

Glynn County Teacher of the Year Ceremony

Introduction for Tom Willis

Good Evening, I am Michael Temple, Upper School Director at Frederica Academy. Thank you for recognizing all of the incredible amount of work, effort and energy that goes into the education of students in all of our schools.

Frederica Academy's Teacher of the Year is Tom Willis. How many nicknames can a teacher have? Coach, Pro and the most innovative teacher they have ever had. Tom is a graduate of Frederica Academy and one of the greatest vaults of institutional memory that we have.

Mr. Willis teaches freshmen to Seniors, AP Biology, Biology, Astronomy, Marine Biology, Anatomy and Psychology. He has written his own texts for each course and somehow teaches the most students in the very best way possible.

Coach Willis announces our football games and is the Science Bowl Advisor and the coach of our varsity Golf Team. His Golf Teams have won an unprecedented 10 straight GISA Golf Championships.

Mr. Willis is also an AP Exam reader and College Board consultant. He trains AP teachers and readers worldwide. It is not often that a teacher asks for 2 days off so he can fly to China and Berlin to train AP teachers, but, not to worry, he will be back in by assembly the next Monday.

His room is constantly in motion with content, lectures, study games ending with -ardy and the joke of the day. His classroom is where all students are supported and challenged to become better people as well as students. If you miss a class or need a refresher before a test, then all classes are on youtube.....just go see it again.

Frederica Academy has been given the gift of Tom Willis' passion, and commitment to excellence since 1973. 37 years of walking our campus as a student, teacher, coach and mentor makes Tom Willis not only our Teacher of the Year, but the face of Frederica Academy in our community.

It is my honor to introduce Tom Willis as Frederica Academy's Teacher of the Year.