Blake Bowers
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Blake Bowers was not going to work in education. Both of his parents had worked as educators, and he was not interested in following in their footsteps. Instead, he opted for a career in health sciences.

But after walking down a different career path, the new Battle Ground teacher found his passion. "I've always been interested in health and science," Bowers said. "It just felt like it was the right fit for me." He decided to pursue a degree in health sciences at Clark College.

Bowers then went on to work in various positions in the health care industry, including as an athletic trainer. He worked with various teams, including the Oakland Athletics.

"It was a smooth transition," he said. "I found success in the health care field and knew I could continue to do so as a teacher." Bowers has been working hard to establish himself in the classroom, and he is looking forward to the future.

Blake Bowers will be providing oversight and leadership for a number of dynamic programs, including early childhood education, family education resources, human services, and health sciences as well as ancillary health, pharmacy technician, medical assisting, and nursing.

"These fields are far from being a joke," he said with a laugh. "They change every day. I need to make sure my students know what is happening in these fields.

"I will coordinate with stakeholders and leverage opportunities and resources for students to do so." He is aware of the needs and challenges in the fields of health education and is working hard to prepare his students for success.

Bowers said he jumped at the opportunity to head up the division for Clark College, which significantly increased his skills set and provided opportunities for professional development.

At the core of Bowers' leadership position, he is working and leading with the Clark County community. He has focused on establishing partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and institutions.

"I really enjoy the work," he said. "We are a family-friendly community. Even though I am a part of the academic and professional world, I am still able to maintain a family-friendly community."

"It's been a delight for our family," he added. "We have great opportunities and experiences in our surroundings. Everything is within reach for my family and me, and I am grateful for that."