



# 2016 North Carolina Teacher of the Year

## BOBBIE J. CAVNAR

Southwest Region • South Point High • Gaston County Schools • 9-12 English and Journalism

### Southwest Region – District Winners

**Lisa Austen** – Sandy Ridge Elementary, Union County Schools  
**Kelly Bumgardner** – Northwest Cabarrus Middle, Cabarrus County Schools  
**Joyce Davenport** – Anson High, Anson County Schools  
**Matthew Dukes** – River Gate Elementary, Charlotte-Mecklenburg School  
**Nancy Goodnight** – Millbridge Elementary, Rowan-Salisbury Schools  
**Ashley Hooks** – Springmore Elementary, Cleveland County Schools

**Jacquelyn Lane** – Jackson Park Elementary, Kannapolis City Schools  
**Brooke McCurdy** – Collaborative College Technology and Leadership, Iredell-Statesville Schools  
**Serenity Smith** – Stanly Early College High, Stanly County Schools  
**Allen Stevens** – Mooresville Middle, Mooresville Graded School District



**Marie Smith** | Northeast Region Teacher of the Year  
Conway Middle, Northampton County Schools

### Northeast Region – District Winners

**Stephanie Ambrose** – Weeksville Elementary, Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools  
**Melissa Boyd** – Bath Elementary, Beaufort County Schools  
**Laurie Brooks** – John A. Holmes High, Edenton-Chowan Schools  
**Kathryn Cargile** – Hope Middle, Pitt County Schools  
**Pamela Djigounian** – Camden Middle, Camden County Schools  
**Tonya Hedgepeth** – Pittman Elementary, Halifax County Schools  
**Mollee Holloman** – Manteo Elementary, Dare County Schools  
**Patrick Quast** – Chalonier Middle, Roanoke Rapids Graded Schools  
**Anissa Robinson** – Weldon Elementary, Weldon City Schools  
**Paige Smith** – Mattamuskeet Elementary, Hyde County Schools  
**Kristin Stahl** – East End Elementary, Martin County Schools  
**Erika Stephenson** – Hertford County Middle, Hertford County Public Schools  
**Christy Stevens** – Gatesville Elementary, Gates County Schools  
**Kortney Watford** – Windsor Elementary, Bertie County Schools  
**Angel White** – Perquimans County High, Perquimans County Schools



**Kevin Scharen** | Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year  
Alamance-Burlington Early College at ACC,  
Alamance-Burlington School System

### Piedmont-Triad Region – District Winners

**Tonya Baity** – Tyro Elementary, Davidson County Schools  
**Yancy Burklow** – Boonville Elementary, Yadkin County Schools  
**Bronson Ericksen** – Elkin Middle, Elkin City Schools  
**Fanisha Fuller** – Oak Hill Elementary, Guilford County Schools  
**Joy Harman** – Southwest Elementary, Lexington City Schools  
**David Koontz** – Davie County High, Davie County Schools  
**Sara “Katie” Lemons** – South Stokes High, Stokes County Schools  
**Shelli Owens** – Mount Airy Middle, Mount Airy City Schools  
**Marcy Piotrowski** – South End Elementary, Rockingham County Schools  
**Claudia Rodriguez** – North Asheboro Middle, Asheboro City Schools  
**Charity Sutphin** – Parkland High, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools  
**Sarah Wood** – Liberty Drive Elementary, Thomasville City Schools



**Katie Snyder** | Southeast Region Teacher of the Year  
John T. Hoggard High, New Hanover County Schools

### Southeast Region – District Winners

**Stephanie Edwards** – Brinson Memorial Elementary, Craven County Schools  
**Mary Hudson** – Cape Fear Elementary, Pender County Schools  
**Jeri (Denise) Humphries** – Chinquapin Elementary, Duplin County Schools  
**Angela Joyner** – Grantham Middle, Wayne County Public Schools  
**Erik Matticola** – Swansboro High, Onslow County Schools  
**Thomas B. “Brad” Robinson** – Croatan High, Carteret County Public Schools  
**Melvin Smith, Jr.** – Jones Sr. High, Jones County Schools  
**Laura Sokol-Scott** – Leland Middle, Brunswick County Schools  
**Christine Wayne** – Pamlico County High, Pamlico County Schools  
**Amy White** – Contentnea-Savannah K-8, Lenoir County Schools



**Leah Hayes** | Northwest Region Teacher of the Year  
South Newton Elementary,  
Newton-Conover City Schools

### Northwest Region – District Winners

**John Ballard** – West McDowell Middle, McDowell County Schools  
**Dr. Deanna Berrier** – Traphill Elementary, Wilkes County Schools  
**Linda Chandler** – Liberty Middle, Burke County Public Schools  
**Michelle Dellinger** – Avery County High, Avery County Schools  
**Jeanna Goodson** – Maiden High, Catawba County Schools  
**Jordan Hefner** – Stony Point Elementary, Alexander County Schools  
**Kelly Lambert** – Mountain View Elementary, Ashe County Schools  
**Melissa McKinnon** – Grandview Middle, Hickory Public Schools  
**Misty McKnight** – Sparta Elementary, Alleghany County Schools  
**Linda Pitman** – Mitchell High, Mitchell County Schools  
**Randall (Randy) Seldomridge** – Granite Falls Middle, Caldwell County Schools  
**Allison Sparks** – Bethel Elementary, Watauga County Schools



**Margaret C. McNeill** | North Central Region Teacher of the Year  
Dunn Middle, Harnett County Schools

### North Central Region – District Winners

**Benita Arrington** – Laurel Mill Elementary, Franklin County Schools  
**Wendy Bryant Motley** – Broadway Elementary, Lee County Schools  
**Charlene Burroughs** – Granville Central High, Granville County Schools  
**Leslie Burwell** – Northwood High, Chatham County Schools  
**James Guy** – Edgecombe Early College, Edgecombe County Public Schools  
**Cynthia Hutchings** – Smithfield Selma High, Johnston County Schools  
**Michelle Jackson** – Coopers Elementary, Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools  
**Michael Jones** – Culbreth Middle, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools  
**Lori Khan** – Middle College High @ DTCC, Durham Public Schools  
**Laura Nelson** – Margaret Hearne Elementary, Wilson County Schools  
**Matthew Scialdone** – Middle Creek High, Wake County Public School System  
**Erin Simons** – Vaughan Elementary, Warren County Schools  
**Elizabeth Sinnott** – South Elementary, Person County Schools  
**Julie White** – Gravelly Hill Middle, Orange County Schools  
**Nicole Williamson** – Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf, State Operated Program  
**Robin Wilson** – New Hope Elementary, Vance County Schools



**Angel Ledbetter** | Western Region Teacher of the Year  
Rutherford Early College High,  
Rutherford County Schools

### Western Region – District Winners

**Pamela Arrowood** – Polk County High, Polk County Schools  
**Andrea Chalker** – Highlands, Macon County Schools  
**Ray Crawford** – Fairview School, Jackson County Public Schools  
**Brian Gonzales** – Clyde A. Erwin High, Buncombe County Schools  
**Amy Harrington** – Bethel Middle, Haywood County Schools  
**Laura Jane Howald** – Asheville City Preschool, Asheville City Schools  
**Julie Hughes** – Murphy Middle, Cherokee County Schools  
**Brandon Rice** – Madison High, Madison County Schools  
**Jennifer Sensabaugh** – Brevard Middle, Transylvania County Schools  
**Amy Shelton** – Hayesville Elementary, Clay County Schools  
**Misty Shope** – Robbinsville Middle, Graham County Schools



**Olivia W. Hall** | Sandhills Region Teacher of the Year  
Roseboro-Salemburg Middle, Sampson County Schools

### Sandhills Region – District Winners

**Ashlee Garrison** – New Century International Elementary, Cumberland County Schools  
**Jennifer Hair** – East Bladen High, Bladen County Schools  
**Wenona Mishue** – Spring Hill Middle, Scotland County Schools  
**Trina Osborne** – Central Middle, Whiteville City Schools  
**LaTanya Pattillo** – East Columbus High, Columbus County Schools  
**Morina Ricablanca** – East Hoke Middle, Hoke County Schools  
**Leonardo Romero** – Rex-Rennert Elementary, Public Schools of Robeson County  
**Sandra Starling** – L.C. Kerr Elementary, Clinton City Schools  
**Sarah Talbert** – East Montgomery High, Montgomery County Schools  
**Valeria “Joy” Watson** – East Rockingham Elementary, Richmond County Schools  
**Ashley Williams** – Sandhills Farm Life Elementary, Moore County Schools



**Brandon Brown** | Charter Schools Teacher of the Year  
Lake Norman Charter, Huntersville, NC

### Charter Schools – District Winners

**Ken Boyer** – Voyager Academy  
**Charissa Denny** – Roxboro Community  
**Chanda Foxx Allen** – Chatham Charter  
**Carl Harrington** – East Wake Academy  
**Ellen Hotaling** – Invest Collegiate  
**Elizabeth Kay Salema** – Socrates Academy



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