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MINDY WALKER NAMED 2024 ALABAMA HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

*“Distinguished Alabama History Educator is now one of 53 finalists
for the 2024 National History Teacher of the Year Award”*

Governor Kay Ivey
President

Montgomery, Alabama – *Mindy Walker*, a teacher at Holt High School located in the Tuscaloosa County School System, has officially been named the *2024 Alabama History Teacher of the Year* by the [Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History](#)

Jackie Zeigler
District I

Established in 2004, this prestigious award recognizes exceptional elementary through high school teachers for their outstanding contributions to American history education. Presented annually by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, a nonprofit organization dedicated to K–12 American history education, this award honors one teacher from each state, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools, and United States Territories.

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Mindy Walker teaches at Holt High School, is an adjunct instructor for the College of Education at the University of Alabama, and a dual enrollment instructor for Shelton State Community College.

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District IV

“In times like these, history teachers play a critical role in shaping students’ understanding of the past and inspiring hope for the future,” says James G. Basker, President of the Gilder Lehrman Institute.

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.
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Walker has *20 years of experience in education*. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama and the University of West Alabama. Additionally, she is a PH. D. candidate at the University of Alabama in History Secondary Education Curriculum and Instruction.

Marie Manning
District VI
President Pro Tem

“I have known Mrs. Walker as both a colleague and as her administrator for eleven years,” said Dr. Daniel Dickens, Principal of Holt High School. “I have witnessed her share her love of history with students, to make her lessons inviting, rigorous, and engaging. She has a wealth of knowledge that she shares with students, to get them to understand what happened in the past and its impact on the present. One of the major differences between Mrs. Walker and other history teachers that I have worked with is she brings an approach that invites students to experience history. She continuously looks for ways to involve students in meaningful history activities. She invites high quality speakers to present to our students. Students leave her class knowing they are stronger students and genuinely have an appreciation for history. We are grateful to have Mrs. Walker’s love for both her subject matter and our students!”

Belinda McRae
District VII

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.
District VIII

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Walker will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, a core archive of American history books, and educational materials. Additionally, she will be recognized at a local ceremony and join the group of 53 finalists contending for the 2024 National History Teacher of the Year Award.

The national award winner will be announced later this fall. They will take home a \$10,000 grand prize, at a special ceremony on Oct. 15, 2024, in New York City.

For a complete list of the 2024 state winners, please visit [this link](#).

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