

PENC Continuing Education Scholarship and First Year Teacher Grant Winners!

2009/2010 CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our 2009-2010 Continuing Education Scholarship Recipients! The recipients were recognized at the Annual Board Meeting in Raleigh on May 1, 2010, and received a check for \$1,000 in the name of their respective universities. Beginning this year we added an additional scholarship for a total of three Continuing Education Scholarships.

Lesa Ramsey

Ms. Ramsey is currently working in the Surry County School systems as a Computer Lab Instructor at Dobson Elementary School in Dobson, NC. Lesa is in the process of pursuing her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education at Lee's McCrae College. One of Lesa's career goals is to "acquire a teaching position in an elementary school and pursue even more goals." She wants to be a positive role model and she plans to be available to help her students in whatever way that she can.

Benjamin McDonald

Mr. McDonald is currently employed with the Wake County School System as a Social Studies teacher at Martin Middle School in Raleigh, NC. Benjamin is currently pursuing a Masters of Education in Middle Grades Social Studies at N.C. State University. Even though Mr. McDonald has been in the classroom for 2 years he has taken an active role in Student Council both at Martin Middle and at the state level. His principal describes him as an "innovative lesson designer with instructional activities that have truly benefited the student academic growth in the area of Social Studies."

Kerry Stewart

Mrs. Stewart teaches at Hendersonville Elementary School in Henderson County. Mrs. Stewart has taught for 26 years and is currently pursuing a Principal Certification from Western Carolina University. One of Kerry's colleagues states, "Mrs. Stewart inspires her students to learn, establishes a motivating classroom environment and is enthusiastic about teaching and learning." Mrs. Stewart feels that her role in education today is to instill a love for learning in students.

2009/2010 FIRST YEAR TEACHER GRANT RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our 10 First Year Teacher Grant Award winners! Each teacher was recognized and awarded a check for \$250 to be used for instructional materials that will directly impact student learning. Each year PENC awards four grants per geographical region. There are 8 regions, so PENC has the potential to award 32 grants across the state.

- Ben Hudson – Duplin Co. [James Kenan High School]***
- Kirsten Kearney – Wayne Co. [Charles B Aycock High School]***
- Angela Stephens – Brunswick Co. [Cedar Grove Middle School]***
- Abigail Lind – Harnett Co. [Triton High School]***
- Stacey Lundy – Guilford Co. [Ben L. Smith High School]***
- Leah Hinkle – Guilford Co. [Southwest Guilford Middle School]***
- Sarah Lovejoy – Stokes Co. [South Stokes High School]***
- Paula Burleson – Rockingham Co. [Bethany Community Middle School]***
- Katherine Honeycutt – Stanly Co. [North Stanly High School]***
- Natalie Penley – Rowan Co. [East Rowan High School]***