

# 2009 North Carolina Finalists Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

The **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching** are the nation's highest honor for mathematics and science teachers. This national award administered for the White House by the National Science Foundation allows outstanding mathematics and science teachers to be recognized for their subject area content knowledge and their ability to motivate students. Each year the program recognizes outstanding mathematics and science teachers from across the United States and four U.S. jurisdictions for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. In addition to honoring individual achievement, the goal of the program is to expand and exemplify the definition of excellent science and mathematics teaching. The 2009 awards are for teachers of grades 7 – 12.

In North Carolina, a state selection committee has selected the following mathematics and science teachers as finalists:

**Julie Felix**

Secondary Mathematics  
Harris Road Middle School  
Concord, NC

**Maria Hernandez**

Secondary Mathematics  
NC School of Science &  
Mathematics  
Durham, NC

**Cameron Swallow**

Secondary Mathematics  
Davidson IB Middle  
Davidson, NC

**Gail Barkes**

Secondary Science  
Panther Creek High School  
Cary, NC

**Ramona Hedrick**

Secondary Science  
East Mecklenburg High  
School  
Charlotte, NC

**Judith Jones**

Secondary Science  
East Chapel Hill High  
School  
Chapel Hill, NC

A national selection committee will review the applications of the state-level finalists and make recommendations to the National Science Foundation.

