

DOUBLE THE SUCCESS



Move over Harrison twins, the Vincents are here. The University of Kentucky may have Andrew and Aaron Harrison to bolster its athletic program, but the Montgomery County School System is blessed to have the Vincent twins, Caitlyn and Alyson, to promote excellence in academics. Caitlyn teaches second grade at Mapleton Elementary, and Alyson, who married recently and is now Alyson Hill, teaches 6th grade English at the Montgomery County Intermediate School.

Both girls agree that they did not make a conscious choice to teach, it was just inevitable. Their parents, grandparents and brother are all educators. They have always known education would be their career, even though, as Alyson shares, their parents encouraged them to focus their futures in a different direction. Fortunately for the children in Montgomery County they followed their passion. “We had such a passion for children and it has continued to grow,” Alyson stated. Caitlyn added that when they were in high school they started teaching clogging (dance) to kids. “There was a joy in watching kids transition when it finally clicked with them and they experienced success. It’s addictive.”

Not only are they identical; they are inseparable. The Vincents were raised in Winchester, Kentucky and attended the same classes in school, even in college at Transylvania University, with the exception of one class that presented a scheduling conflict. They dressed alike for many years and share the same friends. Both participated in clogging, cheering, gymnastics, piano lessons, and report that their competitiveness made them stronger individually. The girls never spent a day apart until their senior year of high school when Caitlyn, who won the Junior Miss title in Clark County, was required to stay with her host family for state competition. They joined the same sorority in college and Alyson served as Vice President. They each developed their own set of strengths and weaknesses, which complemented one another and helped them better understand the differences that might exist in each student they serve.

Montgomery County Intermediate School Principal, Sarah Woodford, who serves as Alyson’s supervisor, shared, “Alyson Vincent Hill epitomizes spirit and energy, two crucial elements of quality teaching. Each and every day, her classroom is a hub of excitement and enthusiasm, which inevitably results in happy kids, engaged in quality instruction. Mrs. Hill is an absolutely essential part of our school, district, and community's success. She is a model teacher.”

Stephanie Harris, Mapleton Elementary School Principal, echoed that sentiment with regard to Caitlyn. “Caitlyn’s ability to teach and guide her students is a gift not all have. Her enthusiasm for the responsibility of teaching, coupled with her seemingly unlimited patience, makes her an example to be followed. Caitlyn’s talent and energy show in her projects in the classroom and out. Her contagious smile and ability to get along well with the faculty and staff at Mapleton make her a great asset to Montgomery County.”

Superintendent Dr. Joshua E. Powell stated, “Caitlyn and Alyson have been a great addition to our family of educators in Montgomery County. They provide an infectious passion for the profession and a sincere desire to see each student learn.”