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North Carolina Assistant Principal of the Year

BEAUFORT, N.C. -- The North Carolina Principals and Assistant Principals' Association (NCPAPA) has selected Morehead City Middle School Assistant Principal Mrs. Allison Graham as the 2022 North Carolina Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year.

Mrs. Graham was surprised with the announcement this morning as she was busy working on a special treat for students. "We congratulate Mrs. Graham on her selection" said NCPAPA Executive Director Dr. Shirley Prince. "We know that she will be an excellent representative of the secondary assistant principals in North Carolina."

A graduate of Carteret County Public Schools, Mrs. Graham began her career as an educator in 1999 teaching fourth grade. In 2001, she began teaching sixth grade social studies, finding great fulfillment working at the middle school level. Mrs. Graham became an Assistant Principal in 2007 serving at Newport Middle School, Morehead City Primary School, and most currently Morehead City Middle School.

"Mrs. Graham's heart for students, her caring relationships with teachers and staff, and her desire to make a difference in the lives of everyone she encounters, stand as testament to why she chose to be an educator," said Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson. "Mrs. Graham has proven herself to be a leader among leaders. I believe Mrs. Graham has all the qualities that assistant principals across the state would wish their representative to have and know that she will be an outstanding representative of North Carolina's Secondary School Assistant Principals."

Mrs. Graham will serve as North Carolina's representative for the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Assistant Principal of the Year program, which recognizes outstanding middle level and high school assistant principals who have demonstrated success in leadership, curriculum and personalization.

"I am honored and humbled to receive this award because this is a job where I am doing what I love," said Mrs. Graham. "I appreciate the incredible staff and students of Morehead City Middle School. They make me want to come to school every day. Working with our students, staff, and community is incredibly fulfilling. I am proud to represent the Carteret County Public Schools System where I graduated and each of my children attend."

Mrs. Graham, along with other states' Secondary Assistant Principals of the Year will be invited to attend the 2022 National Principals Conference where she will compete for the national title. The NASSP Assistant

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Principal of the Year will be named at this event. NASSP will cover the costs for the conference for Mrs. Graham. NCPAPA will cover Mrs. Graham's flight expenses.

Mrs. Graham will also be recognized at next year's NCPAPA Annual Meeting.

We congratulate Mrs. Graham on her selection.

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Pictured: *NC AP of the Year* - (Left to Right) Assistant Superintendent Blair Propst, Assistant Superintendent Richie Paylor, NC Assistant Principal of the Year Allison Graham, Chief Academic Officer Jody McClenny, Chief Technology Mike McKay, Morehead City Middle School Principal Adam Olander, and Superintendent Dr. Rob Jackson.

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