

# *Washington Teachers Win State Awards and National Nominations*



Mr. Bradley Liebrecht of West Valley Junior High School in Yakima and Mrs. Jill Berge of Lake Washington High School in Kirkland were named the 2021 Washington History Day Teachers of the Year on Saturday, May 1, 2021 as part of a virtual awards ceremony for the Washington History Day State Contest. Liebrecht and Berge will also serve as Washington's nominees for the national Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award, administered by the National History Day program.

"Brad and Jill are assets to the Washington History Day program. They both hold leadership roles through which they support History Day participation in our state, both have won competitive positions in History Day programs at the national level, and both provide expert guidance to their History Day students and peer teachers alike. We are grateful for the opportunity to recognize them as Washington History Day Teachers of the Year and proud to have them represent Washington State in the running for the national Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award," said Hannah Tofte, Washington History Day State Coordinator.

"The nominees for the Behring Award have shown a dedication to teaching that goes beyond the classroom," said Dr. Cathy Gorn, National History Day Executive Director. "These educators are leading examples for their peers and invaluable resources for their students."

Behring Award nominees each receive \$250 from the award program and the winning educators will each receive a \$10,000 prize. Winners of the Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award will be announced in June 2021.

