

W. J. KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL

SIC ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025



AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- Mackenzie Glover was awarded W.J. Keenan High School CTE Student of the Year and was named Richland One School District's CTE Student of the Year.
- Brielle Black won 1st Place Richland One School District Art Show Permanent Art Collection
- Ashley Aguilar-Cantera won 2nd Place Richland One School District 1st Place Art Show
- Jaedon Middleton was selected for the SCMEA Midlands All Region Orchestra.
- Ten (10) students participated in the Richland School District One Dance Festival.
- W.J. Keenan Rubber Band named the 2A Grand Champion at the Richmond County Battle of the Bands (Augusta, Georgia). Raiderettes named Overall Grand Champion Dance Line.
- Faith Beckett was selected to attend the South Carolina Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe.
- Seven (7) members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference this summer in Anaheim, California.
- W.J. Keenan Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) received 2nd place for the State Championship Award.
- Three (3) JAG students won awards at the South Carolina Career Development Conference.
- W.J. Keenan FFA received the Silver Chapter Award.
- Four (4) JROTC Cadets enlisted into the Armed Forces: 3 National Guard and 1 Navy Active Duty.
- Kristin Brown was selected to the South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sports All-State Volleyball Team.
- Boys Basketball, Region 4, 3A State Championship.
- Brian Sumpter named Boys Basketball, Region 4, 3A Player of the Year.
- Coach Zachary Norris named Boys Basketball, Region 4, 3A Coach of the Year.
- Taelor Lee-Sutton named Girls Basketball, Region 4, 3A Player of the Year.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- W.J. Keenan Agriculture Department held three community Dog Wash events where students provided grooming services.
- Hospitality/Food and Nutrition students planned, decorated, prepared food items for events such as: a Baby Shower, Principal Appreciation and Junior/Senior Prom.
- W.J. Keenan Rubber Band performed at the "tent raising" of the Universoul Circus and performed in the opening night of the circus as the feature performance.
- W.J. Keenan Cheerleading Team hosted a cheer battle.
- JROTC Raider Battalion hosted the first Joint Military Ball in Richland School District One.
- JROTC began the first Archery Program at W.J. Keenan High School.
- W.J. Keenan Quiz Bowl team was re-established this year and competed at the Richland One School District Finals Competition.
- W.J. Keenan has a variety of active student clubs to include: Student Council, International Club, National Beta Club, National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, FFA, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG).

GOALS

- Increase graduation rate to 85% as reported by the South Carolina Department of Education.
- Focus on school culture and climate.
- Accountability for students' academics with increased focus on visible learning.
- Teacher clarity focus through Learning Intentions and Success Criteria.
- Increase student attendance.
- Provide additional student activities.
- Increase communication with families and provide excellent customer service.



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ACADEMICS

W.J. Keenan High School offers the Raider Academy which includes four pathway academies and offers Career and Technical Education (CTE) curriculum in each of the pathways. Students have the opportunity to enroll in Dual Enrollment (DE) course offerings through Midlands Technical College. Rigorous Advance Placement courses are offered for Literature and Composition, Language and Composition, and Calculus. These opportunities challenge students academically. Teachers use a variety of instructional strategies, such as active learning, differentiated instruction, cooperative learning, to actively engage students. Consistent professional development is provided for teachers.

ARTS

W.J. Keenan High School provides opportunities for students to participate in the arts. Students have experiences in vocal and instrumental music, dance, theatre, and many disciplines of the visual arts. Each program has various course levels to include all students who want to participate. Specialized instruction is provided such as percussion, piano, technical theatre production, and painting. Our highly trained teachers, practice and performance facilities, provide our students with supportive environment for arts education and production.

ATHLETICS

W. J. Keenan High School offers a wide variety of athletic opportunities for both boys and girls. There are Varsity and Junior Varsity levels for many teams. This past year our students participated in cheer, cross country, football, golf, soccer, baseball, swim, tennis, track and field, volleyball and wrestling. We congratulate:

- Swim team had an all "Raider" Relay Team
- Volleyball earned Round 2 Playoff bid
- Football Team earned a Round 3 Playoff bid
- Thomas Lovett was named News 19 Football Player of the Week
- Marcus Simmons, Jr., Nykeim McNeil, Malik Brunson, Jr., and Broderick Anderson were named to the All Region Varsity Boys Basketball
- Aareonna Caughman, Jayla Fulwiley, and Tiana Randall were named to the All Region Varsity Girls Basketball
- Nine (9) Wrestlers qualified at the Wrestling State Championship

MISSION

The mission of W. J. Keenan High School is to provide engaging educational opportunities through a rigorous curriculum, cutting edge technology, and partnerships to extend to our diverse community and produce first class citizens who will contribute to the present and excel in the future. WE ARE KEENAN!

The SC School Improvement Council (SIC) exists to advise, train, and promote parents, teachers, students, and community members for active, knowledgeable membership in School Improvement Councils for the fulfillment of their Council's role and responsibilities.

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