Eastern North Carolina Teachers of the Year Honored at Event

On December 6, 2011, twenty Teachers of the Year from eastern North Carolina were honored at an event sponsored by East Carolina University’s College of Education. The event entitled, Each One-Reach One, served as a celebration of outstanding educators and their positive impact within the region. These 20 educators represented the following counties: Beaufort, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Cumberland, Dare, Franklin, Gates, Granville, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Nash, Sampson, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson.

Invitations were issued to each member of the Latham Clinical Schools Network which comprises 36 counties within eastern North Carolina. The Teachers of the Year in attendance brought guests from their districts to include their superintendents, central office administrators, principals, and fellow colleagues. Several of the educators honored are alumni of the College of Education’s teacher education programs. During the event, these outstanding educators brainstormed ideas on how to better promote the profession of teaching. The educators present noted the need to “portray positive images about teaching and education” as well as doing “a better job of recruiting young people with the characteristics of good teachers.”

In addition to sharing recruitment strategies, these outstanding educators were asked to videotape themselves sharing their thoughts about why they teach. The individual clips will be combined to create a promotional video to share with potential teacher education students at spring recruitment events. The positive messages shared will provide prospective students with excellent examples of quality teachers who are proud of their profession.

The College of Education was delighted to host this event to honor outstanding teachers and to thank them for their service each day within eastern North Carolina. A thank you and hearty congratulations was bestowed to the following eastern N.C. Teachers of the Year:

- Janita Allen
- Jessica Ballstzglier
- Andrea Bell
- Andy Cole
- Sherri Cox
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