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# Award Ceremony Agenda

## WELCOME AND GREETINGS

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

**A.L. COLLINS** • Vice Chairman, NC State Board of Education

## INVOCATION

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

## LUNCHEON

## REMARKS

### **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DAN FOREST**

**JUAN AUSTIN** • Senior Vice President, Community Affairs Manager, Wells Fargo

**JENNI WILLIAMS** • Virginia Partnership Director, EF Educational Tours

**TODD DEPPERSCHMIDT** • Regional Sales Manager, Jostens

**DR. CARRIE TULBERT** • 2014 Wells Fargo Principal of the Year

## RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2015 WELLS FARGO PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

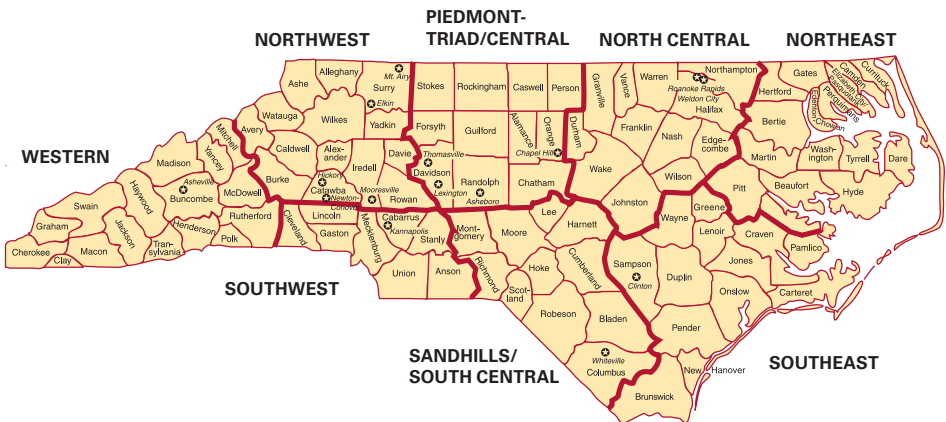
**CARRIE GRAY** • Vice President, Community Affairs Officer, Wells Fargo

## 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 by participating 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.



## **2015 STATE SELECTION COMMITTEE**

### **DR. DENISE MORTON**

Director of Public School Outreach, Hill Center

### **DR. SHIRLEY CARRAWAY**

North Carolina Liaison, Southeast Comprehensive Center

### **PATRICIA FOUST**

Retired Assistant Superintendent, Randolph County Schools

### **ANNA BRADY**

Executive Director, Guilford County Schools

### **DR. YVETTE STEWART**

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

# Northeast REGION 1



**Steve Lassiter, Jr.**  
**Northeast Regional Principal of the Year**  
Pactolus School, Pitt County Schools

## Region 1 – District Winners

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**Marion “Bubs” Carson**

John Cotten Tayloe Elementary  
Beaufort County Schools

**Melissa Fields**

Perquimans Central  
Perquimans County Schools

**Angela Lasher**

Jarvisburg Elementary  
Currituck County Schools

**Timothy Lazar**

Grandy Primary  
Camden County Schools

**Calvin Moore**

Bertie Early College High  
Bertie County Schools

**Serena Paschal**

EJ Hayes Elementary  
Martin County Schools

**Beth Rooks**

Cape Hatteras Secondary  
Dare County Schools

**Sallie Ryan**

Gatesville Elementary  
Gates County Schools

**George Stanton (Stan) Warren**

Ahoskie Elementary  
Hertford County Public Schools

**Cathy Michelle White**

White Oak Elementary  
Edenton-Chowan Schools

**Shawn Wilson**

Pasquotank Elementary  
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools



## **Southeast REGION 2**

### **Dr. Robin Hamilton**

**Southeast Regional Principal of the Year**  
Parsley Elementary, New Hanover County Schools

## **Region 2 – District Winners**

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### **Scott Ballard**

East Duplin High  
Duplin County Schools

### **Kathy Barber**

J. T. Barber Elementary  
Craven County Schools

### **Dr. Christopher M. Barnes**

New Bridge Middle  
Onslow County Schools

### **Dr. Linda Jewell Carr**

Union Elementary  
Sampson County Schools

### **Patrick Greene**

Greene Central High  
Greene County Schools

### **Nicholas Harvey, II**

Lenoir County Early College High  
Lenoir County Public Schools

### **Tammy Keel**

Mount Olive Middle  
Wayne County Schools

### **Dr. Steven L. Miller**

Clinton High  
Clinton City Schools

### **David Moody**

Trenton Elementary  
Jones County Schools

### **Janet Redinger**

Topsail Elementary  
Pender County Schools

### **Vickie Smith**

Union Elementary  
Brunswick County Schools



# North Central REGION 3



## Tonya Williams

North Central Regional Principal of the Year  
Sherwood Githens Middle, Durham Public Schools

## Region 3 – District Winners

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### Michelle Burton

Weldon High  
Weldon City Schools

### Dr. Mark Cockrell

Southern Nash High  
Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools

### Martha Ann Debreaux-Davis

Southeast Halifax High  
Halifax County Schools

### Jewel Eason

Bunn Elementary  
Franklin County Schools

### Michael Ferguson

Manning Elementary  
Roanoke Rapids Graded School District

### Dhedra Lassiter

Rolesville Middle  
Wake County Public School System

### Brian Mathis

Granville Central High  
Granville County Schools

### Renee Mizelle

Vaughan Elementary  
Warren County Schools

### Martha Paige

Squire Elementary  
Northampton County Schools

### Eric Pierce

Western Vance High  
Vance County Schools

### Jamie Stoke

Wilson's Mills Elementary  
Johnston County Schools

### Wendy Sullivan

Wells Elementary  
Wilson County Schools

### Marc Whichard

SouthWest Edgecombe High  
Edgecombe County Schools



## **Sandhills/South Central REGION 4**

### **Kim Robertson**

**Sandhills/South Central Regional Principal of the Year**  
Elizabeth Cashwell Elementary, Cumberland County Schools

## **Region 4 – District Winners**

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### **Susan Cheshire**

Dublin Primary  
Bladen County Schools

### **Marcy Cooper**

West Pine Elementary  
Moore County Schools

### **Jeffrey Greene**

West Columbus High  
Columbus County Schools

### **Silvia Huffer**

Warren Williams Alternative Elementary  
Lee County Schools

### **Donnie Lynthacum**

Candor Elementary  
Montgomery County Schools

### **Colleen Pegram**

SandHoke Early College High  
Hoke County Schools

### **Rick Singletary**

Sycamore Lane Middle  
Scotland County Schools

### **Virginia Taylor**

Boone Trail Elementary  
Harnett County Schools

### **Dawn Terry**

Monroe Avenue Elementary  
Richmond County Schools

### **Antonio Wilkins**

Magnolia Elementary  
Public Schools of Robeson County



# Piedmont-Triad/Central REGION 5



## **Christopher Poston**

**Piedmont-Triad/Central Regional Principal of the Year**  
Pittsboro Elementary, Chatham County Schools

## **Region 5 – District Winners**

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### **Dana Albright-Johnson**

Northeastern Randolph Middle  
Randolph County Schools

### **Chrystal Clayton**

Helena Elementary  
Person County Schools

### **David Ebert**

Eastern Alamance High  
Alamance-Burlington Schools

### **Patricia Gainey**

East Forsyth High  
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools

### **Dr. Shelia Gorham**

Allen Middle  
Guilford County Schools

### **Duane Hensley**

Western Rockingham Middle  
Rockingham County Schools

### **Dr. Angela Moore**

Thomasville Primary  
Thomasville City Schools

### **Paula Owens**

Donna Lee Loflin Elementary  
Asheboro City Schools

### **Jeffrey Rachlin**

New Hope Elementary  
Orange County Schools

### **Steve Reynolds**

Pilot Elementary  
Davidson County Schools

### **Doug Rose**

Sandy Ridge Elementary  
Stokes County Schools

### **Dr. Darlene Ryan**

Glenwood Elementary  
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

### **Gina Spencer**

Pickett Elementary  
Lexington City Schools



## Southwest REGION 6

### **Dr. Adam Auerbach**

**Southwest Regional Principal of the Year**  
Wolf Meadow Elementary, Cabarrus County Schools

## Region 6 – District Winners

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### **Erin Anderson**

Jackson Park Elementary  
Kannapolis City Schools

### **Dr. Janet Anthony**

Grover Elementary  
Cleveland County Schools

### **Heath Belcher**

Lincolnton High  
Lincoln County Schools

### **Rebekah Duncan**

Sadler Elementary  
Gaston County Schools

### **Jametta Martin-Tanner**

Ridge Road Middle  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

### **Dr. Kevin Plue**

Forest Hills High  
Union County Schools

### **Danny Poplin**

West Stanly Middle  
Stanly County Schools

### **Christopher Stinson**

Anson New Tech High  
Anson County Schools

# Northwest REGION 7



**Jeremy Shane Mace**  
**Northwest Regional Principal of the Year**  
East Burke Middle, Burke County Schools

## Region 7 – District Winners

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**Nancy Barkemeyer**

West Rowan Middle  
Rowan-Salisbury School

**Sandra Burchette**

Wilkesboro Elementary  
Wilkes County Schools

**Pamela Colbert**

Elkin Middle  
Elkin City Schools

**Stephanie Dischiavi**

Northview Middle  
Hickory Public Schools

**Tracy Grit**

Banner Elk Elementary  
Avery County Schools

**Callie Grubb**

Blue Ridge Elementary  
Ashe County Schools

**Scottie Houston**

Clyde Campbell Elementary  
Catawba County Schools

**Tim Ivey**

South Iredell High  
Iredell-Statesville Schools

**Jill Logan**

East Bend Elementary  
Yadkin County Schools

**Lynn Marrs**

Mocksville Elementary  
Davie County Schools

**Chad Maynor**

West Alexander Middle  
Alexander County Schools

**Sheila Richardson**

Piney Creek Elementary  
Alleghany County Schools

**Sandra Scott**

Copeland Elementary  
Surry County Schools

**Mary Smalling**

Hardin Park Elementary  
Watauga County Schools

**Carol Sturgis**

Valmead Elementary  
Caldwell County Schools

**Julia Styers**

South Newton Elementary  
Newton-Conover City Schools



## Western REGION 8

### **W. Scott Rhodes**

**Western Regional Principal of the Year**

East Henderson High, Henderson County Public Schools

## Region 8 – District Winners

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### **Stephen Chandler**

Candler Elementary  
Buncombe County Schools

### **Kimberly Dechant**

Claxton Elementary  
Asheville City Schools

### **Jeff Haney**

Central Haywood High  
Haywood County Schools

### **Virginia Haynes**

Andrews High  
Cherokee County Schools

### **Lisa Gosnell**

Madison Middle  
Madison County Schools

### **Kathryn Kantz**

Cullowhee Valley Elementary  
Jackson County Schools

### **Joyce Poplin**

Nebo Elementary  
McDowell County Schools

### **Alton Robinson**

Cane River Middle  
Yancey County Schools

### **Scott Strickler**

Rosman Elementary  
Transylvania County Schools

### **La'Ronda Whiteside**

Chase Middle  
Rutherford County Schools

# 2014 Wells Fargo North Carolina Regional Principals of the Year



**Dr. Carrie Tulbert**  
2014 Wells Fargo Principal of the Year

**NORTHWEST • REGION 7**  
Mooreville Middle, Mooreville Graded School District



**Billie Berry**  
**NORTHEAST • REGION 1**  
Camden County High  
Camden County Schools



**Amy Rickard**  
**PIEDMONT-TRIAD/CENTRAL • REGION 5**  
Morris Grove Elementary  
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools



**Frances Herring**  
**SOUTHEAST • REGION 2**  
Contentnea-Savannah K-8  
Lenoir County Schools



**Brad Breedlove**  
**SOUTHWEST • REGION 6**  
Monroe High  
Union County Schools



**Dr. Larry Webb**  
**NORTH CENTRAL • REGION 3**  
Eaton-Johnson Middle  
Vance County Schools



**Brad Richardson**  
**WESTERN • REGION 8**  
Forest City-Dunbar Elementary  
Rutherford County Schools



**Robin Calcutt**  
**SANDHILLS/SOUTH CENTRAL • REGION 4**  
New Century Middle  
Moore 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 35 Wells Fargo North Carolina Principals of the Year, 224 regional award recipients, and 2,887 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

<b>2014</b>	<b>Dr. Carrie Tulbert</b>	Mooresville Graded School District, Mooresville Middle
<b>2013</b>	<b>Dale Cole</b>	Beaufort County Schools, Chocowinity Middle
<b>2012</b>	<b>Patrice Faison</b>	Guilford County Schools, Oak Hill Elementary
<b>2011</b>	<b>Rob Jackson</b>	Union County Public Schools, Cuthbertson High
<b>2010</b>	<b>Jan King</b>	Henderson County Schools, Glenn C. Marlow Elementary
<b>2009</b>	<b>Vann Pennell</b>	Brunswick County Schools, South Brunswick High
<b>2008</b>	<b>Debra Morris</b>	Kannapolis City Schools, A.L. Brown High
<b>2007</b>	<b>Craig Hill</b>	Lenoir County Schools, Kinston High
<b>2006</b>	<b>Marian Yates</b>	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, South Mecklenburg High
<b>2005</b>	<b>Margaret Hyatt</b>	Buncombe County Schools, Avery's Creek Elementary
<b>2004</b>	<b>John R. Black</b>	Hickory City Schools, Longview Elementary
<b>2003</b>	<b>Nina René Corders</b>	Cumberland County Schools, E.E. Smith High
<b>2002</b>	<b>Lloyd G. Wimberley</b>	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Myers Park High
<b>2001</b>	<b>Peggy Smith</b>	Johnston County Schools, East Clayton Elementary
<b>2000</b>	<b>Gail T. Edmondson</b>	Greene County Schools, Snow Hill Primary
<b>1999</b>	<b>Daniel A. Piggott</b>	Winston-Salem/Forsyth Schools, Carver High
<b>1998</b>	<b>Pandora M. Bell</b>	Guilford County Schools, Jesse Wharton Elementary

*“A leader is one who knows the way,  
goes the way and shows the way.”*

*—John C. Maxwell*

<b>1997</b>	<b>Judith H. Budacz</b>	Pitt County Schools, Wahl-Coates Elementary
<b>1996</b>	<b>Mary D. McDuffie</b>	Cumberland County Schools, Seventy-First High
<b>1995</b>	<b>Jo Ann Bowman</b>	Lee County Schools, J. Glenn Edwards Elementary
<b>1994</b>	<b>David C. Burleson</b>	Burke County Schools, Freedom High
<b>1993</b>	<b>Ann B. Clark</b>	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Alexander Graham Middle
<b>1992</b>	<b>Jane B. Burke</b>	Hertford County Schools, Hertford County High
<b>1991</b>	<b>John M. Schroeder</b>	High Point City Schools, Fairview Elementary
<b>1990</b>	<b>John R. Griffin</b>	Cumberland County Schools, E.E. Smith High
<b>1989</b>	<b>Barbara M. Ledford</b>	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Northeast Jr. High
<b>1988</b>	<b>Dan A. Jones</b>	Guilford County Schools, Erwin Open Elementary
<b>1987*</b>	<b>Karen H. Campbell</b> <b>Dale J. Metz</b>	Buncombe County Schools, W.W. Estes Elementary Greensboro City Schools, Gateway Education Center
<b>1986*</b>	<b>Patricia F. Gibson</b> <b>Janie E. Manning</b>	Newton-Conover City Schools, Newton-Conover Middle Pitt County Schools, Bethel Elementary
<b>1985*</b>	<b>Alice H. Hart</b> <b>Beverly S. White</b>	Buncombe County Schools, Glen Arden Elementary Hickory City Schools, Jenkins Elementary
<b>1984*</b>	<b>Robert A. Clendenin</b> <b>Alexander Erwin</b>	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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