

## **Principal's Message**

Welcome back Harding!

As we begin the 2021-2022 school year, we are excited to welcome new students and returning students to the amazing experiences available at Harding. We look forward to working with each student to build their legacy and find their pathway to graduation. Harding is prepared to help each student find personalized success.

We are a comprehensive high school with multiple locations for learning, such as Harding Withrow, Tri Rivers, Marion Technical College and OSUM, blended learning, and Harding High School. We are proud to offer a variety of courses and learning opportunities for students such as pre-AP or AP courses, a variety of fine and performing arts classes, Pathways courses which include Health Technologies, Exercise Science, Global Logistics, Integrated Production Technology, Engineering, Industrial Maintenance, JROTC, Business Marketing, Welding and Construction Technologies. Students may also find success through the expanded learning program and blended learning program, or seek support in the Harding Help Center. The high school counseling team and GEAR Up advisors are ready to help every student discover the "E," enrollment, enlistment or employment.

We hope that you will find your passion at Harding High School and get involved- our graduates often share that many of their favorite memories come from extracurriculars and activities such as athletics, music, clubs, and other experiences. Likewise, to make the most of high school, involvement is key! Students can join a club, sports team, or music program such as Singers, band or orchestra, color guard, telecom, art club, Pride club, robotics, student council, or Harambe.

We are one school, one team, one Harding. Welcome to an exciting new year!

Go Prexies Jen Musbach-Wellman Principal Harding High School

## FRESHMAN WELCOME

Marion Harding High School Class of 2025,

As you read this, you stand at both a beginning and an end. Your middle and elementary school years remain with you in the form of memories, friendships, and lessons learned. Ahead of you, your years at Harding High School and endless opportunities. What will your next four years bring?

For some, beginning high school is a source of uncertainty and anxiety. For others, a source of excitement. In fact, many of you are probably experiencing both at any given moment. Each Harding High School student, past, present, or future, works to overcome the unique challenges of their freshman year.

A few recommendations from our experiences in helping students manage this transition throughout the years:

- 1. **Get Involved-** our graduates often share that many of their favorite memories come from extracurriculars and activities such as athletics, music, clubs, and other experiences.
- 2. **Manage Your "R" (Response)** while we cannot always control the events happening around us, we always have a choice in how we respond. Make positive choices, even when it is challenging!
- 3. **Connect** find friends and mentors that can support you during your time at Harding High School. You will face and overcome new challenges in the next four years. Find people that will support you in making positive choices and meeting these challenges.

The Harding High School staff is prepared to help ease this transition, support you, and help you navigate your path through high school. You will have the opportunity to join in activities, and gain information to help begin your freshman year on a positive note. Be open to these experiences as involvement will transform your experience here. In four years from now, each of you will participate in Prexy Signing Day to signal your commitment to enrollment, enlistment or employment.

Welcome to Harding, We are happy to have you!

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