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Quick Facts

- Woods was an education major at Winthrop University.
- He has taught in CMS Schools for nearly 20 years.



Kevin Woods

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — Third time's the charm for **Kevin Woods '96**. **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools** named its nine Learning Community Principals of the Year for 2015 this week, and Woods was on the list for the third time in his career.

"I am very appreciative to be recognized, but that's not the ultimate goal," Woods told CMS schools. "My goal is making a difference."

He's done exactly that since he started his career at CMS schools nearly 20 years ago. He first taught fourth and fifth grades at Idlewild Elementary School before becoming an assistant principal at Montclair Elementary and then principal at Windsor Park Elementary. He is currently president of John M. Morehead STEM Academy and was also named Principal of the Year for the West-Harding/Phillip O. Berry Learning Community.

But teaching wasn't always his plan. As he explained to CMS, he watched his mother work in various roles in the school system and wanted to do something else. But while he was a student at Winthrop University, he would substitute teach. Recognizing the absence of men and resources for students, he declared himself

an education major.

In addition to being a principal, Woods earned a master's degree at UNC-Charlotte and is pursuing a doctoral degree from Wingate University.

"Principal Woods values collaboration, recognizes the importance of a shared vision and is committed to continuous learning and teaching," **CMS Superintendent Curtis Carroll** said in a release.

Read more about Woods and learning community principals here: "[Meet the Learning Community Principals of the Year.](#)"

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