

One of Harlan County High School Principal Kathy Minor's favorite quotes comes from football legend Vince Lombardi.

"Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work," quotes Minor.

After taking over as principal at the end of the school day on August 30, Minor has been working with her site base council to get the school's administrative team selected and in place.



Assistant principals are Mike Hensley, Eddie Creech and Anthony Nolan. All three have been strong academic teachers to HCHS students.

Eugene Farmer, known in the sports broadcasting field for his work in high school sports on local radio and television, has been named the school's athletic director.

Minor says they have jumped in and are working extra hard to continue to grow academics and extracurricular enrichment programs for HCHS students.

"I feel we all share the same vision- committed to doing the best job we can do as an individual, committed to helping one another, committed to supporting our teachers, and most importantly committed to meeting the needs of our HC students. One Vision, One Mission, One Community- Harlan County High School," said Minor.

Superintendent Brent Roark agrees, noting he believes the future is very bright for HCHS students who take advantage of the many opportunities now available to them in academics, athletics and many other organizations and resources.

"The leadership team which is now in place at HCHS has an outstanding working relationship with one another and are committed to providing a superior service to all of our students, parents, and the community we serve," said Roark. "I have incredible confidence in this leadership team's ability to work together for the good of all staff and students at HCHS."

Hensley is in his fourth year as assistant principal. He holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education AND a master's degree in principalship. He completed 18 hours in graduate math courses.

“My goal is to provide every student the best educational opportunity possible,” said Hensley. “While I am no longer in the classroom, I still view my role as helping students be successful, just more of them and in a different setting.”

Creech, who will continue to coach the HCHS Black Bear football team, has taught math for 11 years. He holds a bachelor's degree from Lincoln Memorial University and a master's degree and Rank 1 certification from Union College.

“I love my new position,” said Creech. “It gives me a whole new opportunity to interact with kids. I want to positively impact the lives of our HC students.”

Creech said he is “very excited about the direction our high school is headed.”

Nolan is the newest assistant principal, being on the job only a few days. He performed his undergraduate work at Union College, earning degrees in education and English. He has a master's degree from Union College in administration and K-12 principalship.

“I feel it is an honor and a blessing to be given the opportunity to be an administrator at Harlan County High School and work with so many professional people. I would like to thank Mrs. Minor, Mr. Roark, the school board and the school council for their support.”

Nolan said HCHS has “a wonderful staff and a beautiful facility filled with great students. It is my job to serve in whatever capacity I can to improve the culture of our school and to help prepare our students to be successful leaders for our future. I feel this staff will work diligently to move HCHS forward.”

Farmer will continue to teach and perform the duties of the athletic director. He will oversee the 14 varsity sports and the many responsibilities that come with them in complying with Kentucky High School Athletic Association regulations.

Farmer holds a bachelor's degree in social studies and a minor in history. He has a master's of arts in education administration and supervision with principalship certification.

He has taught U.S. history, integrated social studies, world civilization, political science, and arts and humanities. He served as a head baseball coach at James A. Cawood High School, and golf coach at HCHS.

Farmer is well versed in high school sports and known throughout the region for his broadcast work with WYMT of high school athletics. He has served as the lead play-by-play announcer at WYMT for three years and for WHLN radio for 10 years.

“I am honored to serve Harlan County High School as athletic director,” said Farmer. “My goal is to enhance every sport program at HCHS while helping our coaches, players and staff succeed at the highest level and win championships.”

Farmer pledges to be a “great promoter and advocate for the student-athletes, coaches and successful sports programs at HCHS.

“My entire family are Harlan County high school graduates. I am honored and humbled to simply be a part of something so special. Collectively, the entire HCHS administration are committed to helping the student-athletes succeed both in the classroom and out of the classroom. I simply look forward to assisting them in enhancing their athletic careers while celebrating their accomplishments.”