

Educator of the Year

Not an Islander from the start, Jeffrey Green moved to the Island after being hired by Grand Island High School 12 years ago. He moved here with his wife Stacy (Gibney), a lifelong Islander, and they now are the proud parents to three amazing children: Hailey, Karissa and Aidan. Being close to family and having an excellent school district were their top priorities when choosing a place to live.

Science has always been a passion for Jeff. At a very young age he knew he would be involved in this field.

His rural childhood gave him a strong base for environmental education. He received his BS degree in Biology and Chemistry and began working as a scientist while he earned his Master's degree from St. Bonaventure University. He hopes that his knowledge and experiences will help his students navigate their career choices.

The GIHS Science Department, one of the best in WNY, acquired a new greenhouse in a capital project. Mr. Green was instrumental in its creation and implementation. He advises the GIHS Greenhouse Club and works with students, teachers, and Islanders to develop greenhouse centered curriculum. This brings an authentic experience to the students of Grand Island. In addition to teaching science at GIHS, he also teaches Wildlife and Wildlands Management at the University at Buffalo. In a single day he teaches freshman entering high school, seniors starting their final year of HS, and college students in their third or fourth year of an undergraduate degree. Jeff has a clear vision on what to prepare students for.

Jeff also serves our community as the chair of the Conservation Advisory Board. The Grand Island CAB is composed of many talented individuals across a wide array careers. This allows him to put some of the topics he teaches into action. He is an advocate for our natural resources and wants to see Grand Island develop into something we all can be proud of. He enjoys working with community leaders and other members of the community to achieve the goals they all share.

Grand Island is a community that he and his family are proud to call home.