

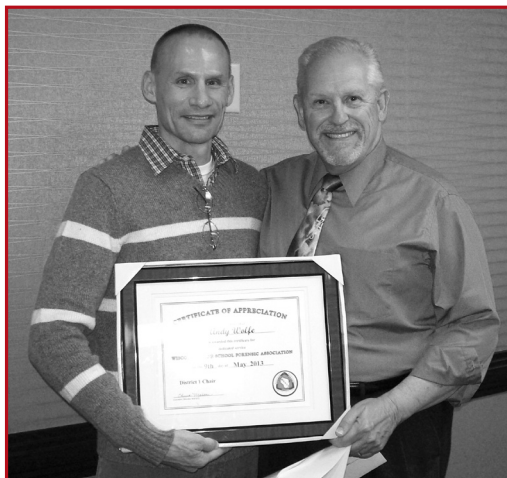


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“Not to defeat each other, but to pace one another on the road to excellence.”

Andy Wolfe, District 1 Chair, Leaves Board

Andy Wolfe has been Chair of District 1 for the past several years. He is stepping down at the end of this school year to work on a master's degree. Andy has done a wonderful job of re-organizing District 1 and will be missed by the board and the coaches and schools in District 1.



New Coach Packet

Abbi Wills-Phillips, District 5 Chair and members of the Board of Control are working on a New Coach Packet that will be given out in the Fall. If you have material or ideas that would be helpful to new coaches, please submit them to Abbi Wills-Phillips at 4n6dist5@gmail.com.

Membership for 2013-2014 School Year

Membership renewal notices and new membership cards for the 2013-2014 school year were mailed in late April. In most cases membership mailings are directed to the Speech Coach – but a few schools have requested mailing to the Theater Coach.

If you and/or your school have not received a renewal notice and the new membership card, please let the State Office know right away so that they can be sent to you to facilitate renewal of your membership for next year. If there are any questions regarding membership, please contact the State Office.



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Lyn Luce Leadership Award

The Lyn Luce Leadership Award was presented to Nancy Herbison before the 9:30 a.m. Round at State Speech on April 20. The award is presented to a coach who demonstrates leadership, mentoring and involvement in more than one type of coaching. Nancy serves WHSFA by being District 2 Chair, member of the Speech Advisory and member of the Middle Level Advisory. Nancy coaches One Act, Middle Level Forensics and Senior Level Forensics. She has also made it possible for her speech team members to earn points in the National Forensic League.

Paul Luce, Kate Greenwood (Lyn's daughter) and Lucy Greenwood (Lyn's granddaughter) were there to help make the presentation.



From left to right: Paul Luce, Nancy Herbison, Lucy Greenwood, Kate Greenwood and Chuck Malone.

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Ethel Heise New Coach Award

This year the recipient of the Ethel Heise New Coach Award was Abbi Wills-Phillips from Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids. Along with her coaching responsibilities, she chairs District 5 and helps WHSFA with the Speech Scheduling System. In District 5, Abbi has created a web site for her coaches.

Abbi spent her spring break in Waukesha helping the State Office schedule the State Speech Festival.



2013-2014 Dates

- Fall Board of Control Meeting: September 13, 2013
- Latest Date for District Theatre: October 26, 2013
- Latest Date for Sectional Theatre: November 9, 2013
- **WHSFA State Theatre:** November 21-23
Location TBA
- Latest Date for Middle Level I: February 1, 2014
- Latest Date for Middle Level II: February 22, 2014
- Latest Sub-district Speech Festival: March 1, 2014
- Latest District Speech Festival: March 22, 2014
- **WHSFA State Speech Festival – UW Madison:**
April 11-12, 2014
- Spring Board of Control Meeting: May 8, 2014

Additional Group Interpretation and Play Acting Groups

This year, WHSFA allowed schools to enter additional groups as part of their total of 25 entries. The concession was that the school would move to a Saturday State Time Slot. The move to Saturday was to help the State Office balance time slots and have more groups perform when the UW Madison has more rooms available. Sixteen schools took advantage of the new rule. We are hopeful that in the future more schools take advantage of getting more students involved.

Middle Level Tries New Rubrics

Nancy Herbison, District 2 Chair, and member of the Middle Level Advisory developed new rubrics for Level I and Level II Festivals. The new rubrics were used by several festivals with wonderful results. Judges, coaches and students alike found the ballots to be easy to use. It is the hope that this summer the Middle Level Advisory will make a recommendation to the Board of Control to switch to the new ballots. If approved, the new ballots will be used during the 2014-2015 school year.

2013 “Excellence in Speech Award” Schools

This year 17 schools were recognized by earning the “Excellence in Speech Award”. This award is given to the schools that represent the top 5% of all schools participating in the State Speech Festival. Congratulations to the schools and to the coaches that give endless hours to helping students.

- **Boscobel High School and Coach Jean Salzgeber**
- **Burlington High School and Coach Robbie Twohig**
- **Darlington High School and Coach Carmen Rielly**
- **DeForest High School and Coach Tom August**
- **Eau Claire Memorial High School and Coach Nicholas Sirek**
- **Lakeside Lutheran High School and Coach Steve Lauber**
- **Menomonie High School and Coach Christina Fern-Denzer**
- **Milton High School and Coach Shauna Wessely**
- **Mineral Point High School and Coach Kristin Staver**
- **Northland Lutheran High School and Coach Nate Lauber**
- **Regis High School in Eau Claire and Coach Judine Brey**
- **St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mr. Calvary and Coach Fr. Gary Wegner**
- **Stoughton High School and Coach Mary Lusk**
- **Waterford Union High School and Coach Amy Koszarek**
- **Waunakee High School and Coach Walter Stenz**
- **West De Pere High School and Coach Natalie Buhl**
- **Westosha Central High School and Coach Dana Marty**

Video Contest

In the fall, WHSFA will sponsor a video contest. The video is to feature the benefits of having forensics as part of your school’s co-curricular program. Watch for details in the Fall 2013 Newsletter.



Coach Makes 50th Appearance at State Speech

During the judges meeting Chuck Malone, Executive Director, shared that this was his fiftieth State Speech Festival which included his participation in high school. He was done one better by Pat Luostari of Northwestern High School in Maple, who told him this was her fiftieth State Speech Festival as a coach. She went on to say that she is planning on being there as a coach next year. Ms. Luostari is also the One Act Play Director for Northwestern and has qualified her cast for State Theatre Festival many times. Congratulations to Pat Luostari and the students of Northwestern High School in Maple.

State Speech Festival Numbers



For all you coaches that love numbers as much as I do, let me tell you about the 2013 State Speech Festival in Madison.

This year we had 483 coaches register their entries on the web site – up 15 schools from last year.

3,351 entries with 4,847 students were scheduled for State Speech.

This year we used 16 more judges bringing the number of judges to 543.

Thank You to all the Coaches and Judges Stepping Forward at State Speech Festival.

Even though we all live in Wisconsin, we do not expect to have a blizzard affect the State Speech Festival in the middle of April, but unfortunately we did this year. For the first time since 1990, some schools from the north were unable to make it to the festival. The State Office would like to thank all the coaches and judges who were willing to step forward and take judging packets to cover those judges that did not make it to Madison. WHSFA is lucky to have so many caring coaches and judges.

Madison Campus a Bus Drivers Nightmare

Every year the Madison campus is a problem for bus drivers dropping off students and again picking them up at the end of the round. This year was an exceptional nightmare for drivers who followed the directions posted on the WHSFA web site because the directions led them to a road block. The State Office contacts the UW Madison Campus Police every year to find the best route for bus drivers. This year the State Office was informed that bus drivers were to turn north on Park Street from University Avenue and continue up Observatory Drive for drop-off and pick-up.

Little did the State Office know that the outlined bus route was closed to traffic until they arrived on campus at 3:00 p.m. with no way to inform the schools of the change. The State Office apologizes to all the schools and bus drivers for what they found when they tried to follow directions. In the future we will double-check with UW Madison Transportation Services for directions.

Four Years of Gold

Every year we ask coaches to let us know the names of the students who have received their fourth straight gold medal. This year we had 15 students throughout Wisconsin accomplish that feat. This time we have something very unusual – a group of students doing Group Interpretation of Literature win their fourth gold medal. The students are from Fennimore High School. Special Congratulations to Brandon Adkins, Trent Napp, Ian Streeter and Aaron Swan. Others winning four straight gold medals are:

- **Amber Johnson, Olivia Jensen and Hannah Roth from Chetek-Weyerhaeuser**
- **Brock Hertrampf from Fennimore High School**
- **Nikki Higgs from Janesville Craig High School**
- **Rachel Dyer from Badger High School in Lake Geneva**
- **Mariah Rangel from Menomonie High School**
- **Megan Wayda from Merrill High School**
- **Stephanie Lemancik from Oshkosh West High School**
- **Timmy Tyson from Stoughton High School**
- **Jacob James (Moments in History) from Union Grove High School**
- **Evan Lebo from Baldwin-Woodville Senior High School**