

2011–2012 Wells Fargo North Carolina District
PRINCIPALS OF THE YEAR



PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA
State Board of Education | Department of Public Instruction

ABOUT THE POY PROGRAM

The Wells Fargo Principal of the Year Award was introduced in 1984 to recognize the role of the principal in establishing an environment conducive to the pursuit and achievement of academic excellence in North Carolina's schools. The Wells Fargo Foundation sponsors the award in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Since the inception of the program, there have been 33 Wells Fargo North Carolina Principals of the Year, 202 regional award recipients, and 2,590 local Wells Fargo Principals of the Year.

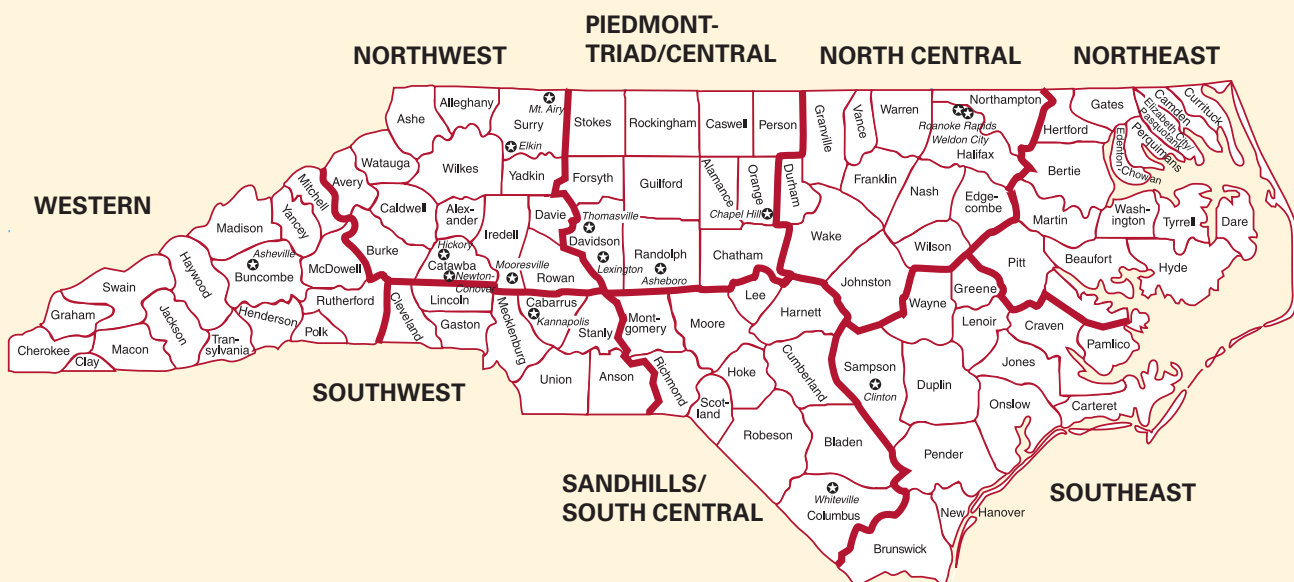
The awards program recognizes principals at the local, regional, and statewide levels. Candidates are initially nominated by their school district. Following their nomination, each candidate prepares a comprehensive portfolio for review by a regional selection committee and participates in an interview before this committee. From this screening process emerges one leading representative from each of the state's eight regions. Once the regional finalists have been determined, a state-level selection team visits each of the candidate's schools and conducts interviews with the principal, faculty, staff, students, and parents. In addition, the team also reviews the portfolios and data from the Teacher Working Conditions Survey to identify who will be named the Wells Fargo North Carolina Principal of the Year.

Candidates for the awards program are judged on many criteria. They are expected to merit the respect and admiration of students, teachers, and other professional coworkers, parents, community leaders, and constituents. Community involvement as well as local, regional, and state professional development activities are other factors considered. One of the most important qualifications, however, is the demonstrated ability to improve the achievement of all students from various backgrounds and different capabilities.

Selecting the individual who will represent North Carolina's principals and serve as a spokesperson for administrators and educators in our state is a difficult and critical task. As an ambassador for public education, the Wells Fargo Principal of the Year will participate in a myriad of speaking engagements and serve on a number of committees across North Carolina throughout his or her tenure. The state designee serves in an advisory capacity to the State Board of Education and is expected to chair the following year's Principal of the Year state selection committee. He or she also receives an appointment to the State Superintendent's Principals Advisory Committee and serves a one-year term on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Public School Forum.

The Wells Fargo North Carolina Principal of the Year receives \$3,000 for personal or professional use, and his or her school receives \$3,000 for educational equipment, materials acquisition, or other uses designated by the principal. Each regional finalist receives \$1,000 for personal use and \$1,000 for the school. Each district-level candidate who participates in the regional interview process receives a \$150 cash award for personal use as well.

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR REGIONAL MAP



REGION 1

Northeast



Clay Wagner

NORTHEAST REGION PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOLS



Andrea Adams

Sheep-Harney Elementary School
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Schools



Julie Cary

South Central High School
Pitt County Schools



John E. Donlan, Ph.D.

First Flight Middle School
Dare County Schools



Rhonda James-Davis

Currituck County Middle School
Currituck County Schools



Timothy Lazar

Grandy Primary School
Camden County Schools



Sallie Ryan

Gatesville Elementary School
Gates County Public Schools



Alicia Vosburgh

Chocowinity Primary School
Beaufort County Schools



Tanya Turner

Chowan Middle School
Edenton-Chowan Schools



Joanne Jones

Hertford County Early College High School
Hertford County Public Schools

REGION 2

Southeast



Glenn Reed

SOUTHEAST REGION PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
ONslow COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM



Helen Davis

Town Creek Elementary School
Brunswick County Schools



Cheryl Wilson

Trent Park Elementary
Craven County Schools



Felicia Brown

Duplin Early College High School
Duplin County Schools



Kristie W. Brennan

LaGrange Elementary School
Lenoir County Public Schools



Stephen Buchanan

Malpass Corner Elementary School
Pender County Schools



Gaynor Hammond

Plain View Elementary School
Sampson County Schools



Lee Johnson

Wayne Early Middle College High
Wayne County Public Schools



Carolyn Heller

West Carteret High School
Carteret County Public School System



Henry Rice, III

Pamlico County High School
Pamlico County Schools



Chris Furr

New Hanover High School
New Hanover County Schools

REGION 3

North Central



Drew Cook

NORTH CENTRAL REGION PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM



Barbara Parker

Spring Valley Elementary School
Durham Public Schools



Marc Whichard

SouthWest Edgecombe High School
Edgecombe County Public Schools



Roosevelt Alston

Bunn Middle School
Franklin County Schools



Chris (Roland) Ham

Granville Early College High School
Granville County Schools



Chip (Michael) Hodges

Northern Nash High School
Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools



Kelvin Edwards

Belmont Elementary School
Roanoke Rapids Graded School District



Michael Bullard

Vance County Early College High School
Vance County Public Schools



Dr. Monica Smith-Woofter

Roanoke Valley Early College
Weldon City Schools



Kirk Denning

Princeton High School
Johnston County Schools



Melissa Dancy-Smith

Forest Hills Middle School
Wilson County School District

REGION 4

Sandhills/South Central



Sara Bigley

SANDHILLS/SOUTH CENTRAL REGION PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
MOORE COUNTY SCHOOLS



Jonathan Blue
Prospect Elementary
Public Schools of Robeson County



Joan Frye
East Middle School
Montgomery County Schools



Shirley Gamble
Westover High School
Cumberland County Schools



Mary McLeod
West Hoke Middle School
Hoke County Schools



Linwood Smith
Western Harnett Middle School
Harnett County Schools



Pamela Sutton
B.T. Bullock Elementary
Lee County Schools



Jamie Synan
Wagram Primary School
Scotland County Schools



Cheryl White-Smith
Elizabethtown Primary School
Bladen County Schools



Marsha Porter
Washington Street Elementary School
Richmond County Schools

REGION 5

Piedmont-Triad/Central



Patrice Faison
2012 WELLS FARGO NORTH CAROLINA
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
 GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS



Tammie Abernethy
 Ramseur Elementary School
 Randolph County Schools



Deboy Beamon
 Thomasville High School
 Thomasville City Schools



Julie Brady
 McCrary Elementary School
 Asheboro City Schools



Barbara Brown
 Central Elementary School
 Rockingham County Schools



Jennifer Brown
 South Lexington Primary School
 Lexington City Schools



Darkarai Bryant
 North End Elementary School
 Person County Schools



Christopher Johnston
 Central Davidson Middle School
 Davidson County Schools



James Kirkpatrick
 Walnut Cove Elementary
 Stokes County Schools



Cynthia McKee
 Alexander Wilson Elementary School
 Alamance-Burlington School System



Chad Morgan
 Silk Hope School
 Chatham County Schools



Anne Purcell
 C.W. Stanford Middle School
 Orange County Schools



Ray (Michael) Reagan
 South Elementary School
 Caswell County Schools



Richard Watts
 Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy
 Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools



Amanda Hartness
 McDougle Elementary School
 Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

REGION 6

Southwest



Hilda Batts

SOUTHWEST REGION PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
CABARRUS COUNTY SCHOOLS



Kevin Garay
A. L. Brown High School
Kannapolis City Schools



Dr. Joslyn Allen
Morven Elementary School
Anson County Schools



Jackie Menser
Randolph Middle School
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools



Henry Gilmore III
Kings Mountain Intermediate School
Cleveland County Schools



Donna Cook
Rea View Elementary
Union County Public Schools



James Montgomery
Bessemer City High School
Gaston County Schools



Rhonda Harrill
Rock Springs Elementary
Lincoln County Schools



Dr. Sandra Carter
North Stanly High School
Stanly County Schools

REGION 7

Northwest



Kelly Withers

NORTHWEST REGION PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
ROWAN-SALISBURY SCHOOL SYSTEM



Bob Acord

Hildebran Elementary School
Burke County Public Schools



Donna Heavner

River Bend Middle School
Catawba County Schools



Pamela Helms

Northview Middle School
Hickory Public Schools



Jonathan Ribbeck

Celeste Henkel Elementary
Iredell-Statesville Schools



Robin Melton

East Mooresville Intermediate School
Mooresville Graded School District



Mary Brown

Wittenburg Elementary School
Alexander County Schools



Lydia Lovell

Tharrington Primary School
Mount Airy City Schools



Lynn Marrs

Mocksville Elementary School
Davie County Schools



Rebecca Mastin

Mulberry Elementary School
Wilkes County Schools



Julia Styers

South Newton Elementary School
Newton-Conover City Schools



Ralph (Randy) Bentley

Bethel Elementary
Watauga County Schools



Bill Goins

North Surry High School
Surry County Schools



Doug Sheek

Forbush Elementary
Yadkin County Schools



Jennifer Robinson

Westwood Elementary School
Ashe County Schools

OTHER LOCAL WINNERS WHOSE PICTURES WERE
NOT AVAILABLE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Ruth Shirley – Crossnore Elementary
Avery County Schools

REGION 8

Western



Brad Teague

WESTERN REGION PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
RUTHERFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS



Andrea Allen

Bee Log Elementary School
Yancey County Schools



Jim Brown

Clyde A. Erwin High
Buncombe County Schools



Raylene Bryson

Jackson County Early College
Jackson County Public Schools



Greg Carter

Rosman Middle School
Transylvania County Schools



Todd Gibbs

Macon Early College
Macon County Schools



Natalie Gouge

West Marion Elementary School
McDowell County Schools



Barry McClure

Murphy Middle School
Cherokee County Schools



Dale McDonald

Tuscola High School
Haywood County Schools



Gary Moore

Deyton Elementary School
Mitchell County Schools



Kelly Schofield

Dana Elementary School
Henderson County Public Schools



Mary Margaret Sullivan

Asheville Middle School
Asheville City Schools

OTHER LOCAL WINNERS WHOSE PICTURES WERE
NOT AVAILABLE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Daniel Metcalf – Brush Creek Elementary
Madison County Public Schools

Wells Fargo NC Principals of the Year (1984–2011)

2011	Rob Jackson , Cuthbertson High School, Union County Public Schools
2010	Jan King , Glenn C. Marlow Elementary School, Henderson County Schools
2009	Vann Pennell , South Brunswick High School, Brunswick County Schools
2008	Debra Morris , Kannapolis City Schools, A.L. Brown High
2007	Craig Hill , Lenoir County Schools, Kinston High
2006	Marian Yates , Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, South Mecklenburg High
2005	Margaret Hyatt , Buncombe County Schools, Avery's Creek Elementary
2004	John R. Black , Hickory City Schools, Longview Elementary
2003	Nina René Corders , Cumberland County Schools, E.E. Smith High
2002	Lloyd G. Wimberley , Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Myers Park High
2001	Peggy Smith , Johnston County Schools, East Clayton Elementary
2000	Gail T. Edmondson , Greene County Schools, Snow Hill Primary
1999	Daniel A. Piggott , Winston-Salem/Forsyth Schools, Carver High
1998	Pandora M. Bell , Guilford County Schools, Jesse Wharton Elementary
1997	Judith H. Budacz , Pitt County Schools, Wahl-Coates Elementary
1996	Mary D. McDuffie , Cumberland County Schools, Seventy-First High
1995	Jo Ann Bowman , Lee County Schools, J. Glenn Edwards Elementary

1994	David C. Burleson , Burke County Schools, Freedom High
1993	Ann B. Clark , Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Alexander Graham Middle
1992	Jane B. Burke , Hertford County Schools, Hertford County High
1991	John M. Schroeder , High Point City Schools, Fairview Elementary
1990	John R. Griffin , Cumberland County Schools, E.E. Smith High
1989	Barbara M. Ledford , Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Northeast Jr. High
1988	Dan A. Jones , Guilford County Schools, Erwin Open Elementary
1987*	Karen H. Campbell , Buncombe County Schools, W.W. Estes Elementary Dale J. Metz , Greensboro City Schools, Gateway Education Center
1986*	Patricia F. Gibson , Newton-Conover City Schools, Newton-Conover Middle Janie E. Manning , Pitt County Schools, Bethel Elementary
1985*	Alice H. Hart , Buncombe County Schools, Glen Arden Elementary Beverly S. White , Hickory City Schools, Jenkins Elementary
1984*	Robert A. Clendenin , Guilford County Schools, Paige High Alexander Erwin , Wilkes County Schools, Wilkes Central High

** Prior to 1988, two statewide winners were named each year. Since then, one statewide winner has been selected.*

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