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Pam Cummings Named 2023 Arkansas History Teacher of the Year

Little Rock, AR (October 16, 2023): Pam Cummings, a teacher at Benton High School, has been named the 2023 Arkansas History Teacher of the Year, an award presented annually by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the nation's leading organization dedicated to K–12 American history education.

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 American history teachers from elementary school through high school. The award honors one K–12 teacher from each state, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools, and US Territories.

Ms. Cummings currently teaches AP United States Government, United States History, and World History. She has been an educator with the Benton School District for eleven years. Prior to teaching at Benton High School, she taught classes in the Social Sciences at LISA Academy Public Charter School in Little Rock. Cummings is a 2018 recipient of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship for Arkansas. She has also served as an Arkansas Council for Social Studies member. Cummings holds a B.A. in Political Science, a B.S.E. in Journalism, and a M.S.E. in Education Theory and Practice. She has also attained a M.A. in American History and Government. Cummings resides in Bryant, Arkansas. She strives to offer her students learning opportunities, such as sponsoring Model United Nations at Benton High School.

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

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 gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy.

About the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History was founded in 1994 by Richard Gilder and Lewis E. Lehrman, visionaries and lifelong supporters of American history education. The Institute is the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to K–12 history education while also serving the general public. Its mission is to promote the knowledge and understanding of

American history through educational programs and resources. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is supported through the generosity of individuals, corporations, and foundations. The Institute's programs have been recognized by awards from the White House, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Organization of American Historians, the Council of Independent Colleges, and the National Daughters of the American Revolution. Visit gilderlehrman.org to learn more.

