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Award Ceremony

Mistress of Ceremony

DR. CYNTHIA M. MARTIN • State Recognition Committee Chair
Educator Support Services, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Welcome and Greetings

DR. NANCY BARBOUR • Director, Educator Support Services
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
DR. OLIVIA OXENDINE • Sandhills Education Region, State Board of Education

Inspirational Moment

DR. JAMES ELLERBE • District Support Lead, Educator Support Services
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

— *LUNCHEON* —

Remarks

THE HONORABLE DAN FOREST • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA
ALFRED MAYS • Program Officer, Burroughs Wellcome Fund
MEREDITH HENDERSON • Senior Director of Programs, Go Global NC
MILANKA MUECKE • Director of PR, Events & Community Relations, Lenovo
RYAN KINDT • Director of Ticket Sales, NC State Athletics

Special Remarks

LISA GODWIN • 2017 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year
THE HONORABLE ROY A. COOPER III • GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA

— *VIDEO PRESENTATION* —

Recognition of Regional Candidates

DR. MARIA PITRE-MARTIN • Deputy State Superintendent
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Announcement of 2018 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year

MARK JOHNSON • State Superintendent
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Closing and Adjournment

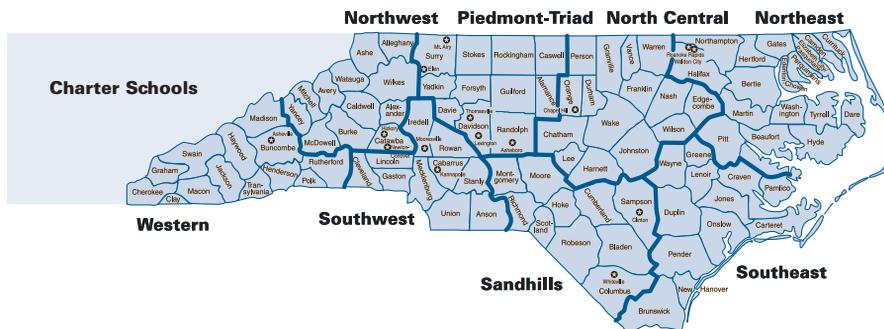
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Photos immediately following ceremony on terrace for finalists and sponsors

NC Teacher of the Year Program

Since 1970, North Carolina has recognized outstanding teachers through the Teacher of the Year program. The mission of the North Carolina Teacher of the Year Program is to promote the profession through advocacy and support while recognizing quality teaching professionals implementing best practices within classrooms across North Carolina. 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 Support Services Division at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.



2018 Teacher of the Year State Selection Committee

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

Henry Pankey • Author & Retired Principal, Durham Public Schools

Dr. Rebecca Garland • Retired Deputy State Superintendent,
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Dr. Sonja Brown • National Board Certification Coordinator,
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Dr. Cynthia M. Martin, Ex Officio Member • State Recognition Chair,
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction



Kaley Kiffner

Northeast Region Teacher of the Year

Perquimans County Middle | Perquimans County Schools

- 8th Grade Science Teacher
- 5 years teaching experience
- University of Central Florida – (BS)
- Mentor to Beginning Teachers
- East Carolina University – Supervising Teacher
- Science Department Chair

Northeast Region Winners

Rachel Benton

Central Elementary
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools

Chrissy Biggs

Creswell Elementary
Washington County Schools

Katherine Blanchard

Nags Head Elementary
Dare County Schools

Sarah Delph

Riverside Middle
Martin County Schools

Shane Dongilli

Scotland Neck Elementary Leadership Academy
Halifax County Schools

Mary Durham

Belmont Elementary
Roanoke Rapids Graded Schools

Kathryn Eure

Central Middle
Gates County Schools

Holly King

Currituck County High
Currituck County Schools

Julia Lequin

CS Brown STEM High
Hertford County Public Schools

Tricia Lewis

D.F. Walker Elementary
Edenton-Chowan Schools

Corey Odom

Weldon Middle
Weldon City Schools

Ginny Paul

Northeast Regional School
of Biotechnology & Agriscience

Tabitha Roberson

Beaufort County Early College High
Beaufort County Schools

Paige Ruland

Gaston Elementary
Northampton County Schools

Elizabeth Sanderson

Hope Middle
Pitt County Schools

Melody Williams

Mattamuskeet Early College High
Hyde County Schools



Cameron Gupton

Southeast Region Teacher of the Year

Greene Early College High | Greene County Schools

- 10th-11th Grade American History Teacher
- 4 years teaching experience
- East Carolina University (BS and BA)
- NC Teaching Fellow
- NC TOPS Item Writer and Constructed Response Scorer
- Consultant to Beginning Teachers

Southeast Region Winners

Dr. Erica Edwards

Kenansville Elementary
Duplin County Schools

Rachel Gorton

Pamlico County High
Pamlico County Schools

Angela Hewett

Eugene Ashley High
New Hanover County Schools

Maria Johnson

Banks Elementary
Lenoir County Public Schools

Morgan Long

Morehead City Middle
Carteret County Public Schools

Nicole Martin

Northside High
Onslow County Schools

Carolynn Phillips

Leland Middle
Brunswick County Schools

Joanne Nelson

Pollocksville Elementary
Jones County Public Schools

Lori Sugg

Grover C. Fields Middle
Craven County Schools

Miranda Wells

Topsail High
Pender County Schools

Emily West

Meadow Lane Elementary
Wayne County Public Schools



Kedecia Anecia Stewart

North Central Region Teacher of the Year

Pinkston Street Elementary | Vance County Schools

- 4th-5th Grade Mathematics Teacher
- 13 years teaching experience
- Florida International University (MS)
- International University of the Caribbean (Bachelors of Education)
- Founder/Director of Pinkston Street Pan Dancers
- Vance County Arts Council Board Member

North Central Region Winners

Casey Avent

Western Harnett High
Harnett County Schools

Rita Batts

Tarboro High
Edgecombe County Public Schools

Lauren Boening

Morris Grove Elementary
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

Jordan Chaney

B.T. Bullock Elementary
Lee County Schools

Ellen Crayton

Horton Middle
Chatham County Schools

Patricia Edmondson

Rocky Mount Middle
Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools

Amanda Evans

New Hope Elementary
Wilson County Schools

Betsy Graves

Needham B. Broughton Magnet High
Wake County Public Schools

David Jennings

Franklinton High
Franklin County Schools

Kirtina Jones

RN Harris Integrated Arts and Core
Knowledge Magnet
Durham Public Schools

Angela Mangum

Tar River Elementary
Granville County Public Schools

Anne Nelson

Northern Middle
Person County Schools

Randi Pakula

Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf

Shannon Snipes

Selma Middle
Johnston County Public Schools

Christopher Walker

Hillsborough Elementary
Orange County Schools

Michael A. Williams

Warren New Tech High
Warren County Schools



Lindsey Sise
Sandhills Region Teacher of the Year
West Hoke Middle | Hoke County Schools

- 7th Grade Science Teacher
- 10 years teaching experience
- Walden University (MS.Ed.)
- Shippensburg University (BS)
- Beginning Teacher Mentor
- 2007 Innovative Teacher in North Carolina

Sandhills Region Winners

Cathy Ammons
Sampson Middle
Clinton City Schools

Kelley Hensley
East Middle
Montgomery County Schools

Randi Kaye Honeycutt
Roseboro Elementary
Sampson County Schools

Katherine Hyatt
Edgewood Elementary
Whiteville City Schools

Lori Locklear
Fairgrove Middle
Public Schools of Robeson County

Lauren Lutz
Rockingham Middle
Richmond County Schools

Fred Mason
Columbus Career & College Academy
Columbus County Schools

Patsy Ann Moffat
Elizabethtown Middle
Bladen County Schools

Sharon Murphy
Southern Middle
Moore County Schools

Leslie Seals
Rockfish Elementary
Cumberland County Schools

Monica Whitehead
Scotland High
Scotland County Schools



Freebird McKinney

Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year

Walter Williams High | Alamance-Burlington Schools

- 9th-12th Grade History/Philosophy Teacher
- 13 years teaching experience
- UNC-Greensboro (M.Ed.; BA)
- UNC-Chapel Hill (BA)
- Elon University – Adjunct Professor and Cooperating Teacher
- Director/Teacher Leader for Dustin's Greenhouse Service Learning Organization

Piedmont-Triad Region Winners

Patti Bobbitt

B.H. Tharrington Primary
Mount Airy City Schools

Teresa Carter

Cooleemee Elementary
Davie County Schools

Joshua Fuqua

N. L. Dillard Middle
Caswell County Schools

Shanda Hamm

GTCC Middle College at Greensboro
Guilford County Schools

Jennie Hawk

Prince Ibrahim Elementary
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools

Kyle Hunter

Rockingham Early College High
Rockingham County School

Laura King

Charles W. McCrary Elementary
Asheboro City Schools

Jill McNeal

Davis-Townsend Elementary
Davidson County Schools

Dawn Miller

Thomasville High
Thomasville City Schools

Rebecca Patterson

South Stokes High
Stokes County Schools

Leah Redding

John Lawrence Elementary
Randolph County School System

Phillip Riekehof

Flat Rock Elementary
Surry County Schools

April Swarey

Elkin High
Elkin City Schools

LaTonya Warren

Lexington Middle
Lexington City Schools

Edgar Zamora

Yadkin Early College High
Yadkin County Schools



Samone Graham

Southwest Region Teacher of the Year

Mooresville High | Mooresville Graded School District

- 9th-12th Grades Science Teacher
- 12 years teaching experience
- UNC-Charlotte (Certificate)
- Winston Salem State University (BS)
- NAACP – Education Representative
- 2010 Mooreseville Senior High Beginning Teacher of the Year



Southwest Region Winners



Abby Covington

Millbridge Elementary
Rowan-Salisbury School System

Deanna Cureton

Charlotte Engineering Early College
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Janet Dalton

Stonewall Jackson Youth Development Center

Tangula Diggs

Wadesboro Elementary
Anson County Schools

Christi Edwards

West Stanly High
Stanly County Schools

Jennenne Hunnell

Fallston Elementary
Cleveland County Schools

Jennifer Linn

A.L. Brown High
Kannapolis City Schools

Mindee Mammano

Stuart W. Cramer High
Gaston County Schools

Stacy McClain

Lincolnton Middle
Lincoln County Schools

Paige Norris

Rocky River Elementary
Cabarrus County Schools

Amanda Stinchcomb

Western Union Elementary
Union County Public Schools

Michael Williams

Crossroads Arts and Science Early College
Iredell-Statesville Schools



Lisa Wall

Northwest Region Teacher of the Year

Burke Middle College | Burke County Public Schools

- 11th-12th Grade ELA Teacher
- 23 years teaching experience
- UNC-Chapel Hill (BS)
- National Board Certified Teacher
- Academically Gifted Certification
- Appalachian State University – Supervising Teacher

Northwest Region Winners

Lisa Boff

Oakwood Elementary
Hickory Public Schools

Hailey Garrou

Saint Stephens High
Catawba County Schools

Matthew Hurd

Mitchell High
Mitchell County Schools

Carla Ingram

South Caldwell High
Caldwell County Schools

Caroline McCrary

Newton-Conover High
Newton-Conover City Schools

Jane Miller

Cane River Middle
Yancey County Schools

Benjamin Moore

West Marion Elementary
McDowell County Schools

Susanne Murphy

Piney Creek Elementary
Alleghany County Schools

Eve Parsons

Blowing Rock
Watauga County Schools

Brittany Phillips

Newland Elementary
Avery County Schools

Lisa Sibaja

Mountain View Elementary
Ashe County Schools

Brian Smith

Wittenburg Elementary
Alexander County Schools

Sam Yount

West Wilkes Middle
Wilkes County Schools



Julie Paige Pittman

Western Region Teacher of the Year

R-S Central High | Rutherford County Schools

- 9th-12th Grade English Teacher
- 20 years teaching experience
- UNC-Chapel Hill (MA and BA)
- National Board Certified Teacher
- AP Academy Coordinator
- Beginning Teacher Mentor



Western Region Winners



Carly Allman

East Henderson High
Henderson County Public Schools

Kristi Blackburn

Junaluska Elementary
Haywood County Schools

Cicely Cable

Murphy Elementary
Cherokee County Schools

Jenny Collins

Franklin High
Macon County Schools

Michelle Franklin

Madison Middle
Madison County Schools

Rebecca Green

Brevard Middle
Transylvania County Schools

Bonnie Kelly

Hayesville Elementary
Clay County Schools

Elizabeth Love

A.C. Reynolds High
Buncombe County Schools

Stephanie Luedi

Polk County Middle
Polk County Schools

Latresa Phillips

Robbinsville Middle
Graham County Schools

Tonya Pruett

Smokey Mountain Elementary
Jackson County Public Schools

Cheryl Saavedra

Swain County East Elementary
Swain County Schools

Rebecca Wertheim

Claxton Elementary
Asheville City Schools



Courtney Samuelson

Charter Schools Teacher of the Year

The Capitol Encore Academy | Fayetteville, NC

- 5th Grade Teacher
- 7 years teaching experience
- NC State University (M.Ed.)
- UNC-Charlotte (Certificate)
- UNC-Chapel Hill (BA)
- Teach for America-Corps Member Advisor



Charter School Winners



Kristine Barberio
Socrates Academy

Melissa Bartlett
Roxboro Community

Jack Beirne
Bear Grass Charter

Mary Boudreault
Lincoln Charter

Lauren Braszo
Envision Science Academy

Allison Bruner
Neuse Charter

Margaret Chidwick
Longleaf School of the Arts

Lisa Davis
East Wake Academy

Lindsay Elks
Ignite Innovation Academy

Amanda Fox
Southern Wake Academy

Jarred Franklin
Research Triangle High

Julie Franklin
Chatham Charter

Jamie Hamlin
Pine Lake Preparatory

Kelly Hanna
IC Imagine

Landy Hilger
Uwharrie Charter
Academy High

Jennifer Hobgood
Voyager Academy High

Beth Kearns
Uwharrie Charter
Academy Middle

Karri Melton
Clover Garden

Dana Mims
Mountain Island Charter

Donald Morris
Metrolina Regional Scholars
Academy

Glenda Narcisse
Global Scholars Academy

Linda Nelson
Northeast Academy
for Aerospace and
Advanced Technologies

Douglas Peters
Oxford Preparatory

Rob Orrill
American Renaissance

Alex Rowe
Pinnacle Classical Academy

Taro Shigenobu
Henderson Collegiate

Melissa Smith
Lake Norman Charter High

Tiffany Walters
Southeastern Academy Charter

2017 North Carolina Regional Teachers of the Year



Lisa Godwin

2017 Burroughs Wellcome Fund
North Carolina Teacher of the Year

Southeast Region
Dixon Elementary • Onslow County Schools



Amy Parker

Northeast Region
Perquimans County Schools



Miles MacLeod

North Central Region
Wake County Public
School System



Juandalynn Ray

Sandhills Region
Clinton City Schools



Adam Reeder

Piedmont-Triad Region
Asheboro City Schools



Anthony Johnson, Jr.

Southwest Region
Rowan-Salisbury Schools



Carrie Franklin

Northwest Region
McDowell County Schools



Leslie Schoof

Western Region
Madison County Schools

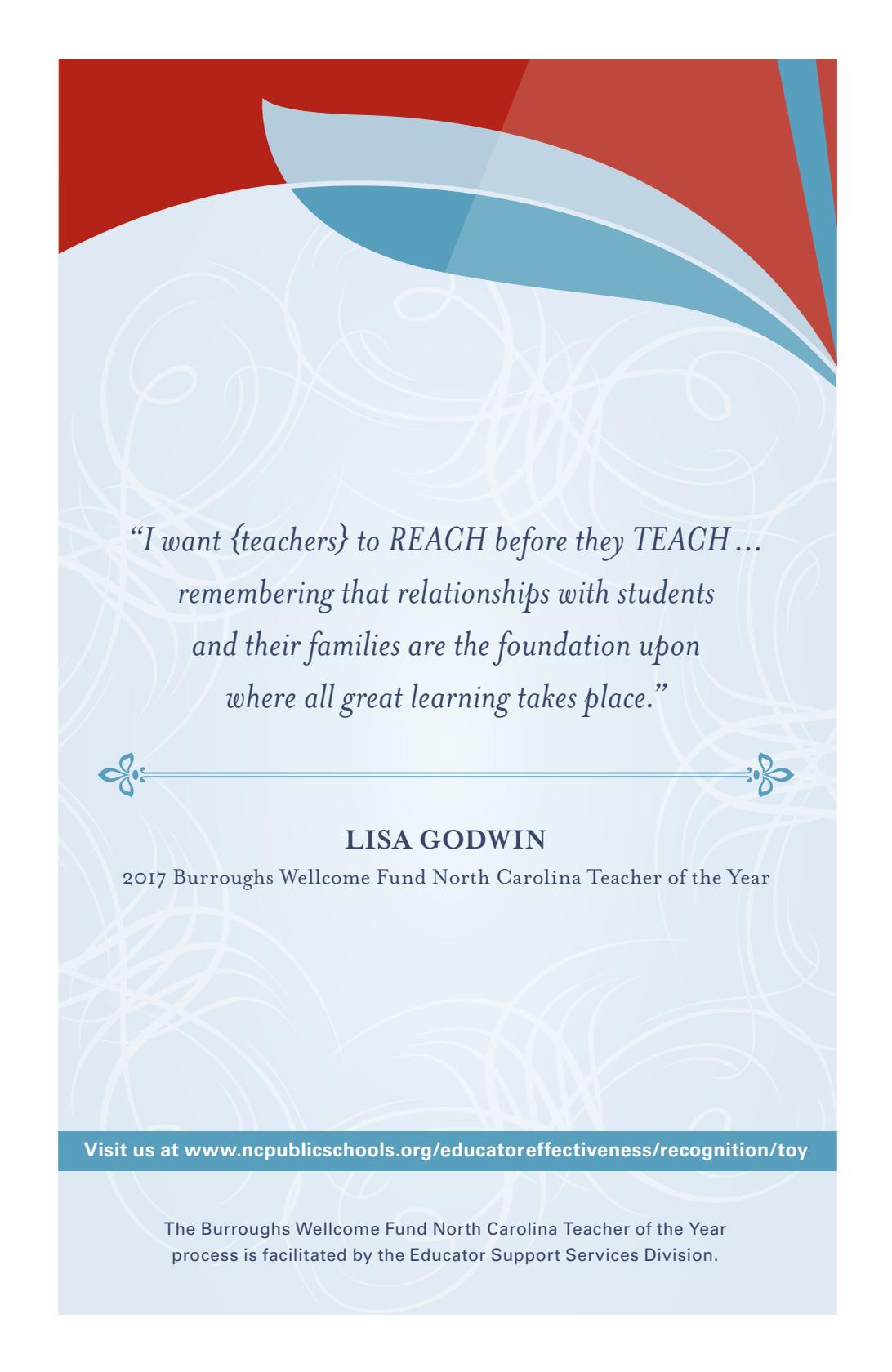


Deborah Brown

Charter Schools
Research Triangle Park, NC

Past TOY Winners

- 2017 **Lisa Godwin**, Onslow County Schools, Kindergarten Teacher
- 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. Pipeve**, 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"



*“I want {teachers} to REACH before they TEACH...
remembering that relationships with students
and their families are the foundation upon
where all great learning takes place.”*



LISA GODWIN

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