

# A spotlight on some of the new faces around Hoover

**Morgan King**



**Drama teacher**

Miss King attended Simpson College where she studied Theatre Arts and Secondary Education. This will not only be her first year teaching at Hoover but also her first year teaching in general. Something she enjoys about online learning is that it promotes a certain level of understanding between teacher and student. "I wanted to help students the same way my teachers helped me," King said. She wants to make sure students advocate for themselves.

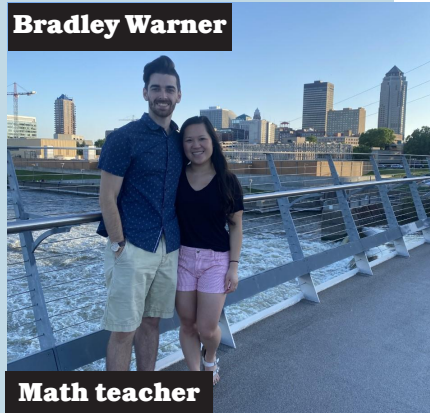
**Corey Spiess**



**Math teacher**

After attending UNI to study Math Teaching and General Studies of Music, Mr. Spiess joined the Hoover family for his first year of teaching. "I wanted to become a teacher because there is always something that can be learned from the connections that happens between teachers, students, and the school. I am glad to say that I am proud of the relations I have built with my students," Spiess said. He loves when his students are able to be proactive in their learning during these trying times.

**Bradley Warner**



**Math teacher**

This is Mr. Warner's first year teaching and he has enjoyed every second of it. He attended the University of Northern Iowa where he studied math teaching. He decided to teach math because he was inspired in college when shown "that anyone can do math if you are willing to put in the work," Warner said. He wishes to share that message with his students. He says Hoover is the most amazing school he has ever stepped foot in.

**"The students, staff, and community"**

# New Kids on the Block

With a school year that began like no other, we were able to welcome a plethora of new faces to our school community. Even though we may have started at a distance, these new teachers are already proving that they are ready to adjust and be there for their students in this new online setting.

All our new teachers seem to be able to find a positive light in learning virtually.

"I think virtual has provided teachers with new challenges that had both some positive and negative aspects. Sometimes it can be very frustrating when something does not work the way you would like it to work, but then you find that one missing piece. Finding that missing piece, whether it is a technological, or creative approach to a situation gives a new feeling of satisfaction," Math teacher Corey Spiess said.

They also had plenty of encouraging messages to express to their students who may be struggling with school in this uncharted learning territory.

"Your teachers know that this is not the easiest, so just reach out if you feel like you are struggling. Just take a deep breath and do your best. The Hoover teachers and staff are here to support you in your journey," Drama teacher Morgan King said.

"We are all in this together!" was the message Math teacher Bradley Warner wanted students to know. The consensus all around seems to show a good amount of excitement to be here this year.

"This year has been a tough year, and will continue to be one potentially, on everyone, but seeing this community come together in the ways that it has, makes me excited to teach here," Spiess said.



**We can all join in saying welcome to Hoover!**

## VETERAN ADVICE



Sarah Hamilton has been on the Hoover scene since her student teaching days which is about 14 years. "Advice I would give new teachers is to find a support person and be flexible," Hamilton said.

**SARAH HAMILTON**  
English Teacher



Whitney Mckinstry has worked in the Hoover science department for 8 years. "Ask your students lots of questions; they are pretty interesting people," Mckinstry said.

**WHITNEY MCKINSTRY**  
ELL Science teacher

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