KY Teacher Hall of Fame

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The Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame has three new members including one from Bowling Green.

Amy Bingham introduces us to them in this week’s View from the Hill.

For the past nine years, teachers from across the state have been selected for the Louie B. Nunn Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame. The newest members were recognized at a special ceremony yesterday in Frankfort.

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Opening super – KY Teacher Hall of Fame

:19 - :23 Ron Skillern \ Bowling Green High School

:39 - :43 Joe Westerfield \Retired, Daviess County School System

1:10 – 1:14 Opal Sibert \Retired, Laurel County School System

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“There were a lot of people in my graduating class that made more money but I don’t know any that enjoyed their job more than me.”

Bowling Green High Social Studies teacher Ron Skillern has enjoyed every moment of his thirty plus year teaching career. He has received numerous accolades but it always quick to share the credit.

“As a high school teacher, I stand on the shoulder of giants. Every pre-school teacher, every elementary teacher that has laid the foundation for whenever we get those children.”

Joe Westerfield retired after teaching social studies for 33 years in Daviess County. He made the most of every field trip opportunity.

“I would take my honors government class to Frankfort every year. We’d come up here and see the governor, the lieutenant governor, the house, the senate , the secretary of state, the attorney general. We went all over the place.”

Westerfield says he was lucky to have a job he enjoyed so much and never expected to be in the teacher hall of fame.

“Just to even be considered is an honor. To be selected as one of the winners is mind boggling.”

Opal Sibert was drawn to a career in education at the age of four when her cousin, who was a teacher, lived with her family.

“He taught me how to read some stuff and say my ABC’s. He became one of my principals one of the first years I taught.”

Sibert had a huge impact on the Laurel County School System as a speech therapist and home bound teacher.

“When I would go to home bound I got as much satisfaction from helping the children as the parents. There were so wonderful, so appreciative.”

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The Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame is located in Gary Ransdell Hall on WKU’s campus. Nominations for next year’s class are being accepted through July 15th. For details visit wku-dot-edu slash kythf slash nominations.

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

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