

Allison Cook, a member of the Harlan County High School Class of 2018 and daughter of Roy and Lisa Cook, was named the recipient of the Harlan County Schools Superintendent's Student Council Black Bear Kindness Award earlier this month.

The award is nominated by and selected by the members of the student council. Council members noted that Cook's personality continually sets a positive tone as she is always happy. Council members remarked that she helps to make the days for other students and encourages everyone to be good to each other. Fighting back tears when being surprised with the award by being called to a council meeting, Cook said, "I'm overwhelmed. Kindness pays off. People notice when you are kind to them. I want to tell everyone to be kind to others."

The Superintendent's Student Council was formed earlier this school year to serve as a voice for students. They held regular meetings with Superintendent Brent Roark, offering suggestions and recommendations with him.

Here, Cook, holding her plaque, is shown here with members of the council.

