

Principals Of Year Honored

Principals in Graham and Ahsokie are the finalists for the state Principal of the Year honors.

Jane Burke, principal of Hertford County High School in Ahsokie, and Wayne Beam, principal of Southern middle School in Graham, were recently chosen from among six semi-finalists to vie for the top principal award in the competition sponsored by Wachovia Bank of North Carolina and the Department of Public Instruction. The state principal of the year will be named at a luncheon in Raleigh on June 3 and recognized at the State Board of Education meeting June 4.

The other semi-finalists are Jackie Parrish, Union Elementary School in Clinton; Glenda Poole, Northwest Cabarrus High School in Concord; Mary Ruth Fowler, Jonathan Valley Elementary School in Waynesville; and Ronnie Robbins, Brown Middle School in Thomasville.

The Principal of the Year program, in its ninth year, recognizes outstanding public school principals in North Carolina. The state winner receives \$2,500 for personal or professional use, and his or her school receives the same amount of equipment or materials. The finalist receives \$1,500 for personal or professional use and the same amount for his

or her school. Semi-finalists receive \$1,000 for personal or professional use and \$1,000 for their schools. Local winners receive \$100. The cash awards are all sponsored by Wachovia.

The new principal of the year will succeed John Schroeder, 1991 state principal of the year from High Point.

School systems select a local principal of the year who goes on to compete at the regional level. Regional and state committees choose the finalists in these areas. These committees include principals, teachers, college/university professors, community members and representatives of Wachovia Bank. The two finalists for principal of the year will be visited by an on-site committee before the final selection is made.



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