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ECSD Announces 2018 Social Studies Teachers of the Year

The Escambia County School District's Social Studies Department, in conjunction with the local social studies council (EACSS), are proud to announce the 2017-2018 Social Studies Teachers of the Year. Each recipient was nominated by their school for their outstanding work in Social Studies education.

The ECSD social studies teachers of the year are:

- Bonny Shiflett, Lipscomb Elementary School
- Nichole Beckius, Bailey Middle School
- Robin Blalock, Tate High School

"Mrs. Shiflett brings history to life for her students through reading The Adventures of Rush Revere Book Series. She has correlated many Social Studies standards, as well as ELA (English and Language Arts) standards, directly with the content of these books. She has instilled a true love for history with each of her students! She has also been instrumental in gaining many resources for our school, as well as the school district," said Lipscomb Elementary School's Principal Susan Sanders. "Her passion for teaching social studies is contagious. When asked if she would train other teachers in our district, she willingly accepted. As a result, she will provide professional development to other teachers at the beginning of next year. She is an inspiring, dedicated teacher and is a very deserving recipient of the Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year for Escambia County School District!"

"Nichole Beckius is a true Vision 2020 teacher. Her innovative style of teaching brings the world of history alive to her students. We can't wait to see what wonderful project the students will be introduced to next!" said Jim Bailey Middle School Principal Janet Penrose.

"Robin Blalock has become an important part of the Tate High School community. Her sponsorship of Rho Kappa (Social Studies Honor Society) has helped nurture the strong ties Tate has with the military and their families. Her content knowledge is always growing and she is the first to offer guidance to new teachers," said Pam Killebrew, Social Studies Department head at Tate High School.

"They will be recognized at the Florida Council for Social Studies' Annual Conference and are now eligible to compete for the honor of selection as Florida's

social studies teachers of the year for their grade levels," explained Cherie Arnette, ECSD's Social Studies Specialist.

For more information about the Florida Council for the Social Studies, can be found at: <http://fcss.org/index.php> This year's conference will be held Oct. 20 - 22 in Palm Harbor, Florida, and the theme is: "Honoring the Past, Preserving the Present, Shaping the Future."

Photos of each are attached.

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