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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.

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Northeast 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

Northeast Region Principal of the Year
Chocowinity Middle School, Beaufort County Schools
Southeast Region 2

Wesley Johnson
Southeast Region Principal of the Year
Hobbtom High School, Sampson County Schools

Region 2 – District Winners

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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  
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**Kenneth Branch**  
Brentwood Elementary School  
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**Susan Bullock**  
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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
Region 6 – District Winners

**Lynn Rhymer**  
Southwest Region Principal of the Year  
Central Cabarrus High School, Cabarrus County Schools

**Julie McSwain**  
Oakboro Elementary School  
Stanly County Schools

**Torben Ross**  
Grier Middle School  
Gaston County Schools

**Daron Buckwell**  
Kannapolis Middle School  
Kannapolis City Schools

**Tonya Kales**  
Ashley Park PreK-8 School  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

**Aaron Belcher**  
Norris S. Childers Elementary School  
Lincoln County Schools

**Steven Wray**  
Weddington Middle School  
Union County Public Schools

**Aaron Allen**  
Burns High School  
Cleveland County Schools
Region 7 – District Winners

Christopher Barnes  
Alleghany High School  
Alleghany County Schools

Thomas Caton  
Elkin Elementary School  
Elkin City Schools

Doug Rhoney  
Alexander Central High School  
Alexander County Schools

Ann Stalnaker  
Hickory High School  
Hickory City Schools

David Blackburn  
Mountain View Elementary School  
Ashe County Schools

Shonda Hairston  
Knollwood Elementary School  
Rowan-Salisbury Schools

Ricky Ward  
Avery County Middle School  
Avery County Schools

Neil Atkins  
Central Middle School  
Surry County Schools

Debbie Jennings  
East Burke High School  
Burke County Schools

Patrick Sukow  
Blowing Rock Elementary School  
Watuaga County Schools

Andrew Puhl  
Hudson Elementary School  
Caldwell County Schools

Susan Blackburn  
Millers Creek Elementary School  
Wilkes County Schools

Lisa Thompson  
Balls Creek Elementary School  
Catawba County Schools

Charles Garrett  
Fall Creek Elementary School  
Yadkin County Schools

Jennifer Custer  
North Davie Middle School  
Davie 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
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
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