

BLEVINS, BROCK AWARDED BLACK BEAR AWARDS BY HC SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT COUNCIL



The Superintendent's Student Council at Harlan County High School recently presented Black Bear Awards to Robert Blevins, a senior, and Tami Brock, a teacher, for service to school and students.

Council members presented the awards during a recent meeting.

Superintendent Brent Roark told Blevins that the council members nominated him for the Black Bear Kindness Award because "You are a role model for the other kids. You are good to other people. They see that you have a big heart through helping others."

Garry Henson, a senior member of the panel, said he knows Blevins through participation on the football team and at school. "You are good inside and out," said Henson. You are always willing to serve others. Sometimes doing the right thing does not go unnoticed."

Blevins is a member of the First Priority. He has earned various powerlifting awards. He is taking dual credit English. He is the son of Robert and Teresa Blevins of Closplint.

Brock became only the third teacher to receive the inspirational teacher award.

Senior council members Luke Parker and Rhileigh Alred and junior council member Olivia Minor spoke on behalf of peers in presenting Brock with her award.

Parker noted "You go above and beyond" in working with students noting specifically, the tremendous effort she puts forth to share scholarship opportunities with her students. "You really believe in us," he said. "We appreciate everything you do for us. You are an excellent teacher. "

Alred noted that Brock is always courteous to students and attends many extra-curricular events to cheer students on and to show support for the many programs.

"I would not know as much about planning for college if it had not been for you," she said. You are always helpful and positive. "

Minor said, "You prepare us in so many ways. We really appreciate you for what you do. You are always there at my volleyball games. You are like our team Mom."

Brock began teaching in the fall of 1992 at Cumberland High School. She has a master's degree in administration from Union College. She earned an additional 18 hours in English from Morehead State University.

She became a National Board Certified Teacher in 2007.

Brock has earned many accolades including the Campbellsville University Excellence in Teaching Award and being recognized as a University of Kentucky's College of Education as "A Teacher Who Made a Difference" eight times.

Brock told the students the award “means a lot to me.” She noted that it is nice to receive awards, but those coming from the students are special.

“I’ve always loved my job at Harlan County,” she said.

Brock is instrumental in the success of the HCHS dual credit college program.

She has three children, Bailey, a first year law student at the University of Louisville; Phebe, a senior at HCHS who will attend the University of the Cumberlands in the fall; and Cooper, who will be a freshman at HC in the fall.