### 2014 Teacher of the Year

# Mr. Jeremy Lehman



Mr. Lehman, originally from Ohio, graduated from Bowling Green State University with a degree in Social Studies Education. He is in his 6th year of teaching but 4th at Williston. Mr. Lehman coaches varsity cross country and middle school boys' basketball. He is advisor for the W-E Student Council and Fellowship of Christian Athlete, and Career and Technology Coordinator. His teaching philosophy is "pretty simple- give everything I have for the students, school, and community using innovative and research-based strategies to make them successful, in academics or athletics I was raised in a blue-collar home where my parents worked every day to the best of their ability to provide for my brother and myself. It is that blue-collar approach that I take each and every day."

We are proud to offer many diverse academic and career-related activities for our students. Once a week, our teacher-mentors meet with groups of students sorted by grade and discuss

work and school-related topics in Advisor/Advisee program. Our school offers job shadowing, co-oping experiences to meet the diverse interests of our students: field trips to industry worksites: BMW, Boeing, NBS, Dayco, Dixie-Narco help to expose our students to future high-tech, high-paying STEM career opportunities. Our students participate in many community service projects such as Special Olympics March of Dimes, Pennies for Patients, American Relay for Life, and local non-profit helping agencies such as Ashley Place. In addition, our stu-

dents have opportunities to travel to other schools and states for conferences and competitions such as Nashville and Chicago; and have the opportunity to visit faraway places such as Costa Rica and Spain. We are proud to be able to fulfill our mission to develop caring and productive citizens, as well as the mission of South Carolina to create a well-rounded profile of a South Carolina graduate who will have world class knowledge in language arts and math for career and college readiness; world class skills in critical thinking and problem solving, collaboration and teamwork; life and career characteristics of a global perspective, perseverance, and interpersonal skills.

Williston Public Schools #29 offers equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, sex, disability, national origin, immigrant status, English speaking status, and economic or social background.



Excellence in Academics, Athletics. And Arts

Williston-Elko High School Mr. Joel Mitchell, **Principal** 



The Mission of Williston-Elko High School and Williston School District 29, with the support of families and the community, is to develop caring and productive citizens by providing challenging and enriching experiences in a safe environment.

ESEA Rating A

Palmetto Gold

SC School Report Card Excellent

Rated Nationally by Newsweek

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# Message from the Principal



#### Dear Parents and Students,

It is with great pride and excitement that I continue as the your principal of Williston-Elko High School. I look forward to working closely with the administration, parents, teachers, students, and community members of this district for the years to come. I feel Williston-Elko High is a great fit for me personally and professionally. I have no doubt that as a team we can build on the already stellar achievements of both the school and the district.

The administration, teachers, and staff of WEHS have worked extremely hard over the summer to plan for your child's instructional, social, and athletic needs for this school year. We pride ourselves on maintaining high academic standards, while providing successful extracurricular opportunities for students to develop as whole persons. We hope that all students will take advantage of the opportunities to work together academically and socially, as well as serve their community. We encourage all parents to participate and support the various activities of our school. Having parents get involved helps all our students. Student academic success and personal responsibility are truly dependent on a cooperative triangle comprised of the studentteacher-parent/guardian.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Williston-Elko High School I want to welcome you to a new exciting and successful school year. Together we can build an environment where students and adults want to come to work and learn.

## **About our School**

Williston-Elko High School is a school composed of grades 9th through 12th, less than 300 students. Since we are so small, we pride ourselves on the fact that with the assistance of all faculty and staff, our students have a rich, fulfilling school experience. With only 3 English teachers, 3 Social Studies teachers, 3 math teachers, 3 science teachers, 1 Spanish teacher, 3 Career and Technology teachers, 2 P.E. teachers, Art, and Band instructors, our students' interests can be met. Our students can also attend the Barnwell County Career Center which can meet their career-ready skills. Our career center provides completer certificates in Health Occupations, Welding, Cosmetology, Business Marketing, Electricity, Criminal Justice, Drafting, Computer Repair, Agri-Business, and Early Childhood. Our high school offers Business, Web/Digital Communications, Culinary Arts, and Sports Medicine. In regards to academics, our students have the opportunity to earn college credit in the various AP courses as well as the English 101/102, and Mathematics through USC-Salkehatchie. Our campus is digital! Students have access to IPads, Kindles, and Smartboards, through our Wi-Fi. As of the summer of 2014, students are allowed to carry their digital devices with them and used with permission of the teacher.



W-E has gone digital!

Besides Academics, our school has many extracurricular activities to suit the needs and interests of our students!

### Sports:

Football (Varsity) Volleyball (Varsity) Marching Band Cheerleading Basketball (boys/girls) (JV/Varsity) Weightlifting Softball Baseball Track Tennis (boys / girls) Golf

## Clubs / Student Organizations

Speech and Debate Jr. Leadership FBLA FCA National Honor Society Beta Club Anime Club Library Club Club Truth Math Team Culinary Team Drama Club Marching Band/Drumline