

# Congratulations To...

## PENC Continuing Education Scholarship and First Year Teacher Grant Winners!

### 2008/2009 CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Both recipients will be recognized at the Annual Board Meeting in April and receive a check for \$1,000 in the name of their respective universities. Each year PENC awards two Educators with \$1,000 to pursue graduate studies in education. The application process begins in the late summer by visiting our website and downloading appropriate materials, then submitting the materials by the completion of one half of the school year.

#### *Vann Mizzelle Lassiter*

Vann is a Business Education Instructor at John A. Holmes High School in the Edenton-Chowan school district. Vann has taught for three years and has been a PENC Member and Member Representative all 3 years. Vann holds a B.S degree in Business & Marketing Education from NC State, a M.Ed., in Curriculum & Instruction (with a Business & Marketing Education Concentration) from NC State. Vann plans to attend Old Dominion University and pursue his doctorate in Education, Instructional Design & Technology. Vann shared with the committee that teaching “is more than a profession or job; it is a calling, a service, and a duty.” One of his mentors described Vann as having ‘scholarly ambition and drive’ which makes him an excellent candidate for the scholarship.

#### *Allison Kuhns*

Allison is an Elementary Education Instructor at Reedy Creek Elementary School in the Wake County school district. Allison has taught on the elementary level for 20 years and has been with PENC for 11 of those years. She holds a B.S. degree from UNC-Greensboro and a M.Ed. in Education from NC State University. Allison wants to continue her education at NC State and pursue a M. Ed. in Administration. Allison has a desire to work with student teachers at the university level and help prepare them for their career. Mrs. Kuhns’ principal describes her as a “top-notch educator who has the skills, knowledge and passion to lead any school, teachers, and most importantly, students in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning.

### 2008/2009 FIRST YEAR TEACHER GRANT RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our 11 First Year Teacher Grant Award winners. Each teacher will be recognized and awarded a check for \$250 at the Annual Conference in April. The grant is given to these first year teachers that wrote proposals for instructional materials that would directly impact student learning. Each year PENC will award four grants per geographical region. There are 8 regions so PENC has the potential to award 32 grants across the state.

- Melissa Arrington – Caldwell Co. [South Caldwell High]*
- Margaret Bennett – Wake Co. [Martin GT Magnet Middle]*
- Christine Capozzi – Cabarrus Co. [Hickory Ridge High]*
- Kathleen Childress – Yadkin Co. [West Yadkin Elementary]*
- Laura Ferris – Forsyth Co. [Old Town Elementary]*
- Amber Gilliam – Swain Co. [Swain County Middle]*
- Benjamin McDonald – Wake Co. [Martin GT Magnet Middle]*
- Deborah Morales – Cumberland Co. [Sherwood Park Elementary]*
- Tonya Sellers – Gaston Co. [Bessemer Central Elementary]*
- Christi Standley – Wake Co. [A.B. Combs Elementary]*
- Anna Williams – Franklin Co. [Bunn Elementary]*