

New Teachers at Beatrice High School

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Beatrice High School hired four new teachers and an assistant principal for the 2018 school year. To provide the opportunity for Beatrice High School students and the community to get to know these new faces at Beatrice High School, we sat down and asked them a few questions.



Jaxson Kenton is a new English teacher and is also an assistant football coach for the Beatrice High School football team. He teaches English II and English IV. Kenton came to Beatrice because he heard Beatrice had a good academic and athletic program. Kenton wanted to become a teacher so he could have an impact on as many students as he could, and teaching gives him the ability to interact with many students on a daily basis. He believes Beatrice is a great community and he loves going out and seeing students outside of class. This is his very first teaching job and the one struggle for him is being far away from his family. He avoids discipline issues by making his rules known beforehand.



Philip Voigt is the new assistant principal, and he has a lot of energy and has a positive outlook for the future of Beatrice High School. His goal is to be involved and to listen to each individual student in our school. Mr. Voigt says, "My best strength is being ridiculously awesome and handsome." He believes that we all have our weaknesses, but we should use those as opportunities to learn and grow. There will always be a learning curve in a new job. This is his eleventh year in education. He stated that bullying has been around for a long time, but bullying is different now because it is more social media based. He approaches the issue with empathy and has a personal edge on the situation since he has experienced it himself. Every human being is valued and we need to treat each other like that. He believes by having an administration role he will have the opportunity to make more of an impact on the students.



Todd Ekart is the new advanced conditioning teacher and also the head football coach at Beatrice High School. Ekart taught at BHS in 2011, but then left, and he wanted to come back to Beatrice to be a coach and get closer to family. He enjoys the atmosphere, and the teachers and administration working together, and students supporting each other in events at BHS. The most frustrating aspect of his job is not being able to interact with many students in the school. His one struggle he finds the most is being introverted, but he uses his sense of humor as his strength. Another struggle is when students do not listen or they are hard to discipline. His expectations are known beforehand and he has a good reputation with the staff and the students.

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Clark Ribble is the new lifetime fitness teacher and head boys basketball coach. He says he came to Beatrice for its opportunities and to take on risks. Ribble loves the students and staff at Beatrice High School, and he wants to help as many kids in the school as possible. Ribble says “that everyday is a good day and he tries to find the good in people.” Ribble also says that, “With my time here, I want to know every kids’ name in the entire district.” He left his old job to progress as a human and to take on new challenges. His strengths are positivity and connecting with all kids and his weakness is organization. He does not have many discipline issues in his classes because “most kids know what they are getting themselves into, and my class gives kids the chance to get out of the desk and be active.”



Dustin Hahn is the new business teacher at Beatrice High School. He was ready for a new change and had heard about our great athletic programs. Hahn last taught at a private school before he came here. He likes the “friendly environment” and that kids are very open and want to get to know him. The three individuals that motivated him to be a teacher were his high school business teacher, his high school principal, and his high school basketball coach. According to Hahn, the most important traits a teacher needs are patience, accountability, and organization. The most frustrating part of his job is when students are not motivated to complete their class assignments or they do not give him their attention when needed. His strength is that he can relate to many different students in the school. Hahn’s view on discipline is that he needs to be more strict but flexible at the same time.

We enjoyed getting to know these new teachers at Beatrice High School. They all bring a positive energy and a new motivation to make this a great school year for all students and staff.