

KATHY MINOR SELECTED TO LEAD HCHS AS PRINCIPAL

Kathy Minor will be the new principal at Harlan County High School.

Minor's appointment to the position becomes effective on August 30. She will become only the third principal at the school since it opened in 2008. The site base decision-making council selected Minor during a special meeting Monday afternoon.

"I appreciate the confidence of Mr. Brent Roark (Superintendent) and the Site Base Council have in me and for allowing me the opportunity to serve their children and all the students at Harlan County High School," said Minor. "I was born and raised in a small community in Harlan County. Harlan County is more than simply our county, it is now our community." Minor said it is an "honor for me to lead the students, faculty and staff at Harlan County High School. When people hear Harlan County, I want them to see us as a top school in the state of Kentucky, especially in academics. I want our students to be proud of where they are from and proud of where they go to school." Minor says she anticipates a smooth transition as she takes the reigns from Edna Burkhart, who is retiring. "I have been here since day one of HCHS," said Minor. "I anticipate a smooth transition in all aspects. We have great kids. We have great teachers. I am looking forward to working with them and for them. I believe we share the same vision, to be the best we can be, to continue to grow and excel. "

"I had two daughters to graduate from HCHS, I have a stepdaughter who attends HCHS at present, and I have a son that is going to be here in a couple of years. I have past, present, and future students of Harlan County High School. As all parents want for their kids, I want to instill morals, values, and a strong desire to achieve across the student body.

Minor began her career at Evarts High School in 1995 as a chemistry teacher; in 2004, she served as assistant principal at Evarts High School for the next four years before serving as the dropout prevention supervisor at HCHS for two years. She then became an HCHS assistant principal in 2010, a position she has held until being selected principal by the site base council today.

Minor is a graduate of Evarts High School. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington where she was Cum Laude. She holds advanced degrees from Union College, including her master's and the Planned Sixth-Year Program.

She did her student teaching at Dixon High School in Holly Ridge, N.C.

She was an outstanding basketball player at Evarts where she also earned valedictorian honors. She coached varsity girls' basketball at Evarts for two years.

She is the daughter of Ernest and Julia Vanover of Evarts and is married to Luke Minor, a Harlan native. She is the mother of Morgan Napier, a sophomore at the University of Kentucky; Macie Napier, a sophomore at Morehead State University; and Brody Napier, a seventh grader at Rosspoint Elementary School. She has three stepdaughters including Olivia Minor, who is a senior at Harlan County High School, Samantha Smith (Ewing VA) and Meredith Bishop (Kingsport TN).

