W. J. KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL
SIC ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- Ten (10) Seniors earned their General Studies Certificate from Midlands Technical College.
- Jaelah Middleton was awarded a $20,00 college scholarship from the Capitol Rotary Club.
- Thirty-five (35) students were dually enrolled at Midlands Technical College.
- W.J. Keenan Raider Rubber Band won the South Carolina Band Directors Association's (SCBDA) Traditional High Step State Championship for Class A and Class AA.
- W.J. Keenan Raider Rubber Band won 1st place overall for the Class AA during the Cardinal Band Competition.
- W.J. Keenan Raider Rubber Band was named Grand Champion of the Dillon Battle of the Bands.
- Shadraya Hutchinson won 1st Place Richland One School District Art Show Permanent Art Collection.
- Kennadi Montgomery and London Culbreath won 2nd Place Richland One School District Art Show.
- Jobs for American Graduates (JAG) Program was awarded the OVERALL 1st Place and are JAG-SC State Champions.
- Twelve (12) JAG students won awards at the South Carolina Career Development Conference.
- Nine (9) members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference this summer in San Antonio, Texas.
- W.J. Keenan FFA received the Silver Chapter Award.
- Victory, Velma, and Voilet Njiyang became the first triplets to enlist in the Army Reserves at the same time.
- Girls Basketball, Region 4, 3A Lower State Champions.
- Boys Basketball, REgion 4, 3A Lower State Champion Finalist
- Taelor Lee-Sutton named Girls Basketball, Region 4, 3A Player of the Year.
- Coach Reggie McClain inducted in the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- W.J. Keenan continues to make gains in End of Course (EOC) scores in English 2 and Biology.
- W.J. Keenan hosted the Special Olympics in collaboration with Richland One School District for a third year.
- W.J. Keenan Agriculture Department held a community Dog Wash events where students provided grooming services.
- Hospitality/Food and Nutrition students planned, decorated, prepared food items for events such Teacher Appreciation Week and Senior Breakfast.
- JROTC Raider Battalion were part of the Pilot Program for ICAN Innovation Center an experience with STEM labs, Robotics, Drone Education, coding and project-based learning experiences.
- W.J. Keenan held a Student Job Fair for student summer employment.
- Students were provided an opportunity to participate in field studies with exposure to college and career readiness and cultural activities. Visits included: Johnson C. Smith University, Queens University of Charlotte, Columbia College, Denmark Technical College, Columbia Ballet, Peace Center, National Civil and Human Rights Museum, and BMW Zentrum.
- W.J. Keenan has a variety of active student clubs to include: Student Council, International Culture 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), I am H.E.R. Student Group, and Jobs for American 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:

- Football Team earned a Round 2 Playoff bid
- Girl Basketball Team were Lower State Champions
- Boys Basketball Team were Lower State Finalist
- Baseball Team earned a Round 3 Playoff bid
- Seven (7) Wrestlers qualified at the Wrestling State Championship
- Boys Basketball All Region (AAA Region IV) Players: Antoine Caughman, Jr., Broderick Anderson, Jr., Zy'Ion Jones, Bryson Schofield, Maliek Brunson, Jr.
- AAA Boys Basketball Player of the Year and All State Team - Antoine Caughman.
- Girls Basketball All Region (AAA Region IV): Aareonna Caughman, Kristin Brown, Zary'a Mines
- AAA Player of the Year and Region IV Player of the Year – Taelor Lee-Sutton
- Zary'a Mines and Broderick Anderson were selected as the WACH Fox 57 Athletes of the Week.

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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