

## Darnell named Clinton's 2019-20 Teacher of the Year



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CHS teacher Mina Darnell is the Clinton Public School District's 2019-20 Teacher of the Year. Pictured (l to r) are CPSD Assistant Superintendent Anthony Goins, Superintendent Dr. Tim Martin, Darnell, and CHS Principal Brett Robinson.

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Clinton High School teacher Mina Darnell actively encourages her students to engage in their lessons and ask questions.

"Some of my best teaching moments came from students asking questions, and no question is a bad question," she said. "Student questions provide a great opportunity for me to understand where the student is confused. Questions also promote classroom discussion."

Her ability to encourage students and keep them engaged has not gone unnoticed; before the holiday break, Darnell was named the Clinton Public School District's 2019-20 Teacher of the Year. She received the award in a surprise presentation at CHS.

"Never a dull moment, that's how I would describe Mrs. Darnell's honors level Algebra III and Humanities classes," said CHS Principal Brett Robinson. "From the moment students enter her room, she is pushing

them to be successful. Whether working independently or collaboratively, I can always count on seeing the teacher and students busy at work, no matter the day or time."

Darnell has taught at Clinton High School since 1989, with courses including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Honors Trigonometry, ACT prep, Humanities (ACT/PSAT prep), Honors Pre-Calculus, and Honors Algebra III. She has served as the CHS math department chair since 2012.

In addition to her teaching duties, Darnell has also coached several athletic teams, including girls basketball, fastpitch softball and slow pitch softball.

She holds an associate degree from Hinds Community College and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Mississippi College.

As CPSD's Teacher of the Year, she will go on to represent Clinton in the Mississippi Teacher of the Year program this spring, hosted by the Mississippi Department of Education.

## Shroud of Turin expert to speak Jan. 9

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Dr. Cheryl White, Professor of History at LSU Shreveport, will speak on the Shroud of Turin on Thursday, January 9, at 7 p.m. at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church in Clinton. The Shroud of Turin is a linen cloth now kept in Turin, Italy, which much scientific examination suggests is the burial cloth of Jesus.

Dr. White is a board member of the Shroud of Turin Education and Research Association. She has studied the Shroud of Turin the entirety of her academic career, with a special inter-

est in the Shroud's so-called "Missing Years," of 1204-1355, including recent research in the Vatican Secret Archives. In addition to presenting academic papers, she is a frequently requested lecturer on Shroud-related topics. She co-hosts the international podcast with Fr. Peter Mangum entitled, Who is the Man of the Shroud? She is the Curator of the Museum of the Holy Shroud in Shreveport.

For more information, call Fr. Paul Yerger at 601-924-2441 or email fatherpaul@holyyres.net. The church is located at 414 East College Street.

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