2013 KY Teacher Hall of Fame

VFTH

2/28/13
The Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame has three new members after an induction ceremony this week in Frankfort.

In this week’s View from the Hill, Amy Bingham talks to the teachers about their combined 128 years of experience.

A home economics teacher from Auburn, an English teacher from Bowling Green High and an Ohio County educator who just retired last year after 67 years of teaching!

All amazing in their field and all beloved by so many.

 “It was the best career anyone could have.”

And for these three Kentucky teachers, it’s a career for the history books after being inducted into the sixth class of the Louie B. Nunn Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame.

Eloise Hadden taught Home Economics for 33 years in Logan and Simpson Counties.

 “Very rarely did they call me Eloise or Mrs. Eloise or Mrs. Hadden. I’ve been Momma Hadden for many, many years to thousands of kids.”

She says one of her biggest compliments came from a former student who’se now a district judge.
“She said she had the most wonderful professors that anyone could have but she said, Mrs. Hadden, when it comes to knowledge I use every day of my life, there you are.”

Anne Padilla, who has taught English for the past 28 years at Bowling Green High, says one of her biggest compliments came recently from a student in her college readiness class.
“ The student said if you want to learn, this is the class to be in. I was very pleased and surprised.”

The New York native who began her career in a New York City public school says she was also surprised to find out she would be part of Kentucky’s Teacher Hall of Fame.

 “It’s a very nice honor to take back to Bowling Green High School and to other teachers in the state of Kentucky. Many of whom deserve the same honor.”

Juanita Parks career dates back to 1944 when she began teaching in Rockport in Ohio County. “I think I was predestined to be a teacher.”
In the mid 60’s Parks was asked to teach at Western Kentucky State College’s Training School and received high marks for her work.
“Of all the evaluations we had, you speak the student’s language and I’m telling you that’s what it’s all about.”

Western Kentucky University’s roots in teacher education run deep. Which is why it’s fitting that the Louie B. Nunn Teacher Hall of Fame is housed on WKU’s campus in the Gary Ransdell Hall.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

###