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W. H. Owen Spanish Immersion Teacher Named One of Three Participate Learning Teachers of the Year *Participate Learning Surprises Global Educator*

Fayetteville, N.C. – Another Cumberland County Schools (CCS) premier professional has been recognized for demonstrating an outstanding commitment to her students and school community. Anayansi Young, a fourth-grade Spanish Immersion teacher at W. H. Owen Elementary School, has been selected as one of three 2022 Participate Learning Teachers of the Year. [Participate Learning](#) serves nearly 22,000 students, 1,000 visiting international teachers, and 3,000 local educators in more than 400 schools across the country.

School staff and representatives from Participate Learning shared the great news during a surprise announcement on Thursday, June 2 at Owen Elementary. Young received a framed certificate, a laptop computer and a \$1,000 check for personal use.

Young was selected for this recognition because of her passion for sharing global perspectives in her classroom and her dedication to the Participate Learning mission. She is an ambassador of cultures, embodying the [global competencies](#) while implementing the dual language teaching practices in accordance with her school's specified model.

After accepting the award, Young shared, "It's impossible for me to win this award without the entire W. H. Owen Elementary community, starting with the Administrative Team, my colleagues, and my grade level team. I am beyond grateful."

Prior to her current teaching assignment, Young served as a Participate Learning Spanish Immersion teacher for five years at W. H. Owen Elementary (2013-2018). After concluding her first international tour, she returned to Owen Elementary during the 2020-2021 school year to begin a second international tour with the dual language program.

"Mrs. Young truly embodies the essence of a premier professional at Owen Elementary," said Dr. Latreicia Allen, principal of William H. Owen Elementary School. "She demonstrates a commitment to ensuring that her scholars are successful while collaborating with her colleagues and the entire school community to fulfill the mission and vision of the school. She is a gem."

For more information on Participate Learning, visit <https://www.participatelearning.com/>.

VIDEO: Check out the surprise presentation by the Associate Director of Partner Engagement and Communications from Participate Learning, Michelle Macumber!



Anayansi Young celebrating with WHOES administrators and staff from Participate Learning



Anayansi Young celebrates with dual language teachers at W. H. Owen Elementary School.

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