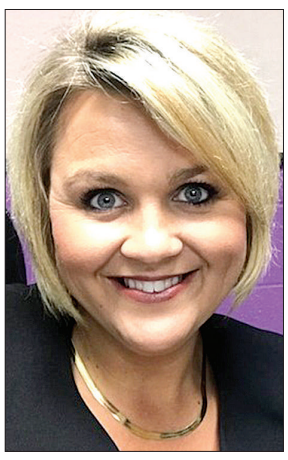
Abell named inductee for '21 KASA cohort


Amanda Abell

Green County's Amanda Abell has been selected as an inductee for the Kentucky Association of School Administrators 2021 cohort of the Kentucky Women in Education Leadership.

Chosen through a competitive application process based on specific leadership criteria, these leaders bring with them a myriad of education experience, talent, and desire to ensure all students receive a world-class education.

Amanda Abell, the assistant superintendent at Caverna Schools, has a strong passion for helping young people see their potential and fulfill their aspirations. Her mission is to make a difference in the lives of students by giving them opportunities to discover their own talents and develop a sense of servant leadership.

Abell began a career in public education in 1999 at the Green County School District and throughout her years as a teacher and leader, has developed a passion for promoting and creating change in the lives of kids.

She joined Green River Regional Educational Cooperative in 2012 and served as the Associate Director of District Support. Abell has co-led ongoing state-level work around the teacher and administrator evaluation system and data-based decision making within schools. She has served on the Special Education State Cooperative Network, the Co-teaching for Gap Closure state team and participated in the State Literacy Role Group. She also served on the Kentucky Advisory Council for Internship Committee with the Educational Professional Standards Board.

Abell has also served on the state Manufacturing Education Business and Education Alignment Taskforce, the Victoria Fellows Superintendent Network for Gifted Education, the Hart County Chamber of Commerce Workforce/Education Committee, and the Cave City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Abell helped to charter the Kiwanis Club of Caverna in 2018 and served as club president in 2018-19. She currently serves as the Division 13 Lt. Governor for the Kentucky-Tennessee District in Kiwanis International. In 2020, Abell received the Kentucky Association for Gifted Education Service and Advocacy Award for exceptional service and advocacy in support of Kentucky's youth. Abell holds a Master's degree in Instructional Leadership, a Bachelor of Science in Education (K-4), certification for Elementary Education Program Consultant, certification for Instructional Supervisor, and certification for Superintendent.

Abell continues to reside in Green County with her family. She is the daughter of Connie Patterson and the late Nathan Patterson.

The inductees, along with some of the state's top female executive educators, will convene March 18-19, 2021 in Louisville for an induction ceremony and leadership forum. KWEL is designed for women working in P-12 public education who wish to strengthen or advance their careers.

"They are strong leaders amidst the backdrop of the pandemic. They are finding real solutions to bring our students back to school and help them recover and thrive beyond the uncertainty and trauma the pandemic has brought to our families and local communities," said KASA Executive Director Dr. Rhonda Caldwell. "They join more than one hundred of their colleagues to help redefine the future for women in public education and will be part of the generation that reimagines what school can and should be."

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