

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

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
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

MACKENZIE BRADSHAW
Lower Creek Elementary | Caldwell County Schools

JANE CALHOUN
Sparta School | Alleghany County Schools

DANNY ELDRETH
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
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

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
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  Tyrionna 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


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-Osterhus, Salisbury City Schools, (Rowan Co.), Mathematics, High School


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


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”


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

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