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Award Ceremony Agenda

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

- DR. LYNNE JOHNSON** • Director, Educator Effectiveness,
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
- WILLIAM COBEY** • Chairman, NC State Board of Education

INVOCATION

- DR. YVETTE STEWART** • Assistant Director, Educator Effectiveness,
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

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- JACK CLAYTON** • Executive Vice President, Wells Fargo
- KIMBERLY MOORE** • Relationship Manager, EF Educational Tours
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- DALE COLE** • 2013 Wells Fargo Principal of the Year

RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES

- DR. REBECCA GARLAND** • Deputy State Superintendent,
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2014 WELLS FARGO PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

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

CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT

- DR. JUNE ATKINSON** • North Carolina State Superintendent,
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

State Selection

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.



2014 STATE SELECTION COMMITTEE

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Director, Public School Outreach, Hill Center

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North Carolina Liaison, Southeast Comprehensive Center

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Retired Assistant Superintendent, Randolph County Schools

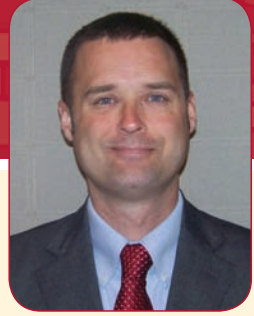
DR. BONNIE FUSARELLI

Director, Northeast Leadership Academy

DR. YVETTE STEWART

Ex-Officio – Assistant Director Educator Effectiveness,
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Northeast REGION 1



Billie Berry

Northeast Regional Principal of the Year
Camden County High School, Camden County Schools

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

North Central REGION 3



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



Sandhills/South Central REGION 4

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

Piedmont-Triad/Central REGION 5



AmyR ickard

Piedmont-Triad/Central Regional Principal of the Year
Morris Grove Elementary School, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City 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



Southwest REGION 6

Brad Breedlove

Southwest Regional Principal of the Year
Monroe High School, Union County Schools

Region 6 – District Winners

Kecia Coln

J N Fries Magnet Middle School
Cabarrus County Schools

Terry Usery

Tryon Elementary School
Gaston County Schools

Rachel Zaionz

Shady Brook Elementary School
Kannapolis City Schools

Jennifer Wampler

Bethware Elementary School
Cleveland County Schools

David Switzer

Ardrey Kell High School
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Deborah Davis

Anson County Early College
Anson County Schools

Melanie Huss

F.D. "Jack" Kiser Intermediate School
Lincoln County Schools

Shawn Britt

South Stanly High School
Stanly County Schools

Northwest REGION 7



Dr. Carrie Tulbert

Northwest Regional Principal of the Year

Mooresville Middle School, Mooresville Graded School District

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
Hobpton 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

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. This Foundation sponsors the award in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Since the inception of the program, there have been 34 Wells Fargo North Carolina Principals of the Year, 218 regional award recipients, and 2,788 local Wells Fargo Principals of the Year.

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

2013	Dale Cole	Beaufort County Schools, Chocowinity Middle School
2012	Patrice Faison	Guilford County Schools, Oak Hill Elementary
2011	Rob Jackson	Union County Public Schools, Cuthbertson High
2010	Jan King	Henderson County Schools, Glenn C. Marlow Elementary
2009	Vann Pennell	Brunswick County Schools, South Brunswick High
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

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

— Eleanor Roosevelt

1996	Mary D. McDuffie	Cumberland County Schools, Seventy-First High
1995	Jo Ann Bowman	Lee County Schools, J. Glenn Edwards Elementary
1994	David C. Bursleson	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 Dale J. Metz	Buncombe County Schools, W.W. Estes Elementary Greensboro City Schools, Gateway Education Center
1986*	Patricia F. Gibson Janie E. Manning	Newton-Conover City Schools, Newton-Conover Middle Pitt County Schools, Bethel Elementary
1985*	Alice H. Hart Beverly S. White	Buncombe County Schools, Glen Arden Elementary Hickory City Schools, Jenkins Elementary
1984*	Robert A. Clendenin Alexander Erwin	Guilford County Schools, Paige High 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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