

# SHAUNA WATERS

2024 MISSISSIPPI TEACHER OF THE YEAR

## PLATFORM

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world." Educators have the amazing opportunity to generate positive and lasting change for our students, our schools and communities, and ourselves.

## ABOUT ME

Shauna Waters has been a teacher since 2001. She has taught in Indiana University's Intensive English program, in the Comparative Cultures department of Aichi University in Toyohashi, Japan, and is currently the dual-enrollment English Composition I instructor, AP English Literature and Composition teacher, senior English teacher, honors sophomore English teacher, Academic Team sponsor, Tech Champion, newspaper adviser, and National Honor Society adviser at West Lauderdale High School in Collinsville, Mississippi. She served as a Reader for the Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition national exam in 2010, 2011, and 2014 - 2023. She traveled to Brazil as a fellow in the 2011-2012 cohort of the US State Department/IREX Teachers for Global Classrooms program, was a member of the 2013 National Endowment for the Humanities/Primary Source Summer Institute in Turkey on the history and legacy of the Ottoman Empire, and was a participant in the Folger Shakespeare Library's 2015 Teaching Shakespeare Institute Summer Academy. In her rare spare time, she enjoys traveling, messing about with her camera or her collection of fountain pens, reading things not required for teaching, and spending time with the assorted cats and dogs who have adopted her.

## HONORS

- Mississippi Teacher of the Year - 2024
- MEC STAR Teacher - 2008, 2009, 2013, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2024
- DKG Gamma Chapter Woman of Distinction - 2021
- Yale Educator Award - 2019
- US Presidential Scholar Distinguished Teacher - 2017



## CONTACT

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## EDUCATION

### SPECIALIST - EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

William Carey University - Hattiesburg, MS  
In Progress

### MASTERS - TESOL AND APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Indiana University - Bloomington, IN  
2001

### BACHELOR OF ARTS - ENGLISH

Mississippi State University - Starkville, MS  
1998

## CERTIFICATIONS

- GOOGLE CERTIFIED EDUCATOR
- CANVAS CERTIFIED EDUCATOR
- APPLE TEACHER

## ACTIVITIES

- Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Key Women Educators - Gamma Chapter, Mississippi State Organization
- Mississippi Association of Educators