



FALL 2018

Brown County ESC

BROWN COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Each year, the Brown County Educational Service Center recognizes the most outstanding teachers in the Brown County Schools. This year's honored recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award is Mendy (Brown) Hamilton a Kindergarten teacher for Fayetteville-Perry Local School District. The Teacher of the Year winner received a personal gift donated by First State Bank in the amount of \$1,000.00.

From left to right: Billie Rae Henry, Branch Manager Mt. Orab, James Brady, Superintendent Fayetteville-Perry, Ryan Unger, Branch Manager Georgetown, Mendy (Brown) Hamilton, Fayetteville-Perry Teacher of the Year, Gerry Schumacher, Business Development, Mike Pell, President/CEO First State Bank, James Frazier, Superintendent Brown County ESC

BROWN COUNTY TEACHERS HONORED

Six Brown County teachers were honored at the 2018 Brown County In-Service held at Western Brown High School on October 19th. Over 600 teachers, administrators, and staff members were in attendance to acknowledge and applaud the nominees for the Teacher of the Year - Excellence in Education Award. Each year the Brown County Educational Service Center recognizes the most outstanding teachers in the Brown County Schools. Throughout last school year, nominations were made by colleagues, students, and community members of each school district. Based on the following criteria, a candidate was chosen by each district to be their representative: worked as a full time classroom teacher, set high expectations for students and self, inspired students, colleagues, and the community, maintained a high level of professionalism and professional growth, demonstrated concern and respect for students, and employed in a Brown County school for the 2017-2018 school year. Each candidate received a plaque of recognition and \$250.00 to spend on classroom materials.

Congratulations to all of the Teacher of the Year nominees!

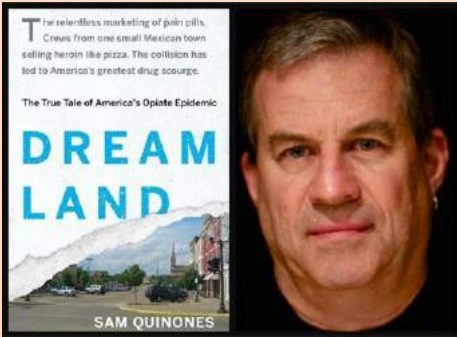


Teacher of the Year Nominees (Left to Right)

Back Row: Mike Pell, President/CEO First State Bank, Raegan White, Superintendent WBLSD, James Brady, Superintendent FPLS, Kevin Kratzer, Superintendent SHCTC, Jamie Wilkins, Superintendent RULH, Christopher Burrows, Superintendent, GEVS, Michele Filon, Superintendent ELSD, James Frazier, Superintendent, BCESC

Front Row sitting: Tina Kidd, WBLSD, Mendy (Brown) Hamilton, FPLS (Teacher of the Year), Mindy Hastings, SHCTC, Rex Woodward, RULH, Pam McKinney, GEVS, Tim Hoagland, ELSD

Award Winning Author Speaks in Brown County



Sam Quinones is a Los Angeles-based freelance journalist and author of three books of narrative nonfiction. His latest book is *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic* (Bloomsbury, 2015), for which he traveled across the United States.

Dreamland recounts twin stories of drug marketing in the 21st Century. As a pharmaceutical corporation promotes its legal new opiate prescription painkiller as nonaddictive; immigrants from a small town in Nayarit, Mexico devise a method for retailing black-tar heroin like pizza in the US, and take that system nationwide, riding a wave of addiction to prescription pills from coast to coast. The collision of those two forces has led to America's deadliest drug scourge in modern times. *Dreamland* won a National Book Critics Circle award for the Best Nonfiction Book of 2015. It was also selected as one of the Best Books of 2015 by Amazon.com, Slate.com, the Daily Beast, BuzzFeed, Seattle Times, Boston Globe, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Entertainment Weekly, Audible, and in the Wall Street Journal and Bloomberg Business by Nobel economics laureate, Prof. Angus Deaton, of Princeton University.

Sam Quinones is formerly a reporter with the *L.A. Times*, where he worked for 10 years (2004-2014). He is a veteran reporter on immigration, gangs, drug trafficking, and the border.

On September 8, 2018, Sam Quinones visited Brown County. He spoke to over 450 people in attendance at a luncheon and evening speaking engagement held at the Venue on Lake Grant. This event gave Mr. Quinones a chance to speak with the people of Brown County about the Drug Epidemic that is sweeping across our nation. It was a great learning experience for all in attendance. A special thank you is sent to Brown County Prosecutor Zac Corbin, Justin Conley and the Brown County Drug Task Force, Deanna Vietz and the Brown County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Interact for Health; these agencies were sponsors of the event along with the Brown County ESC.

TEEN LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION

As a result of the Sam Quinones event a Teen Leadership Group has been formed. The teens will be brought together throughout the school year to develop prevention education for their local districts.



Eastern High School welcomes a new Warrior~ Mr. Bill Garrett



I am a graduate of Peebles High School (1980) and Miami University (1984). I did my graduate work at the University of Dayton and the University of Cincinnati. I am married to Lynette and have four children: Nate, Taylor, Kylie, and Luke. We have two grandchildren: Peyton and Grayson. We have resided in Mt. Orab for the past 34 years.

This school year will be my 35th as an educator. I began my career as a teacher and coach in the Fayetteville-Perry Local School District. After five years of teaching I became an Assistant Principal in grades 5-12. I did this for two years at which time I became the Middle School Principal. After one year I became the High School Principal and served in this capacity for four years. I also served as the High School Athletic Director for eleven years. While at Fayetteville I coached Varsity Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, and Softball.

From Fayetteville I moved to the Western Brown Local School District to become the Mt. Orab Elementary/MS Principal for four years. At that point, after separating the two buildings I became the Middle School Principal. I served in this capacity for four years. I then accepted a position as Assistant Superintendent for the next three and a half years. During my time at Western Brown I coached Varsity Basketball for six years.

In December of 2007 I became the Superintendent of Fairfield Local School District and served in that capacity for ten and a half years prior to accepting the position as High School Principal at Eastern Local.

A NEW SPECIAL SERVICE COORDINATOR FOR RIPLEY SCHOOLS!

Hi, my name is Kara Williams, I am the Special Service Coordinator for Ripley Union Lewis Huntington. My husband Bill and I live in Sardinia with our dog Ellie. Bill owns his own printing and embroidery business, Patriot Signs and Screen Printing. We have five amazing children, three are his and two are mine, Aaron 25, Emma 23, Ty 21, Emily 20, and Olivia 20. My hobby is riding Tennessee Walking Horses.

Kamp Dovetail is a passion of mine. I have been a Kamp Dovetail staff member for 20 years and I am involved in numerous fundraisers throughout the year.

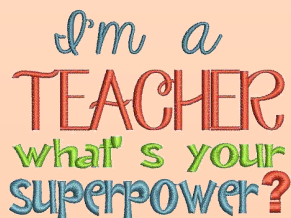
My education includes an Educational Specialist Degree in Curriculum/Instruction in Special Education from the University of Toledo, a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Concordia University, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, concentration in Marketing from Wilmington College and an Associate Degree in Early Childhood from SSCC. My licenses are: Alternative Administrative Specialist, K-12 Intervention Specialist, and Pre-K for Handicap.

My work experience includes Assistant Special Education Director and Preschool Supervisor for the past three years at the Adams County Ohio Valley School. I taught at Lynchburg-Clay for ten years, two years Intervention Specialist grades 1-2, and eight years as special education preschool teacher. I owned and operated a before and after school program for three years, I served as Cheer Coach for 10 years, Assistant Athletic Director for five years and a softball coach for two years, all at Lynchburg-Clay. I also was a stay-at-home mom for eight years and provided childcare for the Lynchburg community.





Infohio is back and better than ever! Need some new lesson plans? This year the site features over 49,000 lesson plans all tied to the Ohio Learning Standards. The web based program features resources for pre-kindergarten all the way to the graduating senior! The links on the main page have been upgraded and are easier to use with many new classroom and student resources.



GRANT OPPORTUNITY - HOPE THE OHIO

The Health and Opioid Abuse Prevention Education (HOPE) Curriculum is a K-12 curriculum developed for schools to meet the requirements of House Bill 367. The HOPE curriculum is a series of lessons, assessments and learning materials to develop students' functional knowledge, attitudes and necessary skills to prevent drug abuse. The lessons are designed to be part of a larger substance abuse prevention unit within a school's health education curriculum.

The middle and high school lessons are designed for a licensed health education teacher to implement within a health education class. The elementary curriculum is designed for a classroom teacher to implement in 20 minute lessons that are aligned with the English Language Arts Standards.

Contact Becky Cropper and Evelyn Yockey at (937) 378-6118 for more information regarding this grant opportunity.

A New Name and Look for Community / Student Mentoring Program.

The mentoring program formally known as Community Connectors has changed its name to Brown County Connections due to funding changes. Thank you to The Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services for recognizing the validity of this program and supporting its continuation of this program. Thank you to First State Bank for providing mentors to all of our school districts and for funding the program at White Oak Jr. / Sr. High School. The program focuses on building resiliency in middle school students by putting one more support person in their lives to encourage goal-setting, look at student strengths, share life lesson experiences and be an interested role model. Since the inception of the program, we have seen an increase in academics, an increase in student involvement in extra-curricular and community activities, more students having a plan for their future, and a decrease in discipline referrals. We hope to expand the program to reach more students, but we need more people to step up to be mentors. If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Evelyn Yockey at The Brown County Educational Service Center, 937-378-6118 ext. 521 or evelyn.yockey@brownesc.us.

NEW FACES AT FAYETTEVILLE-PERRY LOCAL SCHOOLS



Fayetteville-Perry Local Schools has a New Treasurer

My name is Lisa Tussey and this year I have accepted the School Treasurer position at Fayetteville-Perry Schools. I have three grown children and have been married to my husband Jason for 30 years.

I am a life-long resident of Fayetteville and I am also a graduate of Fayetteville Schools. My earlier employment included GE Aircraft Engines, Technicolor Entertainment and with the birth of my third child I decided to be a full-time mom. This time allowed me the opportunity to invest in my church, family, community, and school. I was a School Board Member, soccer coach, PTO member, religious education teacher, and did bookkeeping for our family owned business. Our children were very active in school, church, athletics, 4-H and we loved to camp. In 2008 I decided to go back into the workforce and was actively looking into the business field as I graduated from Wilmington College in 1995 with a B.A. in Business Management. At that time the Assistant to the Treasurer position (Payroll) was vacant. I was fortunate to achieve this position and learned so much about the financial operations of a school district. After six years I moved over to the teaching side and taught Business Technology 7-12th graders for two years. In the fall of 2015 I ran for Perry Township Fiscal Officer and began that endeavor in the spring of 2016. I immediately converted the manual bookkeeping system to the Unified Accounting Network and in the fall of 2016 I moved into the High School Secretary position. I knew the fiscal responsibility of my elected position would be a time commitment that would require my evenings free for meetings. This past summer I was blessed with the opportunity to move again in the position of Treasurer for our school. I have told everyone that this is my last move and I have plenty to keep me challenged, motivated and will hopefully make a difference.

Fayetteville-Perry Welcomes a New School Psychologist, Brittany Hall



Hello everyone!! I am a new School Psychologist serving Fayetteville-Perry School district through the Brown County ESC this year. I am originally from a small town in West Virginia and moved to the Cincinnati area for graduate school. I graduated from The University of Cincinnati with my Master's Degree in the Foundations of Applied Behavior Analysis and my Education Specialist Degree in School Psychology. I've worked in other school districts prior to coming to FPLS, but I'm very excited to be a part of this school family! I love getting to work with students, their families, school staff and the community to ensure all kids have the best educational experience we can provide. I look forward to this school year and getting to meet all the new families with whom I will have the opportunity to work.

MASTER TEACHERS IN BROWN COUNTY

The Master Teacher Consortium is charged with the responsibility of evaluating the portfolios of teacher candidates who seek to advance from a Professional educator's license to either the Senior Professional or Lead Professional educator's license. To be eligible for a Senior Professional License, a teacher must meet the following three requirements:

1. Completion of a Master's degree
2. Nine years of experience under a standard teaching license or certificate, of which at least five years are under a professional license or permanent certificate
3. Demonstration of effective practice at the accomplished or distinguished level of performance as defined in the Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession and evaluated through successful completion of the Master Teacher portfolio.

In addition to these requirements, a teacher seeking a Lead Professional Educator's license must also hold active National Board Certification **or** have successfully completed the Master Teacher portfolio **and** completed an ODE-approved Teacher Leader Endorsement program through an accredited college or university. New and Renewal master teacher portfolio are due to **Brown County Educational Service Center by 4:00 pm on February 1, 2019** at the latest. They may be turned in prior to that date.

For more information on how you can become a Master Teacher or Renew your master teacher license please visit <http://bit.ly/masterteacher8> or contact Stephanie Wagoner at stephanie.wagoner@brownesc.us or 937-378-6118

A NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR HAMERSVILLE

Dee Wright is the Assistant Principal at Hamersville Elementary and Middle School and the District 504 Coordinator for Western Brown. Her prior experience includes science teacher at Whiteoak Jr/Sr High School, Whiteoak Principal and Superintendent of Bright Local Schools. She retired from Bright Local with 32 years of experience in 2015. She and her family reside in Neals Corner and her grandson, Jaxon, is in kindergarten at Hamersville. She enjoys being part of the Western Brown Family. She is grateful for the opportunity to work with the students and staff at HEMS.



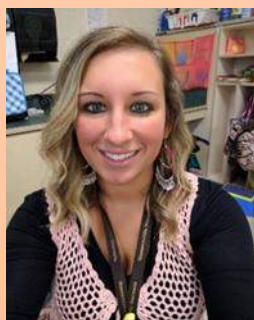
NEW FACES IN OUR DISTRICTS!



Drew Copas is a Physical Education aide working in the **Eastern Local School District**. He is currently splitting his time between Russellville Elementary and Sardinia Elementary. He lives at Lake Waynoka with his wife Miranda Copas and son Beckham Copas. Drew is a graduate of North Adams High School. His hobbies consist of golfing, lifting weights, and spending time with his friends and family. Welcome Drew to Eastern Local School District and the Brown County Educational Service Center Family.



Kathy Seigla is the ISR Elementary Aide working in the **Georgetown Exempted Village School District**. She is currently working at Georgetown Elementary School. Kathy lives in Georgetown, Ohio with her husband David Seigla and three children Delanye, Isaac and Caleb. She graduated from Georgetown High School in 2000 and then from Chatfield College with an Associates in Business in 2002. Kathy loves spending time outdoors with her family including hiking, camping and walking her dogs to name a few. Welcome Kathy to GEVS and the Brown County ESC family

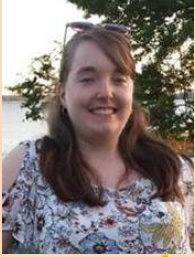


Katherine (Katie) Butler is working as a classroom aide in the Western Brown Local School District serving at **Hamersville Elementary/Middle School**. Katie lives in Mt. Orab, Ohio. She graduated from Western Brown High School and also attended Southern Hills Career Technical Center in the Nurse Aide Program. She is currently attending Ashford University working on her Bachelor's in Applied Behavioral Sciences. Katie is engaged to Brett Barber and she has one spoiled dog named Turbo. She loves to teach Yoga, staying active, spending time with her family, online shopping, outdoor activities, sports, crafting, cooking and most importantly, God. Welcome Katie to the Western Brown Local School District and the Brown County ESC family.



Tiffany Walters is working as a classroom aide in the Western Brown Local School District serving at **Hamersville Elementary/Middle School**. She graduated from Western Brown High School. She also received training through Southern Hills Career Technical Center. Tiffany attended Ohio Christian University where she studied Psychology. She is married to J.J. Walters and has three boys and one girl. In her spare time, Tiffany enjoys fast pitch softball, four wheeling and spending time with her family. Welcome Tiffany to the Western Brown Local School District and the Brown County ESC.

NEW BRONCOS IN SPEECH PATHOLOGY



Hi! My name is Christy Tomlin, and I am one of the new Speech-Language Pathologists servicing Western Brown Local Schools this year. This past May, I went on my first family vacation in five years to Charleston, South Carolina with my mom, dad, and sister. In August, I graduated from the University of Cincinnati with my Master of Arts degree. I like puzzles, cooking, listening to music, and spending time with friends and family. I recently moved to Georgetown (Ohio), and am enjoying living the small town life.



My name is Becca Trumble and I graduated from the University of Cincinnati with my Bachelors degree in 2016. This summer I moved back to the greater Cincinnati area, after spending the past two years at Cleveland State University getting my Master's in speech-language pathology. I'm currently living in the Eastgate area with my 22 pound cat Mr. Frodonoodles. I'm excited to start my career as a speech pathologist in the Western Brown School District.

Just a thought.....

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." – Albert Einstein



Professional Learning Opportunities

To learn more about the PLO's please click the title to access the flyer

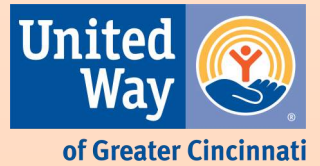
Click on the Times in each section to REGISTER

Oct 17, 2018	Brown County ESC	4:15 to 6:15	Changes in Standards (Math)
Nov 15, 2018	Brown County ESC	4:15 to 6:15	Problem Based Learning (Math)
Jan 23, 2019	Region 14/Hopewell	8:30 to 3:30	Engaging Environments
Jan 24, 2019	Brown County ESC	4:15 to 6:15	Desmos (Math)
Jan 29, 2019	Region 14/Hopewell	4:30 to 7:30	Understanding your Standards
Feb 11, 2019	Southern Ohio ESC	4:30 to 7:30	OTES/ Goal Writing
Feb 20, 2019	Brown County ESC	4:15 to 6:15	Number Talks (Math)
Feb 21, 2019	Southern Ohio ESC	8:30 to 3:30	Formative Instruction
March 12, 2019	Brown County ESC	8:30 to 3:30	Data/ Effective Grouping
March 21, 2019	Brown County ESC	4:30 to 7:30	Mindfulness
March 27, 2019	Brown County ESC	4:15 to 6:15	Round Table (Math)
April 25, 2019	Brown County ESC	4:15 to 6:15	Coding

SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETINGS

Dec 7, 2018	Brown County ESC	8:00 to 12:00	Superintendents' Meeting and Insurance Consortium
Jan 18, 2019	Brown County ESC	8:00 to 9:00	Superintendents' Meeting
March 15, 2019	Brown County ESC	8:00 am to 12:00	Superintendents' Meeting & Admin Update
Apr 12, 2019	Brown County ESC	8:00 to 12:00	Superintendents' Meeting and Insurance Consortium
May 10, 2019	Brown County ESC	8:00 to 9:00	Superintendents' Meeting
June 7, 2019	Brown County ESC	8:00 to 3:00	Superintendents' Meeting, Admin Update and Insurance Consortium

Did you know?



The United Way of Cincinnati is a partner with the Brown County ESC and our Brown County Schools. Each year we receive a grant that allows us to participate in a Fall Party and wonderful field trips for our Cross Categorical Classroom students. These field trips include: The Cincinnati Zoo, Cherry Ridge Farms, Community Bowling Lanes and The Aronoff Center. The value of these trips and their support is immeasurable.

We are thankful for the continued support of the United Way. If you would like more information please contact Mike Roades, Special Education Coordinator of Brown County ESC at (937) 378-6118 or mike.roades@brownesc.us.

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