



## Jawon Stephens

Coach Jawon Stephens is a 1999 graduate of Laurens District 55 High School. As a student-athlete at LDHS, he was a member of the following teams at some point: Football, Baseball, Wrestling, Basketball, and Track and Field. He earned All-Region 1-4A honors in football as a defensive lineman. Upon graduation, Coach Stephens attended Mars Hill College and was a member of the football program. At MHC, He played defense; eventually making the switch to the offensive line. As an offensive lineman, he started at both offensive Guard his junior year and Center as a senior.

After earning his B.A. in History ('03), he returned home to Laurens to begin his coaching career. Coach Stephens has been on the sidelines coaching for 17 seasons at LDHS. During his time at LDHS, he has coached numerous All-Region, All-State, North/South All-Stars in various sports: Football, Wrestling, and Track and Field (3 individual State Champions). He has coached the defensive line since 2011, where he has worked with numerous athletes that went on to play at the college level. Coach Jawon Stephens believes in teaching life lessons through the game of football. "My goal as a coach at LDHS is to provide our student athletes with the knowledge and skill needed to earn a scholarship through athletics or instilling a work-ethic that proves valuable in the classroom for success in life after high school; in the workforce or on a college campus." Coach Stephens will coach the Defensive Line again in 2020.

**Subject you teach/Day job:** Special Ed/Self-Contained

**Hometown:** Laurens, SC

**College Alma Mater and degree:** Mars Hill University (B.A. History) '03, Grand Canyon University, Masters of Special Education '15

**Family:** Single/No Kids

**Favorite Food:** Grilled Chicken

**Favorite restaurant in Laurens:** House of Pizza

**Favorite professional sports team(s):** Atlanta Braves / Philadelphia Eagles

**Most memorable moment while coaching:** Winning the Region Championship in 2016 and 2019

**Anything else you want people to know about you:** I am head coach of Track and Field and assistant girls basketball coach.