



2015 North Carolina
Teachers of the Year Team



KEANA C. TRIPLETT

Ashe County High School • 9th, 10th, and 12th English



Jami Dickerson

Northeast Region Teacher of the Year

Eastern Elementary, Pitt County Schools

Region 1 – District Winners

Meredith Armstrong – Bearfield Primary, Hertford County Schools
Teresa Blanchard – Perquimans County Middle, Perquimans County Schools
Rae-Ann Daughtry – South Creek High, Martin County Schools
Iris Meekins – Jarvisburg Elementary, Currituck County Schools
Angela Mizelle – Windsor Elementary, Bertie County Schools
Megan Ormond – Beaufort County Early College, Beaufort County Schools
Johnna Purkett – H.L. Trigg Community School, Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools
Summer Ridenour – Pines Elementary, Washington County Schools
Debra Rook – Chowan Middle, Edenton-Chowan Schools
Paige Smith – Mattamuskeet Elementary, Hyde County Schools
Ticia Valentine – Kitty Hawk Elementary, Dare County Schools
Peggy Walston – Gates County High, Gates County Schools



Joshua D. Gaskill

Southeast Region Teacher of the Year

Pamlico County High, Pamlico County Schools

Region 2 – District Winners

Amy Brubaker – Newport Elementary, Carteret County Schools
Allyson Daly – Wayne School of Engineering, Wayne County Schools
Melissa Doyle – Jacksonville Commons Elementary, Onslow County Schools
Megan Fussell – Clement Elementary, Sampson County Schools
Lindsey Hayek – Snow Hill Primary, Greene County Schools
Jacqueline Kiernan-Collins – Maysville Elementary, Jones County Schools
April Kinlaw – North Topsail Elementary, Pender County Schools
Meredith Kokoski – Laney High, New Hanover County Schools
Keith Neal – Kinston High, Lenoir County Schools
Nicole Rose – North Duplin Elementary, Duplin County Schools
Kimberly Scott – Trent Park Elementary, Craven County Schools
Kayce Smith – South Brunswick Middle, Brunswick County Schools
Judith Taylor – L.C. Kerr School, Clinton City Schools



Jeremy C. Tucker

North Central Region Teacher of the Year

James B. Hunt High, Wilson County Schools

Region 3 – District Winners

Jaime Adams – Franklin County Early College, Franklin County Schools
Angie Dorovic – Winstead Avenue Elementary, Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools
Alison Edwards – The School for Creative Studies, Durham Public Schools
Jennifer Friend – Enfield Middle, Halifax County Schools
Kenya Grant – Weldon High, Weldon City Schools
Valerie Henley – W. L. Manning Elementary, Roanoke Rapids Graded School District
Susan Herrin – South Edgecombe Middle, Edgecombe County Schools
Ethel Hunter – Eaton-Johnson Middle, Vance County Schools
Victoria Lehman – Warren County High, Warren County Schools
India Martin – Gaston Middle, Northampton County Schools
Allison Reid – Heritage High, Wake County Public School System
Brandon Roeder – Creedmoor Elementary, Granville County Schools
Emily Westbrook – West Johnston High, Johnston County Schools



Mariel Barker Sellers

Sandhills/South Central Region Teacher of the Year

East Columbus High, Columbus County Schools

Region 4 – District Winners

James Burney – Fairmont Middle, Public Schools of Robeson County
Margaret (“Meg”) Demolet – Pinehurst Elementary, Moore County Schools
Myra Dunham – John Griffin Middle, Cumberland County Schools
Elisabeth Harrell – Sycamore Lane Middle, Scotland County Schools
Charlene Little – Candor Elementary, Montgomery County Schools
Jeffrey Loewen – Overhills High, Harnett County Schools
Jennifer O’Neal – Ellerbe Middle, Richmond County Schools
Joanna Perkins – Southern Lee High, Lee County Schools
Sabrina Sasser – Dublin Primary, Bladen County Schools
Mandy Smith – Central Middle, Whiteville City Schools
Veronica Sturdivant – Hoke County High, Hoke County Schools



JoAnna Massoth

Piedmont-Triad/Central Region Teacher of the Year

Chatham Middle, Chatham County Schools

Region 5 – District Winners

Christopher (Chris) Burian – North Asheboro Middle, Asheboro City Schools
Justin Burton – Eastern Randolph High, Randolph County Schools
Eileen Cirincione – Fairview Elementary, Guilford County Schools
Nora Davis – Chestnut Grove Middle, Stokes County Schools
Kathy Edminson – Central Davidson High, Davidson County Schools
Jeffrey Faulkner – C.W. Stanford Middle, Orange County Schools
Kimberly Fearrington – Northside Elementary, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
Lynsey Hubbard – Stories Creek Elementary, Person County Schools
Rhonda Jumper – Lincoln Elementary, Rockingham County Schools
Malinda Mitchell – Oakwood Elementary, Caswell County Schools
Amy Pantano – Kernersville Elementary, Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools
Madison Prevatte – Charles England Elementary, Lexington City Schools
Lyza Royal – Thomasville High, Thomasville City Schools
Aeron Sizemore – Hugh M. Cummings High, Alamance-Burlington Schools



Jennifer Whitley

Southwest Region Teacher of the Year

Forest Hills High, Union County Public Schools

Region 6 – District Winners

Chad Beam – Shelby High, Cleveland County Schools
Jessica Conklin – Ansonville Elementary, Anson County Schools
Lindsay Cooney – Kannapolis Intermediate, Kannapolis City Schools
Deborah Cornwell – West Lincoln High, Lincoln County Schools
Karla Endemann – Chapel Grove Elementary, Gaston County Schools
Allison Hahn – Central Cabarrus High, Cabarrus County Schools
Amanda Roark – North Stanly Middle, Stanly County Schools
Lecia Shockley – Selwyn Elementary, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools



Keana C. Triplett

Northwest Region Teacher of the Year

Ashe County High, Ashe County Schools

Region 7 – District Winners

Mark Beuter – Forbush High, Yadkin County Schools
Kelly Bryant – Hibriten High, Caldwell County Schools
Angela Burgess – East Iredell Elementary, Iredell-Statesville Schools
Christy Buff – South Newton Elementary, Newton-Conover City Schools
Dena Cave – Surry Central High, Surry County Schools
Jody Cohen – Mooresville Intermediate, Mooresville Graded School District
Levi Goins – Mount Airy High, Mount Airy City Schools
Cameron Grace – Hickory High, Hickory Public Schools
Jessica Jones – Freedom Trail Elementary, Avery County Schools
Jeana Link – Bunker Hill High, Catawba County Schools
Renee Shatley – Jimmy C Draughn High, Burke County Schools
Mary Shepherd – Elkin Elementary, Elkin City Schools
Amy Stokes – Cooleemee Elementary, Davie County Schools
Matt Taylor – Alexander Central High, Alexander County Schools
Mary Kent Whitaker – Watauga High, Watauga County Schools



Randy Pressley

Western Region Teacher of the Year

Tuscola High, Haywood County Schools

Region 8 – District Winners

Missy Caldwell – Brush Creek Elementary, Madison County Schools
Melissa Elliott – Eastfield Global Magnet, McDowell County Schools
Michael Henderson – Chase High, Rutherford County Schools
Donna Hickman – Bowman Middle, Mitchell County Schools
Delaney Holloway – South Macon Elementary, Macon County Schools
Karen Lail – Robbinsville High, Graham County Schools
Jennifer Lugiewicz – Murphy Elementary, Cherokee County Schools
Eleanor Macaulay – Fairview School, Jackson County Schools
Alana Marshall – Rosman High, Transylvania County Schools
Sloan Neuburger – North Henderson High, Henderson County Public Schools
Robert Pettis – Polk County Middle, Polk County Schools
Nicole Phelps – Charles D. Owen Middle, Buncombe County Schools
Heather Plemmons – Hayesville Middle, Clay County Schools
Dawn Proffitt – East Yancey Middle, Yancey County Schools
Megan Sanchez – Vance Elementary, Asheville City Schools
Karen Williams-Lanning – Swain County High, Swain County Schools



Elizabeth Anne Padgett

Charter Schools Teacher of the Year

Lake Norman Charter, Huntersville, NC

Charter Schools – District Winners

Karen Ainsworth – Community Charter School, Charlotte, NC
Dale Bunch – Chatham Charter School, Siler City, NC
Marisa Harley – Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School, Hollister, NC
Rebecca Harris – Uwharrie Charter Academy, Asheboro, NC
Kay Hester – Bear Grass Charter School, Williamston, NC
Jennifer Hinton – East Wake Academy, Zebulon, NC
Gina Lunsford – Roxboro Community School, Roxboro, NC
Melanie McCord – Kestrel Heights Charter School, Durham, NC
Katherine Midkiff – Voyager Academy, Durham, NC
Nicole Outlaw – Bethel Hill Charter School, Roxboro, NC
Lynn Player – Evergreen Community Charter School, Asheville, NC
Lyndsey Simpson – Union Academy, Monroe, NC
Elizabeth Stewart – Socrates Academy, Matthews, NC
Katie Willard – Charter Day School, Leland, NC



Jessica Ludders

2015 NC Virtual Public Schools Teacher of the Year

NC Virtual Public Schools, English 2 Honors and Journalism

NC Virtual Public Schools – NCVPS Finalists

Douglas Lloyd – Art
Karen Mach – Credit Recovery English
Lydia Richmond – Credit Recovery English
Darlene Schaefer – English
Cara Ward – OCS History



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