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Zach MacIntosh Named 2020 Michigan History Teacher of the Year

TROY, MICHIGAN (JULY 27, 2020): Zach MacIntosh, an 8th grade History Teacher at Baker Middle School, has been named the 2020 Michigan 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, 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. In fall 2020, the National History Teacher of the Year will be selected from the pool of state winners.

In 2012, Zach MacIntosh received his bachelor's degree Oakland University and began teaching history in the fall of 2012. In 2015, he received his Master's Degree from Saginaw Valley State University followed up with an Education Specialist Degree in 2019 from Arkansas State University. His passion for history and technology have been combined in his classroom with a watchful eye on making history relevant to the younger generation. As a result, he has built lasting relationships with students around history as they critically analyze the American past. He creates a classroom atmosphere in which history is directly correlated to students' lives through meaningful connections, analysis of documents, and application projects. When students leave his classroom they have not only learn valuable information, but learn how the past influences the present and have a greater appreciation of how we have arrived at our current state of the nation.

In addition to a \$1,000 honorarium, Baker Middle School will receive a core archive of American history books and Gilder Lehrman educational materials and recognition at a ceremony in Michigan.

Nominations for the 2021 History Teacher of the Year awards are now open. Students, parents, colleagues, and supervisors may nominate K-12 teachers for the award by visiting gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy. The deadline for 2021 nominations is March 31, 2021.

About the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

Now celebrating its twenty-fifth year, 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.

At the Institute's core is the Gilder Lehrman Collection, one of the great archives in American history. Drawing on the 70,000 documents in the Gilder Lehrman Collection and an extensive network of eminent historians, the Institute provides teachers, students, and the general public with direct access to unique primary source materials.

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