

New Teachers Arrive at Heard High

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Heard County High School has added four new teachers for the 2009-2010 school year. The new teachers consist of Molly Grizzard, Nancy Heard, Matthew Hornsby, and Molly McKee. Although the new teachers all may have different specialization areas, they are all working together with the rest of the Heard County High School staff to make this school year one of the best.

Grizzard, the new ninth grade literature teacher, grew up in Carrollton, Georgia and is a graduate of Central High School. She graduated from the University of West Georgia with a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education in English. Her major was English, and her minor was secondary education. Grizzard also says that Heard County High School's Rodney Kay was her Spanish teacher in high school. Working at Heard

County High School is her first "real job" out of college and she is very hopeful about the new school year. "I hope to make a lot of friends this year and teach the students some useful information," claimed Grizzard. Outside of school, she likes to travel, hike, and read. She is going to be helping out with the cheerleading squad this year, and giving up some of her time to tutor students.

Heard is returning to the Heard County High School staff as the band director after teaching around Heard County during a fifteen year period. Heard grew up in Flint, Michigan, and graduated from Flint Central High School. After high school, she went to Michigan State University, where she received her bachelor's degree in music education. Heard then received her master's degree at University of West Georgia in educational leadership. After Michigan State, Heard taught in the Tift County Schools, from 1982-1986, teaching all lev-

els of music and band. She then moved to Heard County and taught at Heard County High School as head band director from 1986-1994. Heard moved to teaching elementary music and band at Centralhatchee and Ephesus Elementary Schools from 1994-2002. Once Heard County Middle School was built, she moved over and taught middle school band from 2002-2009. Heard is very excited to be "coming back home" to Heard County High School, and feels that she is much better prepared to be the head band director. Besides music, Heard enjoys camping and boat riding, and playing tennis and golf. She also enjoys playing ping pong. "I can beat any kid in this school at ping pong, especially Randall Lipford and Neel Patel," states Heard, who is up to any challenge. She is married to Heard County High School graduate, Don Heard, and has two girls, Elizabeth and Rebecca. Besides being head marching band director, she will be helping out with the Y-Club.

Hornsby also grew up in Carrollton, Georgia and is a graduate of Central High School and also went to the University of West Georgia. There he received his bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education. Hornsby says that he had Mr. Kay at the University of West Georgia as his baseball coach. Hornsby enjoys playing baseball, hunting, and fishing. He is also going to be one of the baseball coaches for the school year. "I think this year is going to go good. I'm new to teaching spe-

cial education, but I have a lot of good teachers around me to help," claims Hornsby.

McKee is one of the new teachers in the math department. She grew up in Decatur, Georgia, and is a graduate of Decatur High School. She received her bachelor's in German from Emory University, and received her master's in math from the University of Georgia. McKee has previously worked at Green County Middle School and Morgan County Middle School. Her hobbies outside of school include reading and knitting. McKee is married and has one step-son. Her husband's name is Richard and her step-son's name is Mica. McKee will also be the Academic Bowl Team sponsor. "It is so different coming to such a small school and community that I know not very much about," claims McKee. Even though she is "nervous and excited" about teaching at Heard County High School, she is "looking forward to this year."

Although they are new to the staff, all of the new teachers are very excited about teaching at and being a part of the Heard County High School family. The new teachers will not only be helping out the school academically, but in athletics and extracurricular activities, also. Working with the fresh staff members, the rest of the Heard County High School faculty are working together to make this school year a successful one.



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