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Four Named Arkansas Teacher of the Year State Finalists

LITTLE ROCK – Four exemplary teachers were named 2015 Arkansas Teacher of the Year State Finalists at a ceremony with Gov. Mike Beebe today at the Capitol.

“These four teachers were recognized for their dedication, leadership and commitment to education,” said Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Tony Wood. “They demonstrate innovative teaching practices that encourage learning in the classroom.”

The four state finalists are as follows:

- **Donna C. Dillahunt**
5th Grade English Language Arts
Marion Intermediate School
Marion School District
Crowley’s Ridge Education Service Cooperative
- **Lindsay S. Griffin**
6th Grade Literacy
Greenbrier Middle School
Greenbrier School District
Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative
- **Jayna Moffit**
7th-8th Grade Math
Lincoln Junior High School
Bentonville School District
Northwest Education Service Cooperative
- **Ouida R. Newton**
7th-12th Grade Math
Poyen High School

Poyen School District
Dawson Education Service Cooperative

From the 15 regional finalists recognized today, four state finalists will compete to become the 2015 Arkansas Teacher of the Year. The ATOY Selection Committee will conduct site visits with the four finalists over the next few weeks. The 2015 ATOY will then be recognized at a surprise notification event.

In addition to receiving a \$1,000 award sponsored by the Walton Family Foundation, the top four received an ATOY medallion. The 2015 ATOY will receive an additional \$14,000 sponsored by the foundation.

To learn more about nominating a teacher for the program and to see the list of regional finalists, go to <http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/communications/teacher-of-the-year>.

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