



Lisa Gibson – System-Level Teacher of the Year for Grades PreK – 4

Ms. Gibson is in her 11th year of teaching third grade at Jefferson Elementary School. She earned her Master's degree in Education from Carson Newman College. Ms. Gibson is a member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the Jefferson County Education Association. Her leadership activities include committee chair for SACS Accreditation. Ms. Gibson has served on several committees for Jefferson County Schools including Reading Book Adoption, Report Card, and School Calendar. She has mentored numerous practicum students during her service at Jefferson Elementary School. Ms. Gibson was selected *Teacher of the Week* by WBIR Television. Her community involvement includes service to First United Methodist Church in Jefferson City as a Sunday school teacher, an active member of the Women's group, and current participant in hand bells. In addition, Ms. Gibson is a volunteer tutor for students, neighborhood fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, and participant in fundraising activities for United Way of Jefferson County.



Kristi Shelton – System-Level Teacher of the Year for Grades 5 – 8

Ms. Shelton currently teaches eighth grade math at Rush Strong School. She has 15 years of teaching experience including 10 years at Jefferson Middle School. Ms. Shelton earned a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She is a member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the Jefferson County Education Association. She currently serves as Rush Strong School building representative for JCEA. Ms. Shelton's leadership activities include being a member of the 2011 TCAP Data Team, Olweus Bullying Training Team, Textbook Committee, and Chair of Math night at Rush

Strong School. She is currently head of the Mathematics department. Ms. Shelton has served as a mentor to Carson Newman College student teachers. Ms. Shelton's previous awards include Teacher of the Year at Rush Strong School and Jefferson Middle School, and she was Teacher of the Year for Jefferson County in 2005-2006. Her community involvement includes teaching Sunday school, and she has held various positions in Vacation Bible School at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Ms. Shelton has volunteered to tutor students, and she has allowed many different teachers in the county to observe her while teaching, and she has offered assistance to them to benefit all students in Jefferson County.



Linda Watts – System-Level Teacher of the Year for Grades 9 – 12

Ms. Watts currently teaches Spanish II at Jefferson County High School. She has 15 years of teaching experience in Tennessee including 10 years at JCHS. She also taught English and Spanish at Karns High School in Knoxville. Ms. Watts earned her Master's degree in Education from Tusculum College. Ms. Watts piloted the McDougall Littell Grammar and Literature book with 9th Grade Basic Skills English, and she helped design a curriculum to assure 9th grade students would perform well on the Basic Skills test. Ms. Watts has worked with student teachers and practicum students from Carson Newman College. She was awarded the Teacher of the Year at Karns High School in 1985-1986. Ms. Watts has also received the Golden Apple Award in 1985. Her community involvement includes supporting her students by attending sports events, pageants, horse shows, fair exhibits, and contests. Ms. Watts is currently raising money throughout the community for the cure of breast cancer. She will participate in the Susan G. Komen three-day, 60 mile "Walk for the Cure" in October 2011.