

## Community Partnerships

**Univ. of South Carolina Salkehatchie**

**Barnwell County Career Center**

*Certified Auto Technician ASE Program*

*Professional Cosmetology License*

*Certified Nursing Assistant Program*

*Certified Pharmacy Tech Program*

*Certified Welding Program*

*Agriculture*

*Drafting*

*Early Childhood*

**Kelly Edwards Elementary School**

**The People Sentinel**

**D.I.G Dreams, Imagination, & Gifts**

**Meeting on Main**

**Winfield Heights Baptist Church**

**Community Uplift Program**

**National Beverage Services**

**Dayco & Dixie Narco**

**Laurel Baye Healthcare**

**American Cancer Society**

**Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**

**Barnwell County Rotary Club**

**Ashley Home & Barnwell DSS**

**American Red Cross**

**Russell's Pizza**



## Message from the Principal



Dear Parents and Students,

It was with great pride that I served as your Principal for a second year, and I have enjoyed working with the all of you towards our continued academic, social, and athletic growth. We have shared many

successes over the past year, including the incorporation of ACT and WorkKeys, achieving an "A" ESEA rating, a 98.5% graduation rate, and being awarded two Palmetto Gold Awards.

The administration, teachers, and staff of WEHS have worked extremely hard this year to create the best instructional environment possible. We pride ourselves on maintaining high academic standards and providing challenging extracurricular opportunities. Our focus at Williston-Elko is to create strong community members who are also equipped to handle the requirements of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This focus comes to fruition when we work together for the betterment of our students. We encourage parents to participate in our numerous activities, because we know that the academic success of our students is truly dependent on a cooperative partnership between the parents, students, and teachers.

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Williston-Elko, I would like to thank you for a wonderful school year. Continuing to work together will ensure many more years of success.

Sincerely,

Joel McKeon Mitchell, EdS  
Principal

## Williston-Elko High School

### Report to the People 2015

Mr. Joel Mitchell, Principal



**With the support of our parents and community, the mission of Williston School District 29 is to develop respectful and productive citizens by providing challenging and enriching experiences in a safe environment.**

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## Awards & Recognitions

2 Palmetto Gold Awards  
98.5% Graduation Rate  
A Newsweek Top High School  
"A" ESEA Rating  
Excellent/Good State Rating

## Teacher of the Year *Victoria Blackstone*



Williston-Elko High School was proud to name Ms. Victoria Blackstone as the 2015 Teacher of the Year. Ms. Blackstone is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of the Carolinas and has over seven years of culinary experience. She is originally from Lexington, SC, and has always had a passion for teaching and working with young adults. At Williston-Elko, she is the Prom Coordinator, a member of the Homecoming, Junior Class Ring, CATE, and Superintendents' Planning Committees. She is an avid reader and crafter, and has two adorable cats, Izzy and Louis.



## Williston-Elko High School *At a Glance*

End of Course Exams <i>Percentage of scores 70 or above</i>		Similar Schools	State
Algebra 1	78.4	76.1	85.7
English 1	74.5	59.0	75.1
Biology	78.6	67.4	77.8
US History	65.3	65.1	69.1
ACT & ACT WorkKeys <i>Average Scores &amp; Percent Meeting Silver or above on WorkKeys</i>		Williston-Elko	State
ACT Composite		15.7	17.9
ACT English		13.7	16.5
ACT Mathematics		16.7	18.1
ACT Reading		16.1	18.3
ACT Science		15.9	18.2
WorkKeys Applied Math		57.1	73.4
WorkKeys Reading for Info.		94.9	93.5
WorkKeys Locating Information		84.4	87.7

### By the Numbers

Student Attendance Rate: 94.5%  
Poverty Index: 80.2%  
Graduation Rate: 98.5%  
Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship: 42.4%  
Teachers with Advanced Degrees: 59.1%  
Teacher Attendance Rate: 95.5%

### AP/Dual Placement Offerings

AP Biology  
AP Human Geography  
AP Statistics  
AP US History  
AP Government and Economics  
ENG 101/102 and Math 112/122

### Academic Clubs and Organizations

National Honors Society  
National Beta Club  
Math Team  
Speech and Debate Team  
Mentors in Training Program