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President

**ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
WILL ANNOUNCE 2026-2027 ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR
DURING SPECIAL EVENING EVENT**

Jackie Zeigler
District I

WHAT:

- The 2026-2027 Alabama Teacher of the Year and Alternate State Teacher of the Year will be officially announced during this special event and awards ceremony.

Tracie West
District II

WHEN:

- 6 p.m., until 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Kelly Mooney
District III
President Pro Tem

WHERE:

- The Alabama Shakespeare Festival – One Festival Drive, Montgomery, AL 36117

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV

WHO:

- State Superintendent, Dr. Eric G. Mackey
- Finalists for Alabama Teacher of the Year
- Alabama State Board of Education Members
- State officials, local educators, dignitaries, and top community leaders

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.
District V

Marie Manning
District VI
Vice President

Allen Long, M.D.
District VII

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Alabama Teacher of the Year (TOY) Program is one of our state's oldest and most esteemed awards programs. This year's finalists have been selected from a group of over 150 highly skilled educators. The Alabama Teacher of the Year spends the school year serving as a spokesperson for education statewide and the teaching profession. The Teacher of the Year also represents Alabama for the National Teacher of the Year Award.

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Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.
District VIII

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Secretary and
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