

CIS Site Coordinator of the week:

Coalfield

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Communities in School (CIS) is dedicated to surrounding Morgan County School students with support.

Each Morgan County School has a site coordinator that works with school staff and students. These site coordinators address chronic absenteeism, academic failure, behavioral issues, social services needs and more.

These site coordinators are inside school during the entire day working with students on a daily basis.

Coalfield School's Site Coordinator, Kalea Derry, is working hard to make sure that each student has the tools and resources that they need to succeed.

Derry is a former Elementary School Teacher and has been in the education field for over 16 years. Derry graduated Maryville College with a business degree and later received her Masters in Curriculum and Education.

"At Coalfield, I carry a caseload of about 25 students that I meet with regularly to make sure they have what they need to function at school daily. I make sure all of my students have my number so they can reach me at any time. This allows them to feel like they have someone not only at school but when they go home," Derry said.

Derry keeps snacks and drinks if students need extra food during the school day.

Along with food, Derry also wants to make sure

that her students have plenty of clean clothes and hygiene products.

"As a Site coordinator, I have partnered with Home Depot in Oak Ridge to get a donated washer and dryer. I use the washer/dryer to wash students clothes if they need extra help," Derry explained. "I partnered with the nurse to start a clothing closet, which provides clothes for the whole school if they ever need to change for any reason. I have also provided a hygiene closet that has everything you need to stay clean and fresh throughout the school year."

Derry has set this up so that students can receive these necessities discretely.

"I have helped set up beds for students, heaters for their homes, services to pay bills, purchased groceries for families during the pandemic. I have made sure families have the appropriate supplies for school and home. I'm the person who can help the family find the resources that they need in times of trouble. I not only help my case load, but will help with whole school needs if needed," Derry said.

Derry is also there for students who just need someone to talk to.

"With my students, I provide a place for them to come in and vent. They know I am here for them and want to help wherever I can," Derry explained. "I pick up students when they miss the bus or oversleep. I'm here to make sure they get to school without much disruption to the parents and students lives."

Avery Trace DAR Chapter Announces Good Citizens Award recipients

The Avery Trace Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is pleased to announce the 2020-21 Good Citizens Award recipients from area high schools: Shabré Eskridge - Harriman High School, the daughter of Sonia and Joseph Eskridge, Jr.; Kendall Wade - Midway High School, the daughter of Sara and Jason Wade; Hannah Nelson - Oakdale High School, the daughter of Paul and Holly Nelson; Skylar Brackett - Roane County High School, the daughter of Leslie Brackett; Kailey Mackie - Rockwood High School, the daughter of Heather Corbin; and Breana Egbert

-Wartburg Central High School, the daughter of Esther Egbert.

Created in 1934, the NSDAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The award goes to a high school senior who demonstrates these qualities of good citizenship: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. Each high school may select one recipient, and he or she may participate in the scholarship contest.

The Avery Trace Chapter is honored that all of this year's recipients submitted the re-

quired paperwork and essay for the scholarship contest. Shabré Eskridge's essay and application was selected by non-DAR member judges to move on to the district level.

Recipients of the Avery Trace Chapter DAR Good Citizens Award receive a DAR Good Citizens Award certificate, pin, and wallet card, a red/white/blue honor cord, and a check for \$100. The Avery Trace Chapter NSDAR congratulates all the DAR Good Citizens Award recipients as they exemplify the citizenship qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.



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