

Drumright Hosts High School Counselor and Students

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Rotarian, Kay Murphy, introduced her guests at Friday's Drumright Rotary Club's meeting, Kelli McBride, Drumright High School Counselor and three Drumright High School students, Coleton Dudley, McKenzie Hitch, and Myles Jefferson.



Pictured L to R: Myles Jefferson, Kelli McBride, Kay Murphy, McKenzie Hitch, Coleton Dudley

This is Kelli's first year at Drumright High School. She worked for Youth Services before becoming the new Counselor at DHS. Kelli is also the Testing Coordinator, where she is responsible for organizing the End of Instruction tests; and the Gifted and Talented Coordinator, arranging trips and projects appropriate for the State's Gifted and Talented program.

In addition to these tasks, Kelli also works closely with juniors and seniors who are about to take their ACT exams and facilitates connecting seniors with scholarships. Kelli is implementing a 30 minute exit interview for the forty-four graduating seniors in Drumright to ensure all questions are covered and the graduating seniors feel empowered for the next step.

With all that Kelli is providing the students at Drumright High School, there is still a need for more in depth counseling and in those instances; she coordinates with Youth Services and/or CREOKS to meet the demands.

Kelli says "I love being here, love the kids and have bright kids here". Although her first year was a lot of work getting settled in and organized, she is looking forward to next year.

Obviously, Kelli is very busy. When asked by our club what the community could do to help, she replied she had a need for testing proctors on April 16th. Anyone interested in volunteering for the three hour session can contact her at DHS.

The other area of concern for Kelli, is streamlining the scholarship process. Currently, she maintains a bulletin board with all available scholarships for students to apply for. Since scholarships trickle in all year long and have varying due dates, it can be easy for a student to miss out on an opportunity. Normally, an essay is required for most scholarships. Kelli would like to consolidate the scholarship due dates and work with the students each fall to get the student's requirements completed early. Several of the forty-four graduating students have applied and

have already been accepted to college. She hopes that every graduate continues their education by attending college or a technical vocation.

The three students in attendance took a few minutes to introduce themselves as well. McKenzie is a junior and plans to attend OSU. She is currently involved in several organizations in high school including cheerleading, Student Council, FBLA, Golf and the Drama and Choir Department. Coleton is a sophomore and is in the Pre-Engineering Class at Central Technology. His class is building a robot that shoots basketballs and is attending Regionals in Oklahoma City in March. Coleton is an athlete and plans to attend OU for Biomed Engineering. Myles is also a sophomore and is an excellent student and is involved in several organizations. He plans to attend OU Dental School.

Thank you, Kelli, for attending a Drumright Rotary Club meeting and bringing three of your students with you. It provided us an opportunity to become aware and connected to what is happening at our local school.

Other guests included Lauren and Marsha Guyer, Gloria Curry and Dorinda Gouw.

Happy Anniversary Rotary International! RI turns 107 on February 23rd.

Please join us at Friday's meeting hosted by Rotarian, Linda Crane.

If you would like more information about Drumright Rotary Club, please contact us on our FaceBook page, Drumright Rotary Club, or go to our website www.wix.com/drumrightrotary/drumrightrotary.

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