

## UGHS to welcome new assistant principal next year

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Following the relocation of former Assistant Principal Mr. Tom Moreland to Union Grove Middle, Mr. Jeffrey Daughtry will join the administrative team starting next year. With a background in mathematics education and leadership, he hopes to help "prepare students for an exciting and productive future."

"It is an incredible honor and pleasure to accept the position as Union Grove High School's new assistant principal," said Mr. Daughtry. "I hope to gather valuable experience in regards to a successful transition from middle to high school for all students."

Born in Virginia Beach, VA, Mr. Daughtry majored in arts and sciences at Pierce College and graduated from Saint Martin's College with a major in Criminal Justice and Psychology. He also served eight years in the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

Prior to receiving his current position, Mr. Daughtry

taught mathematics and coached football and baseball in Seattle where he was nominated Teacher of the Month during his first month and Teacher of the Year shortly thereafter. After moving to Henry County, he continued his career as a math teacher at Austin Road Middle while serving as head football coach and athletic director.

"[I taught] a group of smart kids at Union Grove Middle School," said Mr. Daughtry. "Over a four-year duration, 96.37% of my assigned students met or exceeded standards on the CRCT (Criterion-Reference-Competency Test)."

This career experience at UGMS and other schools served as a "prerequisite," according to Mr. Daughtry, for becoming Henry County's first Title I Instructional Mathematics Coach at Henry County Middle School. During his stay, he "worked collaboratively with the teacher in all aspects of teaching and learning".

"In this position, I served in an instructional leadership capacity, helping teachers to extend their understanding of mathemati-

cal knowledge and instructional strategies to assess student thinking," said Mr. Daughtry.

Although he will begin working at UGHS starting next year, he has already familiarized himself with the school's administration.

"Ms. [Cindy] George is one of the most intelligent women I have ever encountered, Ms. [LaTonya] Richards casually walks at approximately 11 miles per hour effortlessly, Mr. [Chip] Fletcher has a sense of humor which reduces stress immediately; and [Principal] Tom Smith still possesses that hard-charging football coach mentality, which you never want to feel the wrath of during a fumble or while throwing an interception," said Mr. Daughtry.

The administrative team has developed positive impressions of him as well.

"He has high energy and a better sense of humor than I do," said Mr. Fletcher. "His wealth of knowledge will be an asset at this school."

After having a positive impact upon many students

throughout his vast and diverse career of education, Mr. Daughtry aspires to help even more within the walls of UGHS.

"I have quickly grown to learn how special the UGHS community truly is," said Mr. Daughtry. "There is a sense of indescribable pride exhibited daily by staff and students alike which

permeates throughout all aspects of learning."

Mr. Daughtry is currently working on his Specialist in Educational Leadership at Argosy and plans to receive his Doctorate next year. He has a wife, Krissie, and they are the parents of two children: four year-old Jackson and three year-old Cassidy.



**Mr. Jeffrey Daughtry poses with his wife Krissie, and their daughter Cassidy and son Jackson. Once a mathematics teacher at Union Grove Middle, Mr. Daughtry will return to UGHS starting next year to replace Mr. Tom Moreland as the school's new assistant principal. Photo courtesy of Mr. Jeffrey Daughtry**