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Coconino High Teacher Named County's 2013 Teacher of the Year

Coconino High School AP English teacher Teresa Wilson was named May 9 as the County's first Teacher of the Year during a ceremony at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff.

Wilson sat speechless moments after hearing herself named as Teacher of the Year.

"I'm in shock," Wilson told a crowd of educators. "Teaching is my calling."

Wilson, an educator for 18 years, beat out Grand Canyon Unified School District Junior High English and Humanities teacher Lori Rommel and fellow Coconino High School Physics teacher Christine Sapio for the honor.



Coconino High School teacher Teresa Wilson (left) was named as the County's Teacher of the year on May 9.

Wilson's nomination materials stated that she inspires and engages students through literature and high expectations of critical thought. Yet, she also enjoys helping students to make connections to improve their lives and the lives of others.

"This inspiration has been recognized and awarded by students themselves," her nomination stated. "Ms. Wilson stands as one of the most sought after teachers at Coconino High School for letters of recommendations for college-bound students."

The Teacher of the Year award was the first within the County and is hosted by the County Superintendent of Schools Office. For the honor, Wilson receives \$2,000 and Rommel and Sapio each received \$1,000. The three finalists also receive three credit-hours from Coconino Community College.

"What do we all do in the classroom? We make a difference," said Nancie Lindblom, a 1995 Northern Arizona University grad and current Arizona Teacher of the Year, who was a guest speaker at the event. "Teachers can change the world."