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CARRIE GRAY • Vice President, Community Affairs Officer, Wells Fargo

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DR. JUNE ATKINSON • North Carolina State Superintendent, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Selecting the individual who will represent North Carolina’s principals and serve as a spokesperson for administrators and educators in our state is a most challenging task. After candidates are nominated by their local education agencies, a selection process follows that includes a rigorous portfolio exercise and an interview at the regional level. One principal is selected to represent each of the eight regions of North Carolina. The Regional Principals of the Year continue on to participate in the process at the state level where 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 leaders in our state.

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Director, Public School Outreach, Hill Center

**DR. SHIRLEY CARRAWAY**
North Carolina Liaison, Southeast Comprehensive Center

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Director, Northeast Leadership Academy

**DR. YVETTE STEWART**
Ex-Officio – Assistant Director Educator Effectiveness, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Region 1 – District Winners

**Tracey Nixon**
P.S. Jones Middle School
Beaufort County Schools

**LeVar Mizelle**
River Road Middle School
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools

**Melissa Fields**
Perquimans Central School
Perquimans County Schools

**Mary Anne Wetzel**
Manteo Elementary School
Dare County Schools

**Lisa Parker**
Colerain Elementary School
Bertie County Schools

**Jamie Bowers**
DF Walker Elementary School
Edenton-Chowan Schools

**Daun Belangia**
Central Elementary School
Currituck County Schools

**Sharon Cherry**
Creswell High School
Washington County Schools

**Tracy Cole**
A.G. Cox Middle School
Pitt County Schools

**George Stanton Warren**
Ahoskie Elementary School
Hertford County Schools

**James Guard**
Riverside High School
Martin County Schools

**Tammi Ward**
Gates County High School
Gates County Schools
Southeast
REGION 2

Frances Herring
Southeast Regional Principal of the Year
Contentnea-Savannah K-8 School, Lenoir County Schools

Region 2 – District Winners

Joseph Poletti
Croatan High School
Carteret County Schools

Renee Whitford
James W. Smith Elementary School
Craven County Schools

Ann Hardy
Warsaw Elementary School
Duplin County Schools

Christopher Meadows
Jones Sr. High School
Jones County Public Schools

Jakki Jethro
Sunset Park Elementary School
New Hanover County Schools

Helen Gross
Carolina Forest Elementary School
Onslow County Schools

Sherry Meador
Fred A. Anderson Elementary School
Pamlico County Schools

Peter Wildeboer
North Topsail Elementary School
Pender County Schools

Sheila Peterson
Roseboro-Salemburg Middle School
Sampson County Schools

Gary Hales
Wayne School of Engineering
Wayne County Schools
Dr. Larry Webb
North Central Regional Principal of the Year
Eaton-Johnson Middle School, Vance County Schools

Region 3 – District Winners

Dr. William Logan
Hillside High School
Durham Public Schools

Marc Whichard
SouthWest Edgecombe High School
Edgecombe County Schools

Dr. Laverne Daniels
Cedar Creek Middle School
Franklin County Schools

Julie Finch
Mary Potter Middle School
Granville County Schools

Charles Price
South Johnston High School
Johnston County Schools

Gary Major
Parker Middle School
Nash-Rocky Mount Schools

Mark Savage
Heritage High School
Wake County Schools

Roy Henderson
John W. Jones Elementary School
Wilson County Schools
Robin Calcutt
Sandhills/South Central Regional Principal of the Year
New Century Middle School, Moore County Schools

Region 4 – District Winners

**Kim Gray**
Don D. Steed Elementary School
Hoke County Schools

**Beth Lancaster**
Mt. Gilead Elementary School
Montgomery County Schools

**James Butler**
Hamlet Middle School
Richmond County Schools

**Jesse Beck, II**
South Columbus High School
Columbus County Schools

**Karen Brooks-Floyd**
Red Springs Middle School
Public Schools of Robeson County

**Joseph Critcher**
Scotland High School Early College
Scotland County Schools

**Amy Lundy**
Deep River Elementary School
Lee County Schools

**Mellotta Hill**
Howard Hall Elementary School
Cumberland County Schools

**Christopher Mace**
Harnett Central High School
Harnett County Schools

**Reida Roberts**
Bladen Lakes Primary School
Bladen County Schools
Region 5 – District Winners

**Julie Hancock**  
Marvin B. Smith Elementary School  
Alamance-Burlington Schools

**Candace Call**  
North Asheboro Middle School  
Asheboro City Schools

**Nicole Lancaster**  
Stoney Creek Elementary School  
Caswell County Schools

**Kimberly Taylor**  
Bonlee School  
Chatham County Schools

**Angie Kiger**  
North Davison Middle School  
Davidson County Schools

**Ged O’Donnell**  
Montlieu Academy of Technology  
Guilford County Schools

**Travis Taylor**  
Lexington Senior High School  
Lexington City Schools

**Edna “Fay” Jones**  
Grady A. Brown Elementary School  
Orange County Schools

**Veronica Clay**  
Stories Creek Elementary School  
Person County Schools

**Laurie Sypole**  
Randleman Elementary School  
Randolph County Schools

**Brenda Nordan**  
J E Holmes Middle School  
Rockingham County Schools

**Robin Layman**  
Pinnacle Elementary  
Stokes County Schools

**Angela Moore**  
Thomasville Primary School  
Thomasville City Schools

**Gary Cone**  
Paisley IB Magnet School  
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools
### Region 6 – District Winners

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Region 7 – District Winners

Dr. Chad Maynor
West Alexander Middle School
Alexander County Schools

Janice Linker
Glade Creek Elementary School
Alleghany County Schools

David Blackburn
Mountain View Elementary School
Ashe County Schools

Matthew Bentley
Cranberry Middle School
Avery County Schools

Kathy Amos
Patton High School
Burke County Schools

Julia Knight
Davenport A+ Elementary School
Caldwell County Schools

Heather Benfield
Challenger Early College High School
Catawba County Schools

Joy Morrison
Pinebrook Elementary School
Davie County Schools

Jeffrey Hodakowski
Viewmont Elementary School
Hickory City Schools

Jonathan Ribbeck
Celeste Elementary School
Iredell-Statesville Schools

Jason Dorsett
Jones Intermediate School
Mount Airy City Schools

Kevin Campbell
Newton-Conover High School
Newton-Conover City Schools

Laura Kerr
Rockwell Elementary School
Rowan-Salisbury Schools

Celia Hodges
Surry Central High School
Surry County Schools

Toby Cone
Cove Creek Elementary School
Watauga County Schools

J. David Johnson
North Wilkes Middle School
Wilkes County Schools

Christopher Nichols
Forbush High School
Yadkin County Schools
Western
REGION 8

Brad Richardson
Western Regional Principal of the Year
Forest City-Dunbar Elementary School, Rutherford County Schools

Region 8 – District Winners

David Robinson
Madison Early College High School
Madison County Schools

Kerry Putnam
Brevard Middle School
Transylvania County Schools

Kent Parent
Balfour Education Center
Henderson County Public Schools

Shirley Parks
East Franklin Elementary School
Macon County Schools

Colby Calhoun
Gouge Elementary School
Mitchell County Schools

Thomas Graham
Hiwassee Dam High School
Cherokee County Schools

Andrew Peoples
North Buncombe Elementary School
Buncombe County Schools

Jason Watson
Blue Ridge Early College
Jackson County Public Schools

Kevin Huskins
Mountain Heritage High School
Yancey County Schools

Donna Gardner
West McDowell Junior High School
McDowell County Schools

Heather Hollingsworth
Jonathan Valley Elementary
Haywood County Schools

Carrie Allen
Vance Elementary School
Asheville City Schools
2013 Wells Fargo North Carolina Regional Principals of the Year

Dale Cole
2013 Wells Fargo Principal of the Year
Northeast • Region 1
Chocowinity Middle School, Beaufort County Schools

Dr. Wesley Johnson
SOUTHEAST • REGION 2
Hobbtom High School
Sampson County Schools

Lynn Rhymer
SOUTHWEST • REGION 6
Central Cabarrus High School
Cabarrus County Schools

Leondus Farrow, Jr.
NORTH CENTRAL • REGION 3
Rocky Mount High School
Nash-Rocky Mount Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Rosenbalm
NORTHWEST • REGION 7
Conover School
Newton-Conover City Schools

Dr. Wendy Jordan
SOUTH CENTRAL • REGION 4
Mineral Springs
Elementary School
Richmond County Schools

Ricky Tipton
WESTERN • REGION 8
East Yancey Middle School
Yancey County Schools

Leigh Jones
PIEDMONT-TRIAD/CENTRAL • REGION 5
Dalton L. McMichael High School
Rockingham County Schools
About the Program

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This program recognizes principals at the local, regional, and statewide levels. The Wells Fargo Principal of the Year serves as the North Carolina ambassador for public education and represents our state at the National Level. The state designee serves in an advisory capacity to the State Board of Education and a one-year term on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Public School Forum.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

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“A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader, a great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves.”

— Eleanor Roosevelt

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