



## Christie Administration Announces County Teachers of the Year for 2013-14

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**Trenton, NJ** – The Christie Administration today announced New Jersey's County Teachers of the Year and the State Facility Teacher the Year for 2013-14.

"Each of us can recall special teachers who, through their knowledge and inspiration, helped us achieve greater heights as students and even played a role in shaping our future," said Education Commissioner Chris Cerf. "These teachers are such an inspiration to their students, and to all of us here in New Jersey."

The county teachers of the year were chosen by a countywide panel of administrators, teachers, parents and county education association representatives convened by the executive county superintendents of schools.

A state-level panel of educators will select New Jersey's State Teacher of the Year from among the 2013-14 County Teachers of the Year based on a written application, video submission, and interviews of the top five finalists. The announcement is made at the October meeting of the State Board of Education. The winner will represent New Jersey at the National Teacher of the Year competition.

"As a former teacher and lifelong educator, I've seen firsthand how teachers like these can serve as ambassadors for the profession and showcase the contributions that exceptional educators make toward improving the quality of life in New Jersey," said Commissioner Cerf.

New Jersey's 2013-14 County Teachers of the Year and State Facility Teacher of the Year are below:

County	Teacher	Subject/Grade	District	School
<b>Atlantic</b>	<a href="#">Theresa Dougherty</a>	Elementary - Grade 3	Galloway Township School District	Roland Rogers Elementary School
<b>Bergen</b>	<a href="#">Brennan Heffernan</a>	History - Grade 11	Northern Highlands Regional High School District	Northern Highlands Regional High School
<b>Burlington</b>	<a href="#">Richard Bozarth</a>	Business - Grades 9-12	Lenape Regional High School District	Shawnee High School
<b>Camden</b>	<a href="#">Patrice Steller</a>	English - Grades 7-9	Oaklyn School District	Oaklyn Public School
<b>Cumberland</b>	<a href="#">Daisy Mercado</a>	Elementary - Grade 2	Vineland School District	Gloria M. Sabater Elementary School
<b>Essex</b>	<a href="#">Lucy Lee</a>	World Languages - Grades 9-12	Livingston School District	Livingston High School
<b>Gloucester</b>	<a href="#">Kathleen Assini</a>	Social Studies - Grades 8 and 10-12	Delsea Regional High School District	Delsea Regional Middle School
<b>Hudson</b>	<a href="#">Meg Freeman</a>	English - Grades 9-12	Jersey City Public Schools	Snyder High School
<b>Hunterdon</b>	<a href="#">Lindsay Warren</a>	Social Studies - Grades 9-12	Hunterdon Central Regional	Hunterdon Central Regional High School
<b>Mercer</b>	<a href="#">Michael Friedman</a>	Technology Education - Grades 6 and 8	Hamilton Township School District	Grice Middle School
<b>Middlesex</b>	<a href="#">Sandy Vorensky</a>	Mathematics - Grades 5-6	Metuchen School District	Edgar Middle School
<b>Monmouth</b>	<a href="#">David Pinkus</a>	Physics - Grades 10-11	Monmouth County Vocational School District	Biotechnology High School
<b>Morris</b>	<a href="#">Lisa Adams</a>	English - Grades 9-	Morris County Vocational	Morris County School of

		12	School District	Technology
<b>Ocean</b>	<a href="#">Maureen Neuner</a>	Business Education - Grades 8-9	Pinelands Regional School District	Pinelands Regional Junior High School
<b>Passaic</b>	<a href="#">Karen Johnson</a>	German and English - Grades 7-12	West Milford Township School District	West Milford High School
<b>Salem</b>	<a href="#">Donald Stech, Jr.</a>	Social Studies - Grade 8	Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District	Woodstown Middle School
<b>Somerset</b>	<a href="#">Karen Gorzynski</a>	Music - Grades 9-12	Somerville School District	Somerville High School
<b>State Facility</b>	<a href="#">Ana Piccininno</a>	World Languages - Grades 8-12	Juvenile Justice Commission	Office of Education
<b>Sussex</b>	<a href="#">Katherine Gomez</a>	Special Education - Grade 2	Sussex-Wantage Regional School District	Clifton E. Lawrence School
<b>Union</b>	<a href="#">Michael Seaman</a>	English - Grade 8	Cranford School District	Orange Avenue School School
<b>Warren</b>	<a href="#">Jessica Rader</a>	Special Education - Grades 7-8	Warren Hills Regional School District	Warren Hills Regional Middle School

Note: No representative from Cape May County for 2013-14