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Naming the individual who will represent North Carolina and serve as a spokesperson for all teachers in our state is a challenging task. The state 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 educators in our state.

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## Region 1 – District Winners

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Southeast
REGION 2

Melissa Gillespie
Southeast Region Teacher of the Year
E.A. Laney High School, New Hanover County Schools

Region 2 – District Winners

Karen Walker
Cedar Grove Middle School
Brunswick County Schools

Kathryn Benton
Contentnea-Savannah K-8 School
Lenoir County Schools

Stephanie Carter
Clinton High School
Clinton City Schools

Sonja Williams
Jacksonville Commons Middle School
Onslow County Schools

Ira Smith
Craven Early College High School
Craven County Schools

Lynn Wooster-McCoy
Pamlico County High School
Pamlico County Schools

Regina Sherrod
Warwaw Elementary School
Duplin County Schools

Sara Toothman
West Pender Middle School
Pender County Schools

Shelia Carraway
West Greene Elementary School
Greene County Schools

Angela Martin
Hobbtón High School
Sampson County Schools

Tammy Wicks
Jones Middle School
Jones County Schools

Kristi Luckenbaugh
Meadow Lane Elementary School
Wayne County Schools
## North Central

### REGION 3

### Rhonda Holmes

**North Central Region Teacher of the Year**

Conway Middle School, Northampton County Schools

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REGION 4

Everlene Davis
Sandhills/South Central Region Teacher of the Year
South Columbus High School, Columbus County Schools

Region 4 – District Winners

Celeste Lennon
East Arcadia School
Bladen County Schools

Amy Noble
R.Max Abbott Middle School
Cumberland County Schools

Stacie Wood
LaFayette Elem School
Harnett County Schools

Jessica Kellermann
Rockfish Hoke Elementary
Hoke County Schools

Patrice McNeill
SanLee Middle School
Lee County Schools

Rae Irvine
Southern Middle School
Moore County Schools

Haley Hall
East Rockingham Elementary School
Richmond County Schools

Ashley Berdeau
Fairmont High School
Public Schools of Robeson County

Michael Kryszak
Wagram Primary School
Scotland County Schools

Adam Garner
East Montgomery High School
Montgomery County Schools

Jason Whalen
Whiteville High School
Whiteville City Schools
Piedmont-Triad
REGION 5

Kathy Saunders
Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year
Asheboro High School, Asheboro City Schools

Region 5 – District Winners

DeAnna Foust-Platt
Ray Street Academy
Alamance-Burlington Schools

Mark Greenstreet
Orange High School
Orange County Schools

Maribeth Howe
Bartlett Yancey High School
Caswell County Schools

Joshua Frazier
Stories Creek Elementary School
Person County Schools

Roddy Story
Northwood High School
Chatham County Schools

Renee Ingram
Providence Grove High School
Randolph County Schools

Mike Harris
Phillips Middle School
Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools

Jessica Clark
Moss Street Elementary School
Rockingham County Schools

Adam Dunn
Central Davidson Middle School
Davidson County Schools

Marty Erskine
Sandy Ridge Elementary School
Stokes County Schools

Eugene R. Grant
Southeast Guilford High School
Guilford County Schools

Lance Hammond
Liberty Drive Elementary School
Thomasville City Schools

Jennifer Byerly
Southwest Primary School
Lexington City Schools

Patty DeWitt
Kernersville Elementary
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools
Southwest
REGION 6

James Ford
Southwest Region Teacher of the Year
Garinger High School, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Region 6 – District Winners

Tracy Preslar
Ansonville Elementary
Anson County Schools

Courtney Smith
CC Griffin Middle
Cabarrus County Schools

Propst Lawson
Fallston Elementary
Cleveland County Schools

Rebecca Ann O’Bryon
Pinewood Elementary
Gaston County Schools

Rebecca Merriman
Jackson Park Elementary
Kannapolis City Schools

Kerri Huffman
N Stanly High School
Stanley

Kerri Sofsian
Kensington Elementary School
Union County Schools
Northwest Regional Teacher of the Year

**Alex Reynolds**
Northwest Region Teacher of the Year
Jesse Carson High School, Rowan-Salisbury Schools

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REGION 8

Melissa Faetz
Western Region Teacher of the Year
South Macon Elementary School, Macon County Schools

Region 8 – District Winners

Cindy Ensley
Smokey Mountain Elementary
Jackson County Schools

Margaret Atuk
South Toe Elementary
Yancey County Schools

Jennifer Williams
Brevard High School
Transylvania County Schools

Tiffany Clapsaddle
Hayesville High School
Clay County Schools

Meghan Farmer
Mills River Elementary
Henderson County Schools

Pam Parris
Chase High School
Rutherford County Schools

Terry Quick
Black Mountain Primary
Buncombe County Schools

Eric Eaton
Polk County Middle School
Polk County Schools

Benjamin Owens
Tri-County Early College High School
Cherokee County Schools

William Talley III
Asheville High School
Asheville City Schools

Tammy Massey
Hot Springs Elementary
Madison County Schools

Ashley Glenn
Mitchell High School
Mitchell County Schools

Trishia Chapman
Bright Adventures Preschool
Swain County Schools

Melissa Duckworth
Robbinsville High School
Graham County Schools

Sally Hundley
Bethel Middle School
Haywood County Schools

Kim Christman
West Marion Elementary
McDowell County Schools
Charter Schools

Chris Weaver
Charter Schools Teacher of the Year
Evergreen Community Charter School, Asheville, NC

Charter School – District Winners

Kimberly Dallas
Bethel Hill Charter School
Roxboro, NC

Anne Bettendorf
Roxboro Community School
Roxboro, NC

Carrie Taft
Socrates Academy
Matthews, NC

Curtis Kendrick
Lake Norman Charter
Huntersville, NC

Kelly Stutz
Charter Day School
Leland, NC

Kristina Lecky
Voyager Academy
Durham, NC

Marni Rubin-Flanigan
ArtSpace Charter School
Swannanoa, NC

Rebecca Chandler
Union Academy
Monroe, NC

Tiffany Hassell-Abel
Bear Grass Charter School
Williamston, NC

Julie Teague
Chatham Carter School
Siler City, NC
2013 North Carolina Regional Teachers of the Year

Karyn Collie Dickerson
Piedmont-Triad • Region 5
Grimsley High School, Guilford County Schools

Pamela Mills
Northeast • Region 1
First Flight Middle School, Dare County Schools

Carrie Morris
Southeast • Region 2
Swansboro Elementary School, Onslow County Schools

LTC Thomas McGeachy
North Central • Region 3
Weldon STEM High School, Weldon City Schools

Shannon Godfrey
Sandhills/South Central • Region 4
Harnett Central High School, Harnett County Schools

Julian Wilson
Southwest • Region 6
York Chester Middle School, Gaston County Schools

Christopher Petree
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Starmount High School, Yadkin County Schools

Jill Francis
Western • Region 8
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Charter Schools Arts Based Elementary School, Winston-Salem, NC
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