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**AMBER BROADHEAD NAMED 2023
ALABAMA HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

“America Celebrates 20 Years of the National History Teacher of the Year Award”

Montgomery, Ala. – *Amber Broadhead*, a teacher at Edgewood Elementary School located in the Homewood City Schools System, has officially been named the *2023 Alabama History Teacher of the Year*, an award presented annually by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.



Inaugurated in 2004 and now celebrating its twentieth anniversary, the History Teacher of the Year award highlights the crucial importance of history education by honoring exceptional history teachers from elementary school through high school.

This award honors one K–12 teacher from each state, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools, and U.S. Territories.

“Knowledgeable and impassioned teachers bring our country’s history to life for students, allowing them to understand that engaging with history is about more than a series of facts,” said James G. Basker, President of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of

American History. “Teachers are the lifeblood of our students’ education, and these are the best of the best.”

Amber Broadhead currently teaches Fourth Grade at Edgewood Elementary School. She is a graduate of the University of Montevallo and the University of West Alabama.

In her classroom and beyond, Mrs. Broadhead is known for her advocacy for Alabama history. Her great energy passes directly onto the students she teaches, who regularly engage in hands-on experiences studying of the past. She believes in immersing her students in local history while increasing civic engagement.

“Amber Broadhead is a dedicated teacher who is passionate about social studies instruction. She is a creative thinker who brings amazing experiences to our school. She connects with students inside and outside of the classroom by giving them avenues to pursue their interests. We are so lucky to have her as a teacher at Edgewood Elementary,” said Dr. Laura Tate, principal of Edgewood Elementary School.

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In addition to a \$1,000 honorarium, Broadhead will receive a core archive of American history books and Gilder Lehrman educational materials and recognition at a local ceremony in her honor and becomes one of 53 finalists for the *2023 National History Teacher of the Year Award*.

As the Gilder Lehrman Institute celebrates twenty years recognizing National History Teachers of the Year, this organization looks to this year's state winners as part of a continued tradition of elevating history teachers across the nation.

This year's National History Teacher of the Year will be announced in fall 2023 and celebrated at a ceremony in New York City. The ceremony will feature *Peabody and Emmy Award-winning ABC News Senior National Affairs Correspondent Deborah Roberts* as its presenter.

Roberts, a contributing anchor for *20/20*, was inducted into the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame in May. She is also the author of the *New York Times* recent bestselling book *Lessons Learned and Cherished: The Teacher Who Changed My Life*.

Past presenters of the award include the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, *Good Morning America's* Robin Roberts, First Lady Laura Bush, former US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Nominations for the 2024 History Teacher of the Year awards are now open. Students, parents, educators, and supervisors may nominate K-12 teachers by visiting <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-and-events/national-history-teacher-year>

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