

2011 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 2011 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:

Jesse Blevins
7-12 Mathematics
Fred T Foard High School
Newton, NC

Jennifer Riordan
7-12 Mathematics
Mount Pleasant Middle School
Mount Pleasant, NC

Nancy Trollinger
7-12 Mathematics
West McDowell Junior High
Marion, NC

James Butler
7-12 Science
Croatan High School
Newport, NC

Eric Grunden
7-12 Science
Raleigh Charter High School
Raleigh, NC

Heather Soja
7-12 Science
Asheboro High School
Asheboro, NC

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

