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*"Not to defeat each other, but to pace one another on the road to excellence."*

## Middle Level Program a Success!

Middle Level saw the largest number of students participating in a Level I Festival in the last six years. This year 3,728 students participated in a Level I at one of 21 different sites.

Level II saw 3,111 students participate. That was slightly less than the all time high of 3,271 the year before.

Thank you to the coaches who hosted an event. WHSFA is looking for hosts for the 2011-2012 School year. If you are interested, please notify **Chuck Malone** at [director@whsfa.org](mailto:director@whsfa.org).

## Electronic Sign Up for State Speech Time Slots

WHSFA is exploring a number of options for an electronic sign up for State Speech time slots. The sign up date for schools to pick a time slot will be designated in the Fall. As soon as one time slot is full, schools will be directed to sign up for one of the open rounds. By using electronic sign up, WHSFA feels all schools will have equal opportunity to receive their first or second choice.

Details will be sent out with the Fall mailing in September following the Board of Control Meeting, September 14, 2011.



# WHSFA

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## 2011 Ethel Heise New Coach Award

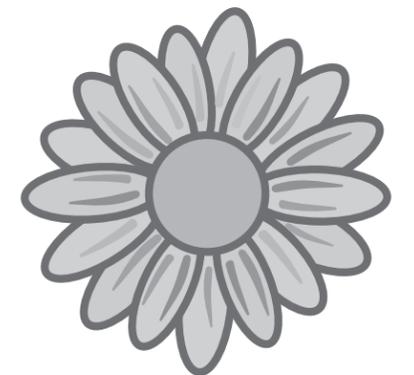
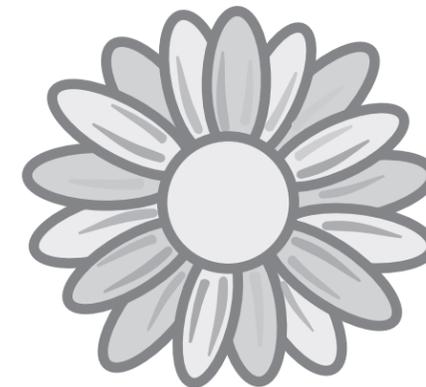
Shauna Wessely of Milton High School received the 2011 Ethel Heise New Coach Award. Shauna is in her fourth year of coaching the Milton High School forensic team and has already doubled its size and the number of gold medals won by the team at State Speech.

One of her team members said in a letter of recommendation: "coach painstakingly helped me at every stage of the process from the initial step of selecting a topic all the way through the practices . . . and other team members had the same experience."

Shauna participated in WHSFA all four years of her high school experience doing Moments in History. She was also a member of the U.W. Whitewater forensic team for three years. While at Whitewater, she helped as a counselor in the university's summer high school forensic camp.

Today, Shauna coaches her forensic team, acts as a mentor for new coaches, is Director of the U.W. Whitewater forensic camp and is District 11 Chair for WHSFA.

*Congratulations Shauna!*



## Judge Requirements to Change for State Speech

In the past, schools have been asked to supply one judge for State Speech for the first 12 entries and with the 13th entry a second judge. For the last six years, WHSFA has had to hire at least 40 judges to handle all of the entries.

Next year, schools will be asked to supply one judge for the first 10 entries and starting with the 11th entry a second judge. This will help WHSFA hold down the costs of State Speech.

### BOARD OF CONTROL

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## State Theatre Festival 2011

WHSFA the University of Wisconsin – Madison's Continuing Studies in the Arts is looking for schools that would like to apply to "showcase" their programs at the State Theatre Festival at U.W. Whitewater November 17 and 18. If you are interested in applying, contact **Chuck Malone** at [director@whsfa.org](mailto:director@whsfa.org) or call the **State WHSFA Office** at 262-446-0780 for



## State Speech Festival

The 2011 State Speech Festival brought 375 schools to the University of Wisconsin – Madison campus on April 15 and 16. Although the weather did not cooperate the students had a wonderful time. 4,868 students participated in the four rounds (217 more than in 2010). WHSFA and the students kept 488 judges busy.

WHSFA wants to thank the coaches who give up so much of their time to make it possible for students to have this experience.

## Excellence in Speech Award

There were 18 schools that received the Excellence in Speech Award this year at State Speech. The Excellence in Speech Award is the top 5% of participating schools. This year's winners are:

**Badger High School in Lake Geneva**  
and Coach Mark Zastrow

**Baldwin-Woodville High School**  
and Coach Angie Schmoker

**Boscobel High School**  
and Coach Jean Salzgeber

**Campbellsport High School**  
and Coach Michelle Rockelman

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and Coach Carmen Rielly

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and Coach Tom August

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and Coach Nick Sirek

**Holmen High School**  
and Coach Kam-Lin Roswall

**Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills**  
and Coach Steve Lauber

**Lancaster High School**  
and Coach Sam Jonas

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and Coach Christina Fern-Denzer

**New Richmond High School**  
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**Prescott High School**  
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**Regis High School in Eau Claire**  
and Coach Judine Brey

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and Coach Mary Lusk

**Waterford High School**  
and Coach Amy Koszarek

**Watertown Luther Prep School**  
and Coach Matt Prost

**Westosha Central High School in Salem**  
and Coach Bernadette Elverman

## Advisories to Meet This Summer

Coaches should be aware that WHSFA has Advisory Committees for Speech, Theatre, Debate and Middle Level which meet each summer to discuss changes/concerns for each event. The members of these advisories represent all sections of the state. If you have an idea/concern you would like the committees to address you may either contact the **State Office** or the **WHSFA advisor**:

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**Theatre**            **Dr. Charles Grover,**  
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**Speech**            **Dr. Greg Olson, UW-Oshkosh**  
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## Ten Four Year Gold Winners Announced

Every year we proudly recognize students who have succeeded in winning four consecutive gold medals at State Speech Festival. This year there were 10 students in a variety of events who scored their fourth straight 25:

<b>Rachel Strobusch</b>	<b>Lomira High School</b>
<b>Hannah Freiberg</b>	<b>Winnebago Academy, Fond du Lac</b>
<b>Dustin Harvey</b>	<b>Shoreline Lutheran High School, Somers</b>
<b>Stephanie Crescio</b>	<b>Randolph High School</b>
<b>Andy Falk</b>	<b>Grantsburg High School</b>
<b>Anna Bast</b>	<b>Platteville High School</b>
<b>Megan Reilly</b>	<b>Wautoma High School</b>
<b>Rebecca Ehlert</b>	<b>Antigo High School</b>
<b>Leah Tanner</b>	<b>Saint Mary Central High School, Neenah</b>
<b>Colleen Stephens</b>	<b>Three Lakes High School</b>
<b>Nellie Black</b>	<b>Darlington High School</b>

## Adjudication Certification Renewals

In late July or early August of this year we will be emailing notices and recertification tests to everyone who has certification expiring in August of 2011.

If you have changed your name or home mailing address since your original certification, please email the State Office by the end of this school year so that our records will be current and the renewal notice will reach you. Last year many notices were returned to our office as "undeliverable". Also as we verified certifications for Sub-district, District and State Judges this year we found many who were certified under a name different from their current name which required many emails back and forth between the State Office and Speech Coaches. It will simplify everyone's life if you take the responsibility for making sure judge names and contact information remain current in our database.

