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Colonel alum: Crain named new principal of Caverna High School

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Chris Crain was announced as the new principal of Caverna High School on Thursday in the CHS library.

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HORSE CAVE — Chris Crain was introduced as the new principal of Caverna High School on Thursday afternoon in the CHS library.

Crain graduated from Caverna and earned a bachelor's degree in middle grades education from Western Kentucky University, later adding a master's degree in secondary school counseling and a Rank I principal certification for grades K-12.

Caverna Independent Schools Superintendent Cornelius Faulkner said he is “super excited that we have — maybe the first time in school history — have an alumnus as the head principal of the high school.”

Crain said he is humbled and blessed to be returning to Caverna.

“It’s my honor and pleasure to be selected as your new principal of Caverna High School — my alma mater,” he said, thanking Faulkner and the site-based council for “having trust and confidence in me to come back and lead CHS to new heights in 2020 and beyond.”

“As a Caverna alumnus, I definitely take great pride in accepting this position,” he said. “It’s taken me many years of hard work, dedication, a lot of prayers and preparation for this leadership opportunity.”

Crain has more than 20 years of experience as an educator, spending 18 years as a substitute teacher and classroom teacher, and was also an adjunct instructor for WKU’s literacy department.

The former Caverna Colonel spent a combined 13 years as a middle and high school basketball coach and was most recently an assistant principal and athletic director at Lewisburg School and Franklin-Simpson Middle School for the past three years.

Crain said he thinks all of these experiences “have really shaped me into the type of leader that I think is best fit to guide and lead Caverna High School.”

“I’m excited for the opportunity because this is where I grew up,” Crain told the Glasgow Daily Times after Thursday’s announcement. “It’s a blessing to be able to come back and just give back to your own community, be able to serve the students here and the staff here and just knowing that I’m making a difference in the community and where I grew up.

“It’s been a true blessing to be able to have that opportunity to come back.”



Caverna Independent Schools Superintendent Cornelius Faulkner, left, poses with Chris Crain, the new principal of Caverna High School, right, on Thursday in the CHS library.

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Faulkner said it is great that Crain is coming back home “to be a leader” and “to establish that next generation of leaders.”

“I think it’s special to have someone who is so vested and grew up in the community, has great ties with the community,” Faulkner told the Daily Times. “I’m excited for Chris. I think he’ll do a great job.”

Crain replaces Matthew Bastin, who recently stepped down from the position after one year to accept a high school principal position at Foundation Christian Academy in Bowling Green. Bastin had replaced Chase Goff, who was CHS principal for two years before stepping down to accept a new position with Nelson County Schools.

“For the community, I think it was just a great choice for us at this point, because we’re tired of the revolving door at this high school,” Faulkner said. “We need to do what’s best for the kids, and having a leader every year, every two years, is just not a good thing.”

Faulkner said he just finished his 23rd year with Caverna Independent Schools.

“I’ve had a great career here,” he said. “I love it — but we have to find that same consistency with (a high school principal).”

Wilma Bunnell, director of Caverna’s Family Resource and Youth Service Centers (FRYSC) who helped host Thursday’s event, said Crain is “a perfect fit for CHS.”

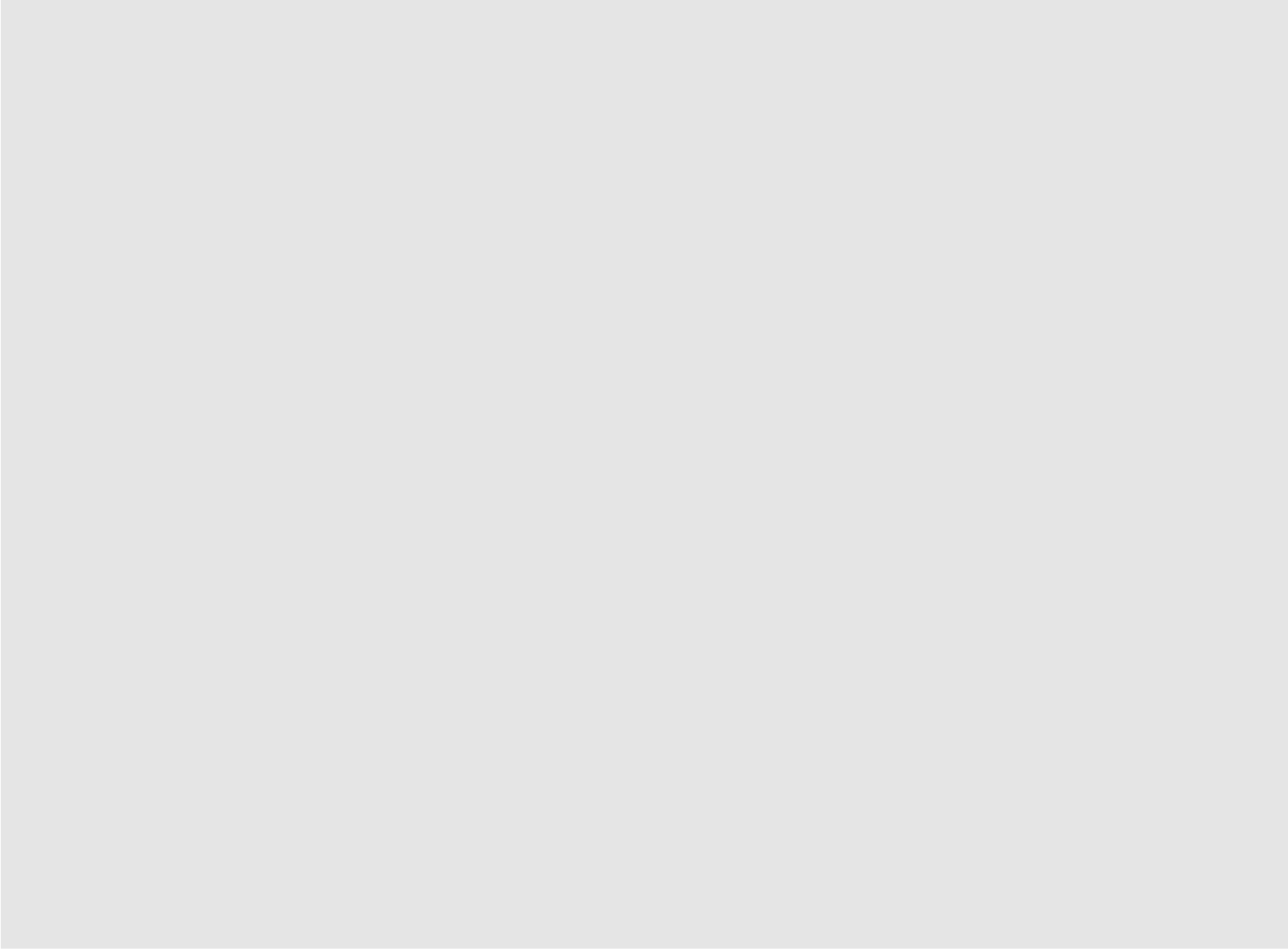
“He’s going to do really well here,” she said. “He’s a quality person and an excellent educator. It’s a great day to be a Colonel.”

Crain said his “philosophy and vision for our school is simple.”

“I want to create an environment of high standards and expectations for our students, staff,” he said. “Build those genuine relationships I know we need for our students and their families, and develop a sense of pride of academic excellence for all stakeholders involved.

“I know from many years of personal and professional experience that nothing great is accomplished alone. Everything is a process through intentional and consistent actions.

“It takes a dedicated number of individuals working as a team — and that’s something I strongly believe in: working as a team to achieve greatness.”



Chris Crain, the new principal of Caverna High School, speaks on Thursday in the CHS library.

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