

City, county honor King and Redding

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ASHEBORO — Asheboro City Schools (ACS) and Randolph County School System (RCSS) honored their teachers and named their Teachers of the Year at a banquet held at Pinewood Country Club on Thursday, May 4.

Forty exemplary teachers were nominated for the distinction of Teacher of the Year. ACS selected a finalist and an overall winner from a list of nine finalists. RCSS selected its top teacher from a list of 31 finalists.

ACS named fourth-grade teacher Mary Jo Przybylowski as its finalist and fifth-grade teacher Laura King as its 2017-18 Teacher of the Year.

King has served students at McCrary Elementary School since 2012. She holds an undergraduate degree from Appalachian State University and is currently working toward licensure for academically/intellectually gifted (AIG) specialist through the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. King serves on her school's improvement team, the Math Vertical Learning Team, as a professional development leader, and is a participant of the ACS Teacher Leadership Academy. In January, King presented information to the N.C. Board of Education on behalf of ACS.

King has an infectious smile and positive personality that is popular with students and families alike. She's passionate about making learning memorable and meaningful. Her principal applauds her for "continuously rising to the challenge of meeting each student's needs every day."

RCSS honored Leah Redding with its 2017-18 Teacher of the Year award. For the past two years, Redding has been teaching fourth-grade ELA/science at John Lawrence Elementary School. She



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2017-18 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR — For Asheboro City Schools, the winner was Laura King, above, a fifth-grade teacher at McCrary Elementary School. For the Randolph County School System, the winner was Leah Redding, a fourth-grade ELA/science teacher at John Lawrence Elementary School.



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is a National Board Certified teacher with 10 years of teaching experience.

Redding earned a Bachelor's Degree in elementary

education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and will complete AIG certification from UNC Pembroke in 2017.