

## **Student Achievement**

For the 2022-2023 school year, Wren High School continued to rank among the highest in the state on mandated testing such as End of Course Testing, AP, and SAT/ACT. Our 2022-2023 SAT and ACT scores were higher than both the district and state averages. In addition, our school's AP exam passage rates were higher than both the state and national averages with three of our programs, AP Literature, AP Research, and AP Seminar, securing a 100% passage rate.

While our school's EOC passage rates improved from last year, we especially showed growth on our EOC "C or higher" percentages in the areas of Biology (55.17% compared to 51.90% in 2022) and US History (56.69% compared to 44% in 2022).

Lastly, Wren High School's graduation rate also improved from 95.6% in 2022 to 96.9% in 2023. Wren High School was once again recognized by US News & World Report as one of the top high schools in the Nation.

*"To view the entire report card for Wren High School for the 2022-2023 school year, look for the "REPORT CARDS" section on the South Carolina State Department of Education website. [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov)."*

## **Wren High School SIC Members**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

*"This Report is issued by the Wren High School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."*

## **Wren High School Annual SIC "Report to the Parents" 2023-2024**



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### **Mission Statement**

*Wren High School aims to prepare students for the future by providing each student with the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and character necessary to excel and contribute in a challenging and global society.*

## SIC Annual Goals

Goal 1: Wren High School will continue to maintain test scores on the SAT and ACT scores above the national and state averages for both tests in all areas.

Goal 2: The students of Wren High School will annually improve performance on the SC EOCEP by 1% above the state average following End of Course Exams: Algebra, English I, Biology, and U.S. History and 1% on the overall passing average of the state.

Goal 3: Wren High School will increase the percentage of students achieving at least a Silver Certificate on the Career Readiness Assessment in order to achieve the goal of having students be considered College/Career Ready upon graduation from high school.

The SIC plays an important advisory role in the accomplishment of the above goals. The variety of input that the SIC provides is useful in making important decisions. Perspectives from inside the school (teachers and administrators) meet with perspectives of those outside the school (parents and community members). Together, we discuss goals, allocation of resources, policies and procedures, and the vision for Wren High School.

## School Achievements

Our students and faculty continue to be recognized and represent our school and community as some of the best in the state of South Carolina.

### Academic Awards and Non-Academic Accomplishments:

1. Our **Varsity Boys' Basketball Team (coached by Fran Campbell)** won the AAA State Championship in 2023. This victory marks the first state championship in school history and the first for SC Hall of Fame Coach Fran Campbell.
2. Our **Varsity Girls' Volleyball (coached by Amy Godfrey)** won their first ever AAA State Championship in 2023. This marked their second consecutive appearance in the AAA state championship game.
3. The Wren High School NJROTC led by **CDR Kevin Borden** and **Master Chief Cliff Bailey** was awarded the Distinguished Unit Award with Academic Honors by the Area Six Manager **Commander Gart Jones**. This is a very prestigious honor for NJROTC units across the country.
4. Our school was not only awarded with an **Excellent Report Card** rating from the SC Department of Education, but the school also won the **Palmetto Silver Award** for Academic Excellence. This award was based on Wren High students and teachers excelling in several areas including graduation rate, college and career readiness, and End of Course test scores.

## Wren High School

### Teacher of the Year

Karen Key, an English teacher at Wren High School, was named the 2022-2023 Wren High School Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Key has had a strong impact on our school's English 2 EOC scores, as her students have continuously ranked among the highest in the district and state. Mrs. Key has also been an active sponsor for our school's Beta Club supporting students academically and providing service oriented projects to benefit the school and community. We are blessed to have great teachers like Mrs. Key at Wren High School.

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### Support Staff of the Year

Stacey Wigington, the job coach at Wren High School, was named the 2022-2023 Wren Support Staff Person of the Year. Mrs. Wigington has supported students by providing real-world experiences and devoting time to create work experiences that positively impact the school and community. These activities include driving students to Vocational Rehabilitation, developing a school garden and chicken coop, and having students participate in a school recycling campaign. We thank Mrs. Wigington for continuing to make Wren a special place.