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**DR. SONJA BROWN** • Recognition & Advancement Lead  
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**DR. CYNTHIA MARTIN** • Director, District & Regional Support, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction  
**ALAN DUNCAN** • Vice Chairman, State Board of Education

## VIDEO GREETING

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North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

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### SPECIAL REMARKS

**MARIAH MORRIS** • 2019 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year

## — VIDEO PRESENTATION —

### RECOGNITION OF REGIONAL CANDIDATES

**DR. BEVERLY EMORY** • Deputy State Superintendent of District Support  
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2020 BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND NORTH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**MARK JOHNSON** • State Superintendent, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

### CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT

**DR. SONJA BROWN**

*Photos immediately following ceremony on terrace for finalists and sponsors*



# NORTHEAST REGION



## **JEANIE OWENS** Northeast Region Teacher of the Year

Ocracoke School  
Hyde County Schools

- 5th Grade Teacher
- 19 years teaching experience
- Appalachian State University (Certificate)
- Virginia Tech (M.Ed.)
- Radford University (BS)
- School Improvement Team Chair
- 3rd-5th Grade Professional Learning Community Leader
- 2019 Newsela Certified Teacher



## *Northeast* REGION WINNERS

### **SONYA BOONE**

Enfield Middle S.T.E.A.M. Academy | Halifax County Schools

### **CYNTHIA BUNCH**

Roanoke Rapids High | Roanoke Rapids Graded School District

### **MELISSA CLINKSCALES**

Bath Elementary | Beaufort County Schools

### **DIANE DAVENPORT**

J.P. Knapp Early College High | Currituck County Schools

### **JESSICA DICKERSON**

Jamesville Elementary | Martin County Schools

### **CHARLENE EVANS**

Washington County Early College High | Washington County Schools

### **CHRISTA MOODY FLOOD**

Weldon Middle | Weldon City Schools

### **SHELIA HUGHES**

Northeastern High | Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools

### **RENEE KITTRELL**

Gates County High | Gates County Schools

### **RODNEY LYONS SR**

Hertford Grammar | Perquimans County Schools

### **ANN MARIE MEHDI**

South Central High | Pitt County Schools

### **JUSTIN PAXTON**

Cape Hatteras Secondary School of Coastal Studies | Dare County Schools

### **KRISTEN RALLIS**

Camden Middle | Camden County Schools

### **MOLLI ROSE**

John A. Holmes High | Edenton-Chowan Schools

### **SHARITA WADE**

Northampton County Early College High | Northampton County Schools

### **WILLIAM WHICHARD**

Bearfield Primary | Hertford County Public Schools

# SOUTHEAST REGION



## **DANIEL SCOTT** Southeast Region Teacher of the Year

Swansboro High  
Onslow County Schools

- 9th-12th Band/Music Teacher
- 3 years teaching experience
- Western Carolina University (BS)
- North Carolina Teaching Fellow
- Spirit of Atlanta Brass Captain Head
- Western Carolina University EnTOURage member
- Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Music Director, Cullowhee, NC

## *Southeast* REGION WINNERS

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### **DANIEL JEROME FUSSELL III**

Duplin Early College High | Duplin County Schools

### **JUSTIN GARZA**

South Brunswick Middle | Brunswick County Schools

### **DOMINIQUE GRADY**

Spring Creek Middle | Wayne County Schools

### **LINDSEY M. HOWELL**

West Carteret High | Carteret County Public School System

### **TIMOTHY JARMAN**

Eugene Ashley High | New Hanover County Schools

### **BETH E. JOHNSON**

Penderlea School | Pender County Schools

### **CHARRI LITTLE**

Greene County Intermediate | Greene County Schools

### **SUDDONA MURRELL**

Jones Senior High | Jones County Public Schools

### **EARL SADLER, JR.**

Pamlico County High | Pamlico County Schools

### **JENNIFER H. SUTTON**

La Grange Elementary | Lenoir County Public Schools

### **SARA YEAGER**

Havelock High | Craven County Schools

# NORTH CENTRAL REGION



## **CAROL FORREST** North Central Region Teacher of the Year

Long Mill Elementary  
Franklin County Schools

- K-2 Adapted Curriculum Teacher
- 39 years teaching experience
- Northwest Nazarene University (BA)
- School Improvement Team member
- District Autism Team member
- 2014 Teacher of the Year
- Early Intervention Transition Team Leader



## *North Central* REGION WINNERS

### **KELLY ARNOLD**

Orange High | Orange County Schools

### **JESSICA BLAND**

Bailey Elementary | Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools

### **LESLIE COTTRELL**

Greenwood Elementary | Lee County Schools

### **JADE CURRIN**

Wilton Elementary | Granville County Public Schools

### **MARIA DAAL**

Northside K-8 | Warren County Schools

### **BRANDON DANIEL**

Burton Elementary | Durham Public Schools

### **LINDSEY EVANS**

Apex Friendship Middle | Wake County Public School System

### **BRIAN FOSTER**

Triton High | Harnett County Schools

### **MARY LANDIS**

Zeb Vance Elementary | Vance County Schools

### **RACHEL MARCUS**

Helena Elementary | Person County Schools

### **LAURIE PAIGE**

Chatham Central High | Chatham County Schools

### **MARY PATRICIA PERES-DA-SILVA**

McDougle Middle | Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

### **BRITNEY PHILLIPS**

Lucama Elementary | Wilson County Schools

### **BRIAN VANDERLASKE**

West Johnston High | Johnston County Public Schools

### **LEIGH ANN WEBB**

Edgecombe Early College High | Edgecombe County Public Schools

# SANDHILLS REGION



## **MAUREEN STOVER** Sandhills Region Teacher of the Year

Cumberland International Early  
College High  
Cumberland County Schools

- 9th-10th Grade Biology, Earth & Environmental Science & AVID Teacher
- 5 years teaching experience
- Western Governors University (MA)
- Adams State University (MA)
- United States Air Force Academy (BS)
- School Improvement Team Chair
- American Association for the Advancement of Science member
- Beginning Teacher Mentor



## *Sandhills* REGION WINNERS

### **KIMBERLY HOPE CLARK**

Laurel Hill Elementary | Scotland County Schools

### **MARIAN ELLIOTT**

Don D. Steed Elementary | Hoke County Schools

### **MEGAN HALL**

Troy Elementary | Montgomery County Schools

### **JULIE HODGES**

Fairgrove Elementary | Public Schools of Robeson County

### **THOMAS MASKELL**

Clinton High | Clinton City Schools

### **ANDREA MCIVER**

Richmond Senior High | Richmond County Schools

### **CARRIE ROBLEDO**

Highfalls Elementary | Moore County Schools

### **ANNA SLAUGHTER**

Acme-Delco Middle | Columbus County Schools

### **PAMELA SOLES**

Whiteville High | Whiteville City Schools

### **FREDERICA RENEE STEELE**

Elizabethtown Middle | Bladen County Schools

### **SABRINA WEBB**

Roseboro-Salemburg Middle | Sampson County Schools



# PIEDMONT-TRIAD REGION



## **TONYA SMITH** Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year

Elkin High  
Elkin City Schools

- 7th-12th Grade Vocal Music Teacher
- 23 years teaching experience
- Catawba College (Certificate)
- Elon College (BA)
- School Improvement Team member
- Surry County Honors Chorus Coordinator
- Senior Play Music Director
- Music Educators of North Carolina member



## *Piedmont-Triad* REGION WINNERS

### **MEGAN CHAMBLEE**

Southwestern Randolph High | Randolph County School System

### **TERRI D'AMATO**

Lexington Middle | Lexington City Schools

### **TAMMY ESSIC**

Shady Grove Elementary | Davie County

### **DEANNE FITZGERALD**

Rockford Elementary | Surry County Schools

### **JESICA FITZGERALD**

Woodlawn Middle | Alamance-Burlington Schools

### **NICOLE GARDNER**

Western Rockingham Middle | Rockingham County Schools

### **BENJAMIN HEPLER**

West Stokes High | Stokes County Schools

### **NICOLE HOOKER**

Bruce H. Tharrington Primary | Mount Airy City Schools

### **TENAE' HOWARD**

Central Davidson Middle | Davidson County Schools

### **ALLEN HOWELL**

Forbush Middle | Yadkin County Schools

### **DANIELLE HUNTER**

Donna Lee Loflin Elementary | Asheboro City Schools

### **KATIE LOUHOFF**

North Elementary | Caswell County School

### **RICHELLE RADER**

Liberty Drive Elementary | Thomasville City Schools

### **TAMMY WHITE**

Kiser Middle | Guilford County

### **LAUREN WOODSON**

Speas Global Elementary | Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools

# SOUTHWEST REGION



## **CHAD BEAM** Southwest Region Teacher of the Year

Burns High  
Cleveland County Schools

- 10th & 12th Grade English Teacher
- 12 years teaching experience
- Lenoir-Rhyne University (BA)
- 2015 Teacher of the Year
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle Leader
- Feeding Kids Cleveland County Food Program volunteer
- Burns High School Professional Development Lead

## *Southwest* REGION WINNERS

### **EVELYN CARRASQUILLO**

A.L. Brown High | Kannapolis City Schools

### **MICHAEL CURLEE**

South Stanly High | Stanly County Schools

### **CLARISSA DEATON**

G.E. Massey Elementary | Lincoln County Schools

### **JONATHAN HARBIN**

Monroe High | Union County Public Schools

### **KATHERINE HIGSMITH**

Weddington Hills Elementary | Cabarrus County Schools

### **KAYLOR KAEMBA**

East Mooresville Intermediate | Mooresville Graded School District

### **KODY KUBBS**

South Point High | Gaston County Schools

### **BETHANY ORR**

Lake Norman Elementary | Iredell-Statesville Schools

### **THERESA PIERCE**

Rowan County Early College High | Rowan-Salisbury School System

### **TRACY PRESLAR**

Ansonville Elementary | Anson County Schools

### **KIMBERLY TUTTLE**

Levine Middle College High | Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

# NORTHWEST REGION



## **MAGGIE MURPHY**

### **Northwest Region Teacher of the Year**

Piney Creek Elementary  
Allegheny County Schools

- 4th Grade Teacher
- 11 years teaching experience
- Appalachian State University (MA, BS)
- School Improvement Team Chair
- 2019 Participate Learning Teacher of the Year
- 2019 Veteran's of Foreign Wars District Teacher of the Year
- Allegheny Writers Board member

## *Northwest* REGION WINNERS

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### **PAMELA BASS**

Kings Creek | Caldwell County Schools

### **EDWARD CLARK**

Avery County High | Avery County Schools

### **RENATA CRAWLEY**

West Marion Elementary | McDowell County Schools

### **JERRICA DULA**

Oakwood Elementary | Hickory Public Schools

### **CHAD HUGGINS**

Mitchell High | Mitchell County Schools

### **CHRISTY JOLLY**

Moravian Falls Elementary | Wilkes County Schools

### **CALLIE LEWIS**

Westwood Elementary | Ashe County Schools

### **ALLISON PATTON**

North Newton Elementary | Newton-Conover City Schools

### **TRICIA RUSHING**

Bunker Hill High | Catawba County Schools

### **KATIE SMITH**

Wittenburg Elementary | Alexander County Schools

### **MEGHAN WELTY**

Freedom High | Burke County Public Schools

### **MITCHELL WRIGHT**

Valle Crucis | Watauga County Schools

# WESTERN REGION



## **DAWN GILCHRIST** Western Region Teacher of the Year

Jackson Community School  
Jackson County Public Schools

- 9th-12th Grade English Teacher
- 33 years teaching experience
- Warren Wilson College (MFA)
- Columbia University (MA)
- Western Carolina University (BA)
- National Board Certified
- English Department Chair
- Beginning Teacher Mentor



## *Western* REGION WINNERS

### **MEGAN FORD**

Flat Rock Middle | Henderson County Public Schools

### **AVERY GIBSON**

Murphy High | Cherokee County Schools

### **BROOKE HANEY**

Robbinsville Elementary | Graham County Schools

### **THOMAS HICKS**

Madison Middle | Madison County Schools

### **KELLY MARTIN**

Harris Elementary | Rutherford County Schools

### **PENNY MOFFITT**

Franklin High | Macon County Schools

### **TAMERA MOMAN**

Brevard High | Transylvania County Schools

### **DELANA PARKER**

Charles T. Koontz Intermediate | Buncombe County Schools

### **NORMA PATTILLO**

Swain County High | Swain County Schools

### **KEITH RIMER**

Polk County High | Polk County Schools

### **GINGER SCERRI**

Hayesville Middle | Clay County Schools

### **JON SERENIUS**

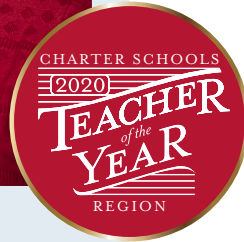
Jonathan Valley Elementary | Haywood County Schools

### **MARTI SULLIVAN**

Isaac Dickson Elementary | Asheville City Schools

# CHARTER SCHOOLS

## Charter Schools REGION WINNERS



### **ASHLEY BAILEY** Charter Schools Teacher of the Year

Roxboro Community School  
Roxboro, NC

- 9th-12th Grade Biology, AP Biology Teacher
- 18 years teaching experience
- NC State University (BS)
- National Board Certification
- Beginning Teacher Mentor
- 2017, 2018 Bright Ideas Grant Winner
- Science Department Chair

**JEMAL BOONE**  
North East Carolina Preparatory

**IAN CANARY-KING**  
ArtSpace Charter

**BRITTANY CAUDLE**  
Capitol Encore Academy

**JESSE CRUTCHFIELD**  
Rocky Mount Preparatory

**MARK DRAGON**  
River Mill Academy

**KELLY ELDRIDGE**  
Chatham Charter

**ELIZABETH FENNIMORE**  
Water's Edge Village

**CINNAMON FRAME**  
Research Triangle High

**LAUREN HACKETT**  
Mountain Island Charter

**WHIT HAMES**  
Raleigh Charter High

**COURTNEY HEIKKILA**  
UpROAR Leadership Academy

**KIMBERLY INMAN**  
Pinnacle Classical Academy

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Lincoln Charter

**LISA REARICK**  
A.C.E. Academy

**JULIE SASSER**  
Emereau: Bladen Charter

**JODY SCHULZE**  
Voyager Academy Middle

**ALYSON VANALPHEN**  
Socrates Academy

**MELANIE WARNICK**  
South Brunswick Charter

**AMANDA WHATLEY**  
Uwharrie Charter Academy

**CASIE ZAMIARA**  
Lake Norman Charter High

# 2019 NORTH CAROLINA REGIONAL TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



**Mariah Morris**



**Sandhills Region**  
West Pine Elementary  
Moore County Schools



**DAMON WALCOTT**  
Northeast Region Teacher of the Year  
Washington High  
Beaufort County Schools



**CHRISTY HOWE**  
Southeast Region Teacher of the Year  
Bradley Creek Elementary  
New Hanover County Schools



**C. R. "KATIE" EDDINGS**  
North Central Region Teacher of the Year  
Lee County High  
Lee County Schools



**SHIELA PATTERSON**  
Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year  
South Stokes High  
Stokes County Schools



**KATE CULBRETH**  
Southwest Region Teacher of the Year  
Wolf Meadow Elementary  
Cabarrus County Schools



**LAURA BROOKS**  
Northwest Region Teacher of the Year  
Wilkes Central High  
Wilkes County Schools



**CAESAR CAMPANA IV**  
Western Region Teacher of the Year  
Hayesville High  
Clay County Schools



**DOUGLAS PRICE**  
Charter Schools Teacher of the Year  
Voyager Academy Middle  
Durham, NC

# PAST NC TEACHER OF THE YEAR WINNERS

- 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"

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*“The rewards I find in teaching are great. A large part of my love of teaching is a call to social justice. I strongly believe that if I am able to help a child have a strong academic foundation in the second grade, I am giving them a gift that nobody in their future can ever take away.”*

**MARIAH MORRIS**

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