

## **Student Achievement**

For the 2019-2020 school year, Wren High School, once again, received a rating of EXCELLENT on the annual South Carolina School Report Card, acknowledging that our school's performance "substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate."

Despite the impact of the COVID19 pandemic, Wren High School continues to see student success due to the hard work and dedication of the excellent teachers at staff. Wren High School's graduation rate improved to 93.2%. Wren High School was once again recognized by US News & World Report as one of the top high schools in the Nation.

Wren High School continues to rank among the highest in the state on mandated testing such as End of Course Testing, AP, and SAT/ACT.

*"To view the entire report card for Wren High School for the 2019-2020 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)."*

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## **Wren High School**

### **SIC Members**

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Kim Kunz  
Greg Goodell  
JoAnne Fotos  
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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" 2020-2021**



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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

Despite the COVID19 pandemic, students and staff at Wren High School were still able to achieve many great accomplishments both inside and outside the classroom. 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.

### Non-Academic Awards and Accomplishments:

1. Our **Varsity Football Team (coached by Jeff Tate)** reached the Upper State Finals in 2020 after winning the 2019 AAAA South Carolina State Championship.
2. Our **Varsity Boys' Cross Country Team (coached by Larry Clark)** won the Region 1-AAA championship in 2020 and finished third in the state.
3. The **Wren High School Yearbook (sponsored by Jennifer Bertram)** earned a first place award from the American Scholastic Association, a nationwide competition for high school yearbooks.
4. Junior, **Maggie Nolen**, was selected by the Blue Ridge Electric Co-Op to participate in the 2021 Virtual Youth Experience. In a traditional year, Maggie would be able to represent Wren High School by attending a conference in Washington, DC by being selected for this prestigious program.
5. The Wren High School NJROTC led by **CDR Kevin Borden** and **Master Chief Cliff Bailey** was named a 2021 Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors because of the students' excellence in academics, service, and competition throughout the school year.

## Wren High School Teacher of the Year

Ali Wienke, a Science teacher at Wren High School, was named the 2020 Wren High School Teacher of the Year. She was selected by her peers due to her hard work and dedication to her students. Mrs Wienke also serves as the instructor for our Teacher Cadet program. Her passion for the profession is contagious and helps to encourage students to pursue a career in education once they graduate from high school and attend college. It is truly a blessing to have teachers like Mrs Wienke who care so deeply for their students and colleagues at Wren High School.

## Wren High School Support Staff of the Year

Kathy Goodell, the bookkeeper at Wren High School, was named the 2020 Wren Support Staff Person of the Year. Mrs Goodell joined the Wren High School office staff three years ago, and her organization and willingness to do anything for anyone epitomizes exactly the type of person that makes Wren High School such a special place to work. She is a true asset to the school.