

## Franklin County Announces Mr. Derik Orschell as Educator of the Year



Our Educator of the Year was a graduate of Franklin County High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Hanover College and a Master's Degree in Education from Oakland City University. He was an educator for 17 years. He began his career in 2006 teaching fourth grade at St. Mary's. He taught special education at Franklin County Community School Corporation for the last 10 years where he was the Special Education Department Chair at Franklin County High School.

He served as president of the Eagles #1129, member of Sons of American Legion Post 77, and the 12th Man Football Club. He coached football for many years at all levels. He was also extremely involved in youth sports with youth football, wrestling, basketball and baseball. He was also an IHSAA official for wrestling, basketball and baseball.

He taught with patience and compassion, and always provided reassurance. He made a difference by always pointing out the positives.

His dedication to his students and his passion for coaching changed many, many lives over the last 15 years. John Wooden once said, "A good coach can change a game. A great coach can change a life."

It is an honor to present the 2023 Educator of the Year award to Mr. Derik Orschell. Accepting the award in his honor is his wife, Kehlief, and children Ryder and Lennox.

## Franklin County Announces Mr. Randy Bare as Support Staff of the Year



Mr. Randy Bare, Maintenance Technician at Franklin County Community School Corporation, has been selected as 2023 Support Staff of the Year.

In May of 2014, Randy joined the Franklin County Community School Corporation as a full time employee. Mr. Bare's dedication is not only shown through his nine years of experience at the school corporation but also his commitment to continue working amidst a medical illness.

Randy was nominated for this honor by an administrator. When asked why Mr. Bare should be considered for this recognition, she responded, "As a new administrator to Franklin County, Randy has gone out of his way to offer assistance and guidance as improvements are made around the building. He takes time to explain unknown processes and puts in 110% to make sure the staff has all they need to do their job effectively. Randy is patient, kind, and always has a positive attitude. He treats others with dignity and respect, all while being timely and proficient with his daily work. Mr. Bare is a pleasure to work with and an honor to know."

In his free time, Randy enjoys tinkering with his old trucks and completing woodworking projects.

When asked what the best part of his job is, Mr. Bare responded, "Working with all my wonderful coworkers!"