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# North Carolina Teacher of the Year

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

**WILLIAM COBEY** • Chairman, North Carolina State Board of Education

## INVOCATION

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

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The Center for International Understanding

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**JAMES E. FORD** • 2014 NC Teacher of the Year

## RECOGNITION OF REGIONAL CANDIDATES

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

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**DR. JUNE ATKINSON** • North Carolina State Superintendent  
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

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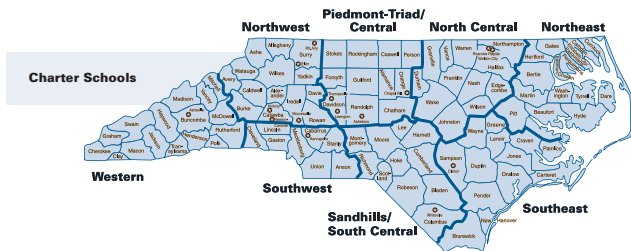
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# NC Teacher of the Year Program

Since 1970, North Carolina has participated in the North Carolina Teacher of the Year 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. First, individuals are chosen to represent their respective schools as Teacher of the Year, then they advance to compete at the district level. Once the district selections have been made, the winners vie as one of the state's nine Regional Teachers of the Year. This selection process is facilitated in each region by Regional Education Facilitators representing the Educator Effectiveness Division at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Similarly, individual charter schools nominate Teachers of the Year who participate in a selection process facilitated by the Office of Charter Schools at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Charter Schools are clustered together to form the ninth region of the state. After the district and charter school nomination processes are completed, the Charter School Teacher of the Year joins the Regional Teachers of the Year team as a finalist for the state Teacher of the Year.

Selection of 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.



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## 2015 Teacher of the Year State Selection Committee

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- Patricia Foust** • Retired Assistant Superintendent • Randolph County Schools
- Mark Jewell** • Vice President • North Carolina Association of Educators
- Dr. Richard Thompson** • Executive Director • North Carolina Center for Advancement of Teaching
- Jo Ann Norris** • Former Executive Director • Public School Forum
- Ex-Officio – Dr. Yvette Stewart** • Assistant Director, Educator Effectiveness • NCDPI



## Northeast REGION 1

### **Jami Dickerson**

**Northeast Region Teacher of the Year**  
Eastern Elementary, Pitt County Schools

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## Region 1 – District Winners

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### **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



## **Southeast** REGION 2

### **Joshua D. Gaskill**

**Southeast Region Teacher of the Year**  
Pamlico County High, Pamlico County Schools

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## **Region 2 – District Winners**

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### **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



## North Central REGION 3

**Jeremy C. Tucker**

**North Central Region Teacher of the Year**  
James B. Hunt High, Wilson County Schools

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### Region 3 – District Winners

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**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



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

### **Mariel Barker Sellers**

**Sandhills/South Central Region Teacher of the Year**  
East Columbus High, Columbus County Schools

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## **Region 4 – District Winners**

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### **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





## **Piedmont-Triad/Central** REGION 5

**JoAnna Massoth**

**Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year**  
Chatham Middle, Chatham County Schools

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### **Region 5 – District Winners**

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**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 Fearington**

Northside Elementary  
Chapel Hill-Carrboro County 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



## **Southwest** REGION 6

### **Jennifer Whitley**

**Southwest Region Teacher of the Year**  
Forest Hills High, Union County Public Schools

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## **Region 6 – District Winners**

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### **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



## Northwest REGION 7

**Keana C. Triplett**

**Northwest Region Teacher of the Year**

Ashe County High, Ashe County Schools

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### Region 7 – District Winners

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**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 County Schools

**Dena Cave**

Surry Central High  
Surry County Schools

**Jody Cohen**

Mooreville Intermediate  
Mooreville

**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 County Schools

**Amy Stokes**

Cooleemee Elementary  
Davie County Schools

**Matt Taylor**

Alexander Central High  
Alexander County Schools

**Mary Kent Whitaker**

Watauga High  
Watauga County Schools



## Western REGION 8

### **Randy Pressley**

**Western Region Teacher of the Year**

Tuscola High, Haywood County Schools

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## Region 8 – District Winners

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### **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

### **Beverly 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



## Charter Schools

### **Elizabeth Anne Padgett**

**Charter Schools Teacher of the Year**

Lake Norman Charter, Huntersville, NC

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### Charter School – District Winners

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#### **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

# 2014 North Carolina Regional Teachers of the Year



**James E. Ford**

2014 Burroughs Wellcome Fund  
North Carolina Teacher of the Year

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools



**Charlene Evans**

Northeast Region  
Washington County Schools



**Melissa Gillespie**

Southeast Region  
New Hanover County Schools



**Rhonda Holmes**

North Central Region  
Northampton County Schools



**Everlene Davis**

Sandhills/South Central Region  
Columbus County Schools



**Kathy Saunders**

Piedmont-Triad Region  
Asheboro City Schools



**Alex Reynolds**

Northwest Region  
Rowan-Salisbury Schools



**Melissa Faetz**

Western Region  
Macon County Schools



**Chris Weaver**

Charter Schools  
Asheville, NC

# Past TOY Winners

- 2014 **James E. Ford**, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, World History, High School
- 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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influence stops”* – HENRY ADAMS

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