

2014 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FINALISTS

Mathematics



Heather Landreth

W.H. Robinson Elementary School

I have been blessed to lay the foundation for educational careers of kindergarten students for the last 10 years. I believe every student can learn. Part of our job as educators is to figure out what drives each child. What motivates them? What are their passions? I build a sense of community where students feel safe, loved and empowered to take control of their learning. Teaching is my passion. I am honored to represent North Carolina Teachers as a PAEMST Finalist! When I'm not teaching, my supportive husband & I enjoy the wonders of raising our 3 year old daughter.



Kayonna Pitchford

Stoney Point Elementary School

Although I am currently following a new path as an Instructional Coach, my mission remains the same as it was during my eighteen years of classroom teaching: Helping all students meet or exceed expectations through focused instruction and concept-building. I also continue to set an example as a life-long learner and leader through National Board Certification, serving on regional or state-wide projects, participating in local and state curriculum development activities, and attaining my Ph. D. in Curriculum and Instruction. I am grateful for the support of my family and for the opportunity to represent the elementary teachers in our state as a finalist for this prestigious award.



Meredith Stanley

Haw Creek Elementary School

I have been a classroom teacher for 12 years and have taught third grade for the past 10 years. My primary goal is to provide students with a safe, nurturing environment that promotes academic risk-taking and rigor. I value teaching students how to participate in a community of learners, discussing ideas and problem-solving with one another. I serve on Buncombe County's math team and enjoy attending and presenting at state math conferences. I am excited to represent the fine teachers of North Carolina as a Presidential Award finalist.