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North Central High School Teacher Named 2014 Indiana Teacher of the Year

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (October 4, 2013) – This morning during his regular Latin class, North Central High School Latin teacher Steve Perkins was surprised with a barrage of media cameras entering his room. Among those who entered behind the cameras were Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz, who announced to the students that their teacher “Mr. Steve Perkins, is the 2014 Indiana Teacher of the Year!”

Perkins was selected this past May as the Washington Township Teacher of the Year, at the End of the Year celebration for the district. He was notified at different times in surprise announcements about being chosen first, as a top 10 finalist and then as a top 3 finalist among educators in the state. (all surprise video announcements are available here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZD1Qiuxs7E4&feature=share&list=PLlkZeCJNG1bKOAI9qJp0mlky5ltF74XJF>)

The original nomination for Perkins stated:

“As a master teacher, Mr. Perkins brings a “dead language” to life by demonstrating enthusiasm, strong communication skills and a willingness to infuse every lesson with creativity. His passion for learning is contagious and his ability to inspire young learners is to be admired. Before we identified the IB Learner Profiles in our schools, there was a balanced, caring, master communicator, knowledgeable, open-minded, principled, reflective thinker who developed inquiring students who were and continue to be risk-takers. Gratias ago vos magister!”

District web site announcement: <http://www.msdwt.k12.in.us/?p=9587>