

Covington Independent Public Schools Board of Education
Monthly Recognition Nomination Form

- ☐ Certified Employee of the Month
☐ Classified Employee of the Month
☒ Volunteer of the Month

Date: 3-3-25

Nominee's name: Kaitlyn Bryan
Volunteer's work location: Holmes High School

Submitted by: Julie Wharton Position: Mentoring Coordinator

Please use the space below for the nomination. Please include a brief description of what the nominee has done above and/or beyond expectations and why you believe the nominee is a candidate for public recognition by the Board of Education. (All or part of your written nomination will be used in the recognition process.) You will be notified when your nominee is being recognized. **Thank you for your nomination.**

Volunteer Award Nomination

Kaitlyn Bryan – HHS Mentor



It is an honor to introduce you to an outstanding volunteer mentor at Holmes High School. Her name is Kaitlyn Bryan. She began her mentorship in February 2023. Ms. Bryan works as a Historic Preservation Officer and Regulatory Services Manager for the City of Covington. She is a native of Georgetown and attended the University of Kentucky. Previously, she participated in the AmeriCorps program in Vancouver, WA where she worked with Habitat for Humanity. Kaitlyn Bryan is a member of the Cincinnati Preservation Association, the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation Leadership Forum. Kaitlin is also on the Northern Kentucky Restoration Weekend planning committee and works closely with the Covington Academy of Heritage Trades, which is administered by Enzweiler Building Institute.

When Ms. Bryan came to Northern Kentucky, she decided to become a mentor after seeing an email about the mentoring program in 2022. In February of 2023, Ms. Bryan met her mentee, TE, in the 8th grade. TE was quiet, soft-spoken, and creative. However, TE was getting into trouble at school and not spending nights at home. When TE began attending Holmes High School, Kaitlyn Bryan moved with her to the high school mentoring program. Both enjoyed spending their mentoring time engaging in arts & crafts. One of their favorite art activities was viewing a Bob Ross episode and creating a Bob Ross inspired painting. In addition, Ms. Bryan helped TE with her classwork since she had missing assignments and failing grades. TE struggled with defiance, skipping, staying awake in class, and substance issues. Ms. Bryan always showed up for her mentee. No matter what was going on, Kaitlyn never gave up on her. Eventually, TE transferred to TLC. Most mentors never venture to the TLC campus in Devou Park. Ms. Bryan gladly took the opportunity to continue the weekly

mentoring sessions at TLC. Once there, Kaitlyn took the initiative to gather her own art supplies and keep a container at TLC so they could have access to them each week.

Recently, Ms. Bryan called to give an update on her mentee. Ms. Bryan said TE is thriving at TLC. She is completing her work on time and passing her classes. TE seems much happier and she is able to work the program at her own pace with support from TLC staff. TE did so well that she received a shout-out on the intercom for completing her work during their last mentoring session. The mentor was delighted to celebrate TE's achievements with her. To hear the excitement in the mentor's voice was priceless. Ms. Bryan has gone over and above to stay connected with her mentee. Holmes High School is fortunate to have such a dedicated mentor! Ms. Bryan has loads of energy and loves using her creativity to facilitate conversations to bring out the best in her mentee. She is always smiling, calm, and supportive. Kaitlyn Bryan is most deserving of the volunteer award.

Submitted by:
Julie Wharton
HHS Mentoring Coordinator