

The Academy at Smith welcomes Rachel Lewis as its new principal. Lewis comes to the school from SCALE Greensboro where she served as principal for three years. Before leading the school, she served as assistant principal at Smith High school where she led an effort to implement a Signature Career Academy focused on advanced manufacturing and engineering. She was the acting principal in December 2018, when an armed intruder entered the campus and was subdued without causing any injuries.

While Lewis was a member of the administrative team at Smith High, the school exceeded growth in tested areas for three years in a row, and educator effectiveness increased each year. She was a dean of student at Northridge Middle School in Charlotte and a math teacher in Charlotte, Kannapolis and St. Croix US Virgin Islands.

Lewis holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing from Barber-Scotia College, a master's degree in communication technology from Strayer University and a master's a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from University of Phoenix.

