



**TOWN OF APEX TOWN COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION HONORING THE APEX-BASED SCHOOLS’  
TEACHERS OF THE YEAR FOR WAKE COUNTY  
RES-2026-\_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, Education is a cornerstone of a strong, vibrant, and prosperous community, and the quality of education provided to students is directly influenced by the dedication, skill, and leadership of its teachers; and,

**WHEREAS**, Teachers serve a critical role in shaping the academic achievement, character, and future success of students, and their influence extends well beyond the classroom into the broader community; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) Teacher of the Year program exists to recognize exemplary educators who consistently demonstrate outstanding instructional excellence, professional integrity, innovation in teaching practices, and a profound commitment to student success; and,

**WHEREAS**, Teachers selected as Teachers of the Year represent the highest standards of the teaching profession and serve as ambassadors for public education, advancing best practices and inspiring both colleagues and students throughout Wake County; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Apex is proud to celebrate Teachers of the year whose outstanding service reflects not only individual excellence, by also the collective strength, dedication, and support of the entire Apex community; and,

**WHEREAS**, these educators distinguish themselves through their unwavering dedication to academic excellence, their ability to foster inclusive and supportive learning environments, and their commitment to nurturing the intellectual, social, and emotional growth of all students; and,

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of these Teachers of the Year extend beyond their classrooms through mentorship, leadership, collaboration, and service, thereby strengthening their schools, families, and the broader Apex and Wake County communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to formally recognize and commend educators whose service profoundly impacts the lives of students and helps shape the future of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council and Mayor of the Town of Apex, that each of the listed honorees are hereby formally recognized, honored, and commended for their exceptional professionalism, dedication, and service to public education; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Apex extends its deepest appreciation and congratulations to these distinguished educators for their achievements and for the honor they bring to their schools, the Town of Apex, Wake County, and the State of North Carolina; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall serve as a lasting expression of gratitude and respect to the teachers within the Town of Apex jurisdiction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town Clerk is directed to provide an official copy of this resolution to each of the teacher honorees along with a framed certificate for their

outstanding contributions and include an official copy in the permanent record archives for the Town of Apex.

**LIST OF HONOREES**

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| Melissa Barnhart        | West Lake Middle School           |
| Kinya “ Kinney” Bloomer | Pleasant Plains Elementary School |
| Stephanie Chase         | Scotts Ridge Elementary School    |
| Amy Crump               | Apex High School                  |
| Erin Dunbar             | Apex Friendship Elementary School |
| Tamra Dunstan           | West Lake Elementary School       |
| Teresa Dwiggin          | Middle Creek High School          |
| Kellie Grainer          | Apex Elementary School            |
| Michelle Gregory        | Salem Elementary School           |
| Paige Hutto             | Apex Middle School                |
| Hillary Kitchen         | Apex Friendship High School       |
| Tuyetnga Levesque       | Olive Chapel Elementary School    |
| Jennifer Lomelino       | Lufkin Road Middle School         |
| Terence “Terry” Lynch   | White Oak Elementary School       |
| Matin Maani             | Apex Friendship Middle School     |
| Marisa McKinney         | Baucom Elementary School          |
| Chad Miller             | Felton Grove High School          |
| Sara Roberts            | Salem Middle School               |
| Natalie Sayag           | Laurel Park Elementary School     |
| Jennifer Taylor         | Oakview Elementary School         |
| Lisa Woodard            | Middle Creek Elementary School    |

**ADOPTED**, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

**TOWN OF APEX**

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Jacques K. Gilbert  
Mayor

Attest:

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Allen Coleman, CMC  
Town Clerk