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## **Award Ceremony**

### Welcome and Greetings

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

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

#### Invocation

DR. CYNTHIA M. MARTIN • Professional Development Leadership Coordinator Educator Effectiveness, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

#### Luncheon

#### Remarks

#### THE HONORABLE DAN FOREST, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA

ALFRED MAYS • Program Officer, Burroughs Wellcome Fund

DR. RICK VAN SANT • Executive Director, Go Global NC

JOSH BURKE • Field Account Executive Southeast Region Public Sector, Lenovo

**DERECK WHITTENBURG** • Associate Athletic Director for Community Relations and Student Support, NC State Athletics

BOBBIE J. CAVNAR • 2016 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year

#### Recognition of Regional Candidates

DR. MARIA PITRE-MARTIN • Chief Academic and Digital Learning Officer
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

#### Special Remarks

THE HONORABLE ROY A. COOPER III, GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### Announcement of 2017 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year

**MARK JOHNSON** • North Carolina Superintendent North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

#### Closing and Adjournment

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





## **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 outstanding teachers at the school, local, regional, and state levels. First, individuals are chosen to represent their respective schools as Teacher of the Year, then they advance to compete at the district level. Similarly, individual charter schools nominate Teachers of the Year who participate in a selection process facilitated by the Office of Charter Schools. 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 eight Regional Teachers of the Year as a finalist for state Teacher 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.







Naming 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.

Patricia Foust • Retired Assistant Superintendent • Randolph County Schools

Dr. Angela Hinson Quick • Senior Education Researcher/Director School Services •

RTI International

Mark Jewell • President • North Carolina Association of Educators

JoAnn Norris • Former Executive Director • Public School Forum

Dr. Yvette Stewart-Mackey, Ex Officio Member • Assistant Director •

Educator Effectiveness • North Carolina Department of Public Instruction







### **Amy Parker**

#### **Northeast Region Teacher of the Year**

Hertford Grammar | Perquimans County Schools

- 5th Grade Teacher, Math and Social Studies
- 29 years teaching experience
- East Carolina University MA
- Trevecca Nazarene University BS
- National Board Certified Teacher
- Mentor Teacher
- Student Teacher Supervisor, Elizabeth City State University



## = Northeast Region Winners =



#### Katherine Alligood

Beaufort County Early College High Beaufort County Schools

#### **Margaret Ambrose**

Creswell Elementary Washington County Schools

#### **Iben Bogues**

T. S. Cooper Elementary Gates County Schools

#### LaDonna Booker

Weldon Middle Weldon City Schools

#### **Catina Byrum**

White Oak Elementary Edenton-Chowan Schools

#### **Sandra Carawan**

Mattamuskeet Early College High Hyde County Schools

#### **Geannine Chlomoudis**

Willis Hare Elementary Northampton County Schools

#### **Laura Daniels**

Nags Head Elementary Dare County Schools

#### **Rachel Foy**

Camden Intermediate
Camden County Schools

#### Jennifer James

Northeastern High Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools

#### Jeanne Johnson

Belmont Elementary Roanoke Rapids Graded School District

#### **Shauna Jones**

Southeast Halifax High Halifax County Schools

#### Erin Kessel

Creekside Elementary Pitt County Schools

#### **Christi Rogerson**

Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology & Agriscience

#### Michale Siverio

Bearfield Primary Hertford County Public Schools

#### Latonya Square

Colerain Elementary Bertie County Schools

#### Jaye Weeks-Hughes

South Creek High Martin County Schools







## **Lisa Godwin**Southeast Region Teacher of the Year

Dixon Elementary | Onslow County Schools

- Kindergarten Teacher
- 19 years teaching experience
- University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill MSA
- St. Andrews Presbyterian College BA
- Member, Onslow County Schools Superintendent's Advisory Committee
- Member, Every Student Succeeds Act Committee
- Mentor Teacher



## Southeast Region Winners =



#### **Christy Bishop**

Rocky Point Elementary Pender County Schools

#### **Jennifer Cochran**

Rosewood High Wayne County Public Schools

#### **Natalie Cook**

Snow Hill Primary Greene County Schools

#### **Elizabeth Harwick**

Fred A. Anderson Elementary Pamlico County Schools

#### **Brittany Hellriegel**

Croatan High
Carteret County Public School System

#### **Airiel Hudson**

Maysville Elementary Jones County Schools

#### Michelle Sharpe

Shallotte Middle Brunswick County Schools

#### **Alicia Stanley**

Northwest Elementary Lenoir County Schools

#### Daphne Vann

Kenansville Elementary Duplin County Schools

#### **Christopher Walters**

Parsley Elementary New Hanover County Schools

#### **Christy Wilson**

Ben D. Quinn Elementary Craven County Schools







#### Miles Macleod

#### **North Central Region Teacher of the Year**

Heritage High | Wake County Public School System

- 9-12 Teacher, English and Global Studies
- 8 years teaching experience
- Salisbury University BA
- Coach, Heritage High Speech and Debate Team
- Summer Institute Presenter, Argumentation in the English Classroom, Moving Toward 21st Century Assessment
- Creator, The English Academy, to assist traditionally struggling English students



## = North Central Region Winners =



#### Shelley Armour

Southwest Edgecombe High Edgecombe County Schools

#### Alexis Benitez

Mary Potter Middle Granville County Public Schools

#### Justine Daniel

Githens Middle
Durham Public Schools

#### **Danielle Greene**

Helena Elementary Person County Schools

#### Jessica Grinnell

Grey Culbreth Middle Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

#### **Laura Hines**

Corinth-Holders Elementary Johnston County Schools

#### **Devin Hocutt**

Harnett Central High Harnett County Schools

#### **Brandon Morehouse**

Deep River Elementary Lee County Schools

#### Wendi Pillars

Jordan-Matthews High Chatham County Schools

#### Claire Roehl

Edward Best Elementary Franklin County Schools

#### **Katherine Shealy**

Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf Department of Public Instruction

#### Tomeka Sidberry

South Warren Elementary Warren County Schools

#### Linwood Swann

Eaton Johnson Middle Vance County Schools

#### **Renny Taylor**

Nash Central High Nash Rocky Mount Schools

#### **Betti Hope Whitley**

Stantonsburg Elementary Wilson County Schools

#### **Keith Yow**

Cedar Ridge High Orange County Schools







#### **Juandalynn Ray**

#### Sandhills Region Teacher of the Year

Sampson Middle | Clinton City Schools

- 6-7 Teacher, English Language Arts
- 17 years teaching experience
- Grand Canyon University MA
- Elon University BA
- North Carolina Teaching Fellow
- Lead Mentor
- Department Chair
- School Improvement Chair



## Sandhills Region Winners



#### **Kelly Cheek**

Scotland High Scotland County Schools

#### **Samuel Dowels**

Hoke County High Hoke County Schools

#### James Goins, III

St. Pauls High Public Schools of Robeson County

#### **Todd McCabe**

John Griffin Middle Cumberland County Schools

#### Katherine McLam

Whiteville Primary
Whiteville City Schools

#### Ann Petersen

Pinecrest High Moore County Schools

#### **Jimmy Price**

Nakina Middle/Williams Township Columbus County Schools

#### **Brent Rivenbark**

Hobbton Elementary Sampson County Schools

#### Lakresha Sibley

Hamlet Middle Richmond County Schools

#### **Crystal Thomas**

Candor Elementary Montgomery County Schools

#### **Chervl West**

East Bladen High Bladen County Schools







## Adam Reeder Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year

Asheboro High | Asheboro City Schools

- 9-12 Teacher, Mathematics
- 17 years teaching experience
- Appalachian State University MA
- North Carolina State University BS
- National Board Certified Teacher
- North Carolina Teaching Fellow
- Facilitator, math professional development district-wide
- · Department Chair



## = Piedmont-Triad Region Winners =



#### **Brooke Barham**

Trindale Elementary Randolph County School System

#### **Cary Lee Cumbo**

Oakwood Elementary Caswell County Schools

#### **Allyson Edwards**

Morehead High Rockingham County Schools

#### **Alicia Gentry**

Elkin Elementary Elkin City Schools

#### Krista Hannah

Ferndale Middle Guilford County Schools

#### Jordan Hohm

Broadview Middle Alamance-Burlington School System

#### Jordan Hohm

Broadview Middle Alamance-Burlington School System

#### **Jacob Hoots**

Forbush High Yadkin County Schools

#### Mason Midkiff

Surry Central High Surry County Schools

#### Juan Ortiz

Thomasville Primary
Thomasville City Schools

#### **Aysha Sayrd Price**

Stokes Early College High Stokes County Schools

#### Kelli Rapp

Friedberg Elementary
Davidson County Schools

#### **Amanda Robertson**

J.J Jones Intermediate
Mount Airy City Schools

#### Fernando Solano Valverde

South Lexington Lexington City Schools

#### Kolleen Sullivan

Shady Grove Elementary Davie County Schools

#### **Allison Weavil**

East Forsyth High Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools







## **Anthony Johnson, Jr.**Southwest Region Teacher of the Year

Isenberg Elementary | Rowan-Salisbury Schools

- 4-5 Teacher, Science and Social Studies
- 14 years teaching experience
- Livingstone College BA
- Winner, 2017 Elizabeth Duncan Koontz Humanitarian Award
- TED-Ed Innovative Educator, 2016
- Apple Distinguished Educator
- Author (2017), How PBL Transforms the Classroom into the "Real World"



## Southwest Region Winners =



#### **Brittany Banks**

Shady Brook Elementary Kannapolis City Schools

#### **Elizabeth Crosby**

McAdenville Elementary Gaston County Schools

#### **Monica Davis**

Anson High Anson County Schools

#### **Astrid Emily Francis**

W.M. Irvin Elementary Cabarrus County Schools

#### Samantha Harris

N.B. Mills Elementary Iredell-Statesville Schools

#### **Lindsay Knippenberg**

Mooresville High Mooresville Graded School District

#### **Shelley McConnell**

Union Elementary Lincoln County Schools

#### Carla McSwain

South Stanly High Stanly County Schools

#### **David Reed**

Kings Mountain Intermediate Cleveland County Schools

#### **Jodi Robinson**

Unionville Elementary Union County Public Schools

#### Jordan Todd

Statesville Road Elementary Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools







## Carrie Franklin Northwest Region Teacher of the Year

Glenwood Elementary | McDowell County Schools

- K-2 Teacher
- 14 years teaching experience
- Appalachian State University BS
- North Carolina Teaching Fellow
- Trainer, Foundations of Reading; RTI
- Spanish Translator
- Member, Superintendent Council



## Northwest Region Winners



#### **Peter Bobbe**

Mountain Heritage High Yancey County Schools

#### **Leigh Ann Dixon**

Sparta Elementary Alleghany County Schools

#### **Rhonda Franklin**

Deyton Elementary Mitchell County Schools

#### **Erica Greer**

Jenkins Elementary Hickory Public Schools

#### Dr. Jodi Grubb

Ashe County Middle
Ashe County Schools

#### **Tracy Heape**

Oak Hill Elementary Burke County Schools

#### Jennifer Jurney

Granite Falls Elementary Caldwell County Schools

#### **Missy Lyons**

Avery County High Avery County Schools

#### **Belinda Marino**

Moravian Falls Elementary Wilkes County Schools

#### Rodnev Pvatte II

Saint Stephens Elementary Catawba County Schools

#### Meshia Russell

East Alexander Middle
Alexander County Schools

#### **Martha Trimble**

Blowing Rock Elementary Watauga County Schools







#### **Leslie Schoof**

#### Western Region Teacher of the Year

Madison Early College High | Madison County Schools

- 9-12 Teacher, Biology and Physical Science
- 18 years teaching experience
- Western Carolina University MA
- UNC-Asheville BA
- North Carolina Teaching Fellow
- Student Teacher Supervisor, Mars Hill University
- Reviewer/Co-Author, science textbook published by MPS North America, LLC.



## Western Region Winners



#### Elena Barnwell

Hendersonville Elementary Henderson County Public Schools

#### **Catherine Belair**

Valley Springs Middle Buncombe County Schools

#### Kristi Clark

Pisgah Forest Elementary Transylvania County Schools

#### **Pauletta Clark**

Iotla Valley Elementary Macon County Schools

#### Jon Ezell

Polk County High
Polk County Schools

#### Jennifer Gibson

Hayesville High Clay County Schools

#### **Cindy Mathews**

Swain Middle Swain County Schools

#### **Shanna Mustin**

Andrews High Cherokee County Schools

#### **Jeffrey Pope**

Smoky Mountain High Jackson County Public Schools

#### Nanette Renegar

Clyde Elementary Haywood County Schools

#### **Ariel Robinson**

School of Inquiry & Life Sciences Asheville City Schools

#### Jov VanDvke

Forest City-Dunbar Elementary Rutherford County Schools

#### **Crystal White**

Robbinsville High Graham County Schools







#### **Deborah Brown**

#### **Charter Schools Teacher of the Year**

Research Triangle High | Research Triangle Park, NC

- 9-12 Teacher, English Language Arts
- 29 years teaching experience
- Syracuse University MA
- State University of NY at Oneonta BS
- National Board Certified Teacher
- Governor's Teacher Network, The Efficacy of Using a Flipped Model in the High School Language Arts Classroom



### Charter School Winners



#### **Jason Carter**

**Evergreen Community Charter** 

#### **Ashlev Cole**

**Bethel Hill Charter** 

#### **Tara Culbertson**

Piedmont Classical High

#### **Margaret Dalpe**

Union Academy Charter

#### **Heather Davenport**

Bear Grass Charter

#### **Gerard Falls**

The Capitol Encore Academy

#### **Lorraine Fischer**

Socrates Academy

#### **Stephanie Fisher**

Charter Day

#### **Lorraine Fortkort**

Lincoln Charter

#### **Christian Gloade**

Voyager Academy

#### Allison Goldman

Maureen Joy Charter

#### **Tracy Holcombe**

Falls Lake Academy

#### **Matthew Hubacher**

Pine Lake Preparatory

#### Dede Keasler

ArtSpace Charter

#### Karri Melton

Clover Garden

#### **Tracy Miller**

Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

#### Meridith Mitchell

IC Imagine

#### Kristi Nemec

Mountain Island Charter

#### **Rob Orrill**

American Renaissance

#### **Carrie Ragland**

Neuse Charter

#### **Debra Rook**

Northeast Academy for Aerospace and

Advanced Technologies

#### **Kara Root**

Chatham Charter

#### Taro Shigenobu

Henderson Collegiate Middle

#### **Jody Smith**

Uwharrie Charter Academy

#### **Allyson Sutton**

East Wake Academy

#### **Stacey Whitlow**

Roxboro Community



Community

## 2016 North Carolina Regional Teachers of the Year



Bobbie J. Cavnar

2016 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year

Southwest • Region 6
South Point High • Gaston County Schools



Marie Smith

Northeast Region

Northampton County Schools



Katie Snyder Southeast Region New Hanover County Schools



Margaret C. McNeill North Central Region Harnett County Schools



Olivia W. Hall Sandhills Region Sampson County Schools



Kevin Scharen
Piedmont-Triad Region
Alamance-Burlington School System



Leah Hayes
Northwest Region
Newton-Conover City Schools



Angel Ledbetter
Western Region
Rutherford County Schools



Charter Schools Huntersville, NC





## **Past TOY Winners**

- 2016 Bobbie J. Cavnar, Gaston County Schools, English and Journalism, High School
- 2015 Keana C. Triplett, Ashe County Schools, English, High School
- 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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- JOY J. GOLLIVER -



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