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Award Ceremony

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RECOGNITION OF REGIONAL CANDIDATES

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

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North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

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North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

NC Teacher of the Year Program

Since 1970, North Carolina has participated in this program recognizing its outstanding teachers. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, along with its sponsors, recognizes teachers at the school, district, regional, and statewide levels. After individuals are chosen to represent their respective schools as Teacher of the Year, they advance to compete at the district level. Once the district selections have been made, the winners vie for one-of-eight Regional Teacher of the Year honors. The eight regional finalists are selected by a regional committee that typically includes a distinguished school-based administrator as well as a Central Office administrator, a college/university representative, or community member. The selection process is facilitated in each region by Regional Education Facilitators representing the Educator Effectiveness Division at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.



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.

2014 Teacher of the Year State Selection Committee

Dr. Shirley Carraway

North Carolina Liaison
Southeast Comprehensive Center

Jo Ann Norris

Former Executive Director
Public School Forum

Mark Jewell

Vice President
North Carolina Association of Educators

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Assistant Director, Educator Effectiveness
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Dr. Denise Morton

Director, Public School Outreach
Hill Center



Northeast REGION 1

Charlene Evans

Northeast Region Teacher of the Year
Plymouth High School, Washington County Schools

Region 1 – District Winners

Tracy Solano

John Cotten Tayloe Elementary School
Beaufort County Schools

Bruce Boller

Bertie Early College High School
Bertie County Schools

Mark Harnly

Camden County High School
Camden County Schools

Jennifer Thach

White Oak Elementary School
Edenton/Chowan Schools

Luana Palimetakis

Shawboro and Moyock Elementary
Currituck County Schools

Brandon Harris

First Flight High Schools
Dare County Schools

Lisa Wilkins

TS Cooper Elementary
Gates County Schools

Rachel Vokally

Hertford County High School
Hertford County Schools

Kirby Maness

Riverside High School
Martin County Schools

Sharon Meads

Pasquotank County High School
Elizabeth City/Pasquotank Schools

Julie Roberts

Hertford Grammar Schools
Perquimans County Schools

Joy Carter

Elmhurst Elementary
Pitt County Schools



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

Stephanie Carter

Clinton High School
Clinton City Schools

Ira Smith

Craven Early College High School
Craven County Schools

Regina Sherrod

Warwaw Elementary School
Duplin County Schools

Shelia Carraway

West Greene Elementary School
Greene County Schools

Tammy Wicks

Jones Middle School
Jones County Schools

Kathryn Benton

Contentnea-Savannah K-8 School
Lenoir County Schools

Sonja Williams

Jacksonville Commons Middle School
Onslow County Schools

Lynn Wooster-McCoy

Pamlico County High School
Pamlico County Schools

Sara Toothman

West Pender Middle School
Pender County Schools

Angela Martin

Hobpton High School
Sampson 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

Region 3 – District Winners

Cynthia Watkins

Spring Valley Elementary School
Durham Public Schools

Shannon Dickinson

Chaloner Middle School
Roanoke Rapids Graded School District

Billy Strother

C.B. Martin Middle School
Edgecombe County Schools

Jeffrey Arthurs

Northern Vance High School
Vance County Schools

Maria Styers

Franklinton High School
Franklin County Schools

Luke Miles

Durant Road Middle School
Wake County Schools

Leah Powell

South Granville High School
Granville County Schools

Michael Williams

Warren New Tech High School
Warren County Schools

Miriam Lecitona

William R. Davie Middle School
Halifax County Schools

Sharita (Whitaker) Wade

Weldon High School
Weldon City Schools

Joshua Beck

Clayton High School
Johnston County Schools

Carol Abrams

Wells Elementary School
Wilson County Schools

Dana Williamson

Southern Nash Middle School
Nash-Rocky Mount Schools



Sandhills/South Central 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

Adam Garner

East Montgomery High School
Montgomery 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

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

Maribeth Howe

Bartlett Yancey High School
Caswell County Schools

Roddy Story

Northwood High School
Chatham County Schools

Mike Harris

Phillips Middle School
Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools

Adam Dunn

Central Davidson Middle School
Davidson County Schools

Eugene R. Grant

Southeast Guilford High School
Guilford County Schools

Jennifer Byerly

Southwest Primary School
Lexington City Schools

Mark Greenstreet

Orange High School
Orange County Schools

Joshua Frazier

Stories Creek Elementary School
Person County Schools

Renee Ingram

Providence Grove High School
Randolph County Schools

Jessica Clark

Moss Street Elementary School
Rockingham County Schools

Marty Erskine

Sandy Ridge Elementary School
Stokes County Schools

Lance Hammond

Liberty Drive Elementary School
Thomasville 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 REGION 7

Alex Reynolds

Northwest Region Teacher of the Year

Jesse Carson High School, Rowan-Salisbury Schools

Region 7 – District Winners

Kelly This

Taylorsville Elementary
Alexander County Schools

Roy Putman

Sparta Elementary
Alleghany County Schools

Mary Taylor

Westwood Elementary
Ashe County Schools

April Chevront

Avery County Middle
Avery County Schools

Tamala Howell

Rutherford College Elementary
Burke County Schools

Terry Reid

William Lenoir Middle
Caldwell County Schools

Bethany Settlemyre

Maiden Middle
Catawba County Schools

Brooke Jennings

Cornatzer Elementary
Davie County Schools

Kali Teague

Elkin High
Elkin City Schools

April Icard

Hickory High
Hickory City Schools

Linda Dearman

NB Mills Elementary
Iredell-Statesville Schools

Kitch Deaton

South Elementary
Mooresville Graded School District

Gena Ray

Mount Airy High School
Mount Airy City Schools

Michael Townsley

Conover School
Newton-Conover Schools

Pedro Caro

Franklin Elementary
Surry County Schools

Gina Holste

Valle Crucis School
Watauga County Schools

Rosanna Bare

Moravian Falls Elementary
Wilkes County Schools

Rebecca Bryant

Starmount High
Yadkin County Schools



Western 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

Julie Garrett

East Wake Academy
Zebulon, 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**

Northwest • Region 7
Starmount High School,
Yadkin County Schools



Jill Francis

Western • Region 8
Chase High School,
Rutherford County
Schools



Jan Adams

Charter Schools
Arts Based
Elementary School,
Winston-Salem, NC

Past TOY Winners

- 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 Gotlieb**, 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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