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North Carolina Principal of the Year

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Award Ceremony Agenda

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

DR. LYNNE JOHNSON • Director Educator Effectiveness
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

WAYNE McDEVITT • Vice Chairman, NC State Board of Education

INVOCATION

YVETTE STEWART • Assistant Director Educator Effectiveness
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

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REMARKS

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PATRICE FAISON • 2012 Wells Fargo Principal of the Year

RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES

DR. REBECCA GARLAND • Chief Academic Officer
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2013 WELLS FARGO PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

JUAN AUSTIN • Senior VP, Community Affairs Manager, Wells Fargo

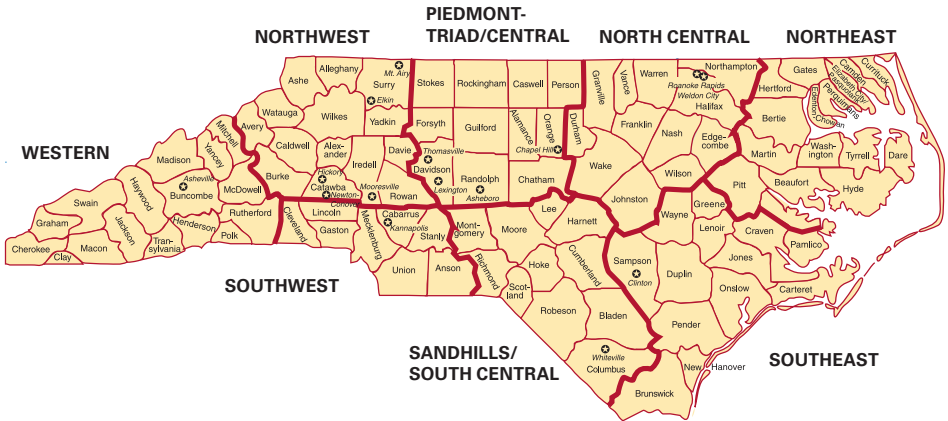
CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT

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. Candidates are nominated by their local education agency. Following their nomination, each candidate participates in an interview process. One principal is selected from each of the eight regions and then participates in a state level process.



2013 STATE SELECTION COMMITTEE

DR. SHIRLEY PRINCE • Executive Director
North Carolina Principals and Assistant Principals Association

SHIRLEY CARRAWAY, Ed.D • NC Former Consultant for Appalachia Regional
Comprehensive Center at Evantia

KEVIN HOWELL • State Board of Education Representative – Education District 3

YVETTE STEWART • Ex-Officio – Assistant Director Educator Effectiveness
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction



Northeast REGION 1



Dale Cole

Northeast Region Principal of the Year
Chocowinity Middle School, Beaufort County Schools

Region 1 – District Winners

Cynthia Morris

Elizabeth City Middle School
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools

Chanté Jordan

Perquimans High School
Perquimans County Schools

Thomas Wilson

Knotts Island Elementary School
Currituck County Schools

Rickey Eley

Windsor Elementary School
Bertie County Schools

John Luciano

Manteo High School
Dare County Schools

Sharon Cherry

Creswell High School
Washington County Schools

Serena Paschal

Williamston Primary School
Martin County Schools

Julie Shields

Bearfield Primary School
Hertford County Schools

Sheila Evans

John A. Holmes High School
Edenton-Chowan Schools

Lionel Kato

Farmville Middle School
Pitt County Schools

Ernest Cooley

Camden Middle School
Camden County Schools

Jennifer Hill

T.S. Cooper Elementary School
Gates County Schools





Southeast REGION 2

Wesley Johnson

Southeast Region Principal of the Year
Hobbton High School, Sampson County Schools

Region 2 – District Winners

Retha Rusk

Lincoln Elementary School
Brunswick County Schools

Maria Greene

College Park Elementary School
New Hanover County Schools

Catherine Warren

Atlantic Elementary School
Carteret County Schools

Peggy Kelley

Dixon Elementary School
Onslow County Schools

Thomasine Hassell

Grover C. Fields Middle School
Craven County Schools

Sherry Meador

Fred A. Anderson Elementary School
Pamlico County Schools

Ben Sautter

North Duplin Elementary School
Duplin County Schools

James Klingensmith

Topsail Middle School
Pender County Schools

Michael White

Jones Middle School
Jones County Schools

Carol Artis

North Drive Elementary School
Wayne County Schools

Mildred Dunn

Northeast Elementary School
Lenoir County Schools



North Central REGION 3



Leondus Farrow, Jr.

North Central Region Principal of the Year
Rocky Mount High School, Nash-Rocky Mount Schools

Region 3 – District Winners

Rodriguez Teal

Pearsontown Elementary School
Durham Public Schools

Paula Flythe

G.W. Bulluck Elementary School
Edgecombe County Schools

Robin Faulkner

Bunn High School
Franklin County Schools

Jennifer Carraway

C.G. Credle Elementary School
Granville County Schools

David Pearce

Four Oaks Elementary School
Johnston County Schools

Wanda Briggs-Trevino

Willis Hare Elementary School
Northampton County Schools

Robert Hurley

Roanoke Rapids High School
Roanoke Rapids Graded School District

Laura Rigsbee

Aycock Elementary School
Vance County Schools

Kenneth Branch

Brentwood Elementary School
Wake County Schools

Susan Bullock

New Hope Elementary School
Wilson County Schools





Sandhills/ South Central

REGION 4

Wendy Jordan

Sandhills/South Central Region Principal of the Year
Mineral Springs Elementary School, Richmond County Schools

Region 4 – District Winners

Deborah Guyton

Bladenboro Primary School
Bladen County Schools

Vicki Haislip

Greenwood Elementary School
Lee County Schools

Janet Hedrick

Acme Delco Elementary School
Columbus County Schools

Crystal Brown

Benjamin Martin Elementary School
Cumberland County Schools

Monica Thompson

North Harnett Primary School
Harnett County Schools

Tina Coleman

Parkton Elementary School
Public Schools of Robeson County

Anne McLean

Page Street Elementary School
Montgomery County Schools

Rose Cooper

Crain's Creek Middle School
Moore County Schools

Erica Fortenberry

East Hoke Middle School
Hoke County Schools

Beth Ammons

Scotland High School
Scotland County Schools



Piedmont-Triad/ Central REGION 5



Leigh Jones

Piedmont-Triad/Central Region Principal of the Year
Dalton L. McMichael High School, Rockingham County Schools

Region 5 – District Winners

Rebecca Royal

South Mebane Elementary School
Alamance-Burlington Schools

Jackie Miller

Southwest Elementary School
Lexington City Schools

Brian Saunders

Guy B. Teachey Elementary School
Asheboro City Schools

Cornelia Brimmer

Pathways Elementary School
Orange County Schools

Precilla Stone

Bartlett Yancey High School
Caswell County Schools

Shayla Holeman

South Elementary School
Person County Schools

Marny Ruben

Seawell Elementary School
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

Jennie Williams

Liberty Elementary School
Randolph County Schools

Chris Blice

Northwood High School
Chatham County Schools

Tony George

West Stokes High School
Stokes County Schools

Christie Weatherly

Reeds Elementary School
Davidson County Schools

Benjie Brown

Liberty Drive Elementary School
Thomasville City Schools

Eric Hines

Early/Middle College at
North Carolina A&T State University
Guilford County Schools

Nora Baker

Jefferson Elementary School
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools





Southwest REGION 6

Lynn Rhymer

Southwest Region Principal of the Year

Central Cabarrus High School, Cabarrus County Schools

Region 6 – District Winners

Julie McSwain

Oakboro Elementary School
Stanly County Schools

Aaron Belcher

Norris S. Childers Elementary School
Lincoln County Schools

Torben Ross

Grier Middle School
Gaston County Schools

Steven Wray

Weddington Middle School
Union County Public Schools

Daron Buckwell

Kannapolis Middle School
Kannapolis City Schools

Aaron Allen

Burns High School
Cleveland County Schools

Tonya Kales

Ashley Park PreK-8 School
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools



Northwest REGION 7



Elizabeth Rosenbalm

Northwest Region Principal of the Year
Conover School, Newton-Conover City Schools

Region 7 – District Winners

Christopher Barnes

Alleghany High School
Alleghany County Schools

Doug Rhoney

Alexander Central High School
Alexander County Schools

David Blackburn

Mountain View Elementary School
Ashe County Schools

Ricky Ward

Avery County Middle School
Avery County Schools

Debbie Jennings

East Burke High School
Burke County Schools

Andrew Puhl

Hudson Elementary School
Caldwell County Schools

Lisa Thompson

Balls Creek Elementary School
Catawba County Schools

Jennifer Custer

North Davie Middle School
Davie County Schools

Thomas Caton

Elkin Elementary School
Elkin City Schools

Ann Stalnaker

Hickory High School
Hickory City Schools

Shonda Hairston

Knollwood Elementary School
Rowan-Salisbury Schools

Neil Atkins

Central Middle School
Surry County Schools

Patrick Sukow

Blowing Rock Elementary School
Watuaga County Schools

Susan Blackburn

Millers Creek Elementary School
Wilkes County Schools

Charles Garrett

Fall Creek Elementary School
Yadkin County Schools





Western REGION 8

Ricky Tipton

Western Region Principal of the Year

East Yancey Middle School, Yancey County Schools

Region 8 – District Winners

Audrey Reneau

Clear Creek Elementary School
Henderson County Schools

Neil Higgins

Sunshine Elementary School
Rutherford County Schools

Kathryn Kantz

Cullowhee Valley School
Jackson County Public Schools

Boyd Shields

Murphy High School
Cherokee County Schools

Jeremy Gibbs

Brevard High School
Transylvania County Schools

Sarah Cain

Ira B. Jones Elementary School
Asheville City Schools

William Bowles

South Macon Elementary School
Macon County Schools

Mark Sale

Swain Middle School
Swain County Schools

Margaret Turner

Charles D. Owen High School
Buncombe County Schools

Nicholas Honeycutt

Mars Hill Elementary School
Madison County Schools

Jeff Haney

Central Haywood High School
Haywood County Schools

Jeffrey Woody

Mitchell High School
Mitchell County Schools



2012 Wells Fargo Regional Principals of the Year



Patrice Faison

2012 Wells Fargo Principal of the Year

Piedmont-Triad/Central • Region 5

Oak Hill Elementary School, Guilford County Schools



Clay Wagner

Northeast • Region 1
Riverside High School
Martin County Schools



Glenn Reed

Southeast • Region 2
Blue Creek
Elementary School
Onslow County Schools



Drew Cook

North Central • Region 3
Garner Magnet
High School
Wake County Schools



Sara Bigley

South Central • Region 4
Pinehurst
Elementary School
Moore County Schools



Hilda Batts

Southwest • Region 6
A.T. Allen School
Cabarrus County
Schools



Kelly Withers

Northwest • Region 7
Jesse Carson
High School
Rowan-Salisbury
School System



Brad Teague

Western • Region 8
East Rutherford
Middle School
Rutherford 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 33 Wells Fargo North Carolina Principals of the Year, 210 regional award recipients, and 2,689 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

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
1996	Mary D. McDuffie	Cumberland County Schools, Seventy-First High
1995	Jo Ann Bowman	Lee County Schools, J. Glenn Edwards Elementary
1994	David C. Burleson	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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— Michael Fullan