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LITTLE ROCK: Fifteen public school teachers from across the state have been selected as finalists for the 2010 Arkansas Teacher of the Year. All finalists will be recognized November 6 at the state's first Arkansas Teacher of the Year Gala, during which the winner and three runners-up will be announced.

The finalists are:

Lisa Anderson, Nashville School District
Angela Brady, Lawrence County School District
Lenora Bullington, Fort Smith School District
Bobbie Ruth Coleman, Searcy School District
Ellen Corley, Harrison School District
Toni Elliott, Hamburg School District
Shelley Forbess, El Dorado School District
Lekia Jones, Texarkana School District
Jeannie Martin, Benton School District
John Maxwell, Mountain Home School District
Delois McGhee, Dollarway School District
Cherilyn Minnis, West Memphis School District
Vandy Nash, North Little Rock School District
Kathy Prophet, Springdale School District
Andrea White, Valley View School District

Each finalist receives \$1,000, and the winner receives an additional \$14,000 in prize money, which is made possible by a grant from the Walton Family Foundation.

The winner, who will be named the 2010 Arkansas Teacher of the Year, will represent Arkansas in the National Teacher of the Year competition this spring and will work in-residence with the Arkansas Department of Education during the 2010-2011 school year.

The Arkansas Teacher of the Year Gala will be held at the Arkansas Governor's Mansion and will be televised live at 6:30 November 6 on KTHV. It will also be streamed live on KTHV's Web site.

In addition to the grant from the Walton Family Foundation, sponsors of the gala include:

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