

## **Elizabeth Leonard**

### **Star Teacher**

My time spent at North Gaston High School would have been a terrible waste of time and energy if it had not been for the few awesome teachers that were there. One of these was Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard.

Mrs. Leonard has experience in teaching pretty much all science-related courses, with the exception of biology, a course which neither of us have dreams about, unless it's one of those horrible nightmares you have every once in a while.

Mrs. Leonard taught me three different subjects: Chemistry; Anatomy and Physiology; and AP Environmental Science. She is a top-notch instructor, and above all, an awesome mentor. As I said before, she is a well-rounded person with memory banks filled with information that all should know, especially when it comes to modern embalming methods: she's an expert.

Mrs. Leonard gave up a well-paying job so she would be at the forefront of providing quality education to those who would someday take control of the world. If she hadn't acted out of this love for teaching and learning, I would have never had this amazing teacher.

Mentors like her need to be commended for their hard work and dedication to their schools around the world, especially those capable of helping students who could have otherwise missed out on a great education.

To me, a teacher so dedicated to the education of the future generations is one who needs much more recognition than just being selected Star Teacher by a student who learned so much from her classes.

Quality teachers like these do not come around all that often, and if we neglect such talented individuals, what would motivate potential teachers to become fine educators like Mrs. Leonard? She has left a lasting impact on my own education, as well as many others at North Gaston.

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