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State Speech Contest Announces Students Earning Fourth Consecutive Awards

RIPON, Wis. – The Wisconsin High School Forensic Association held its 121st annual State Speech Festival on the campus of UW-Madison, hosting 4,656 students from 340 high schools across the state of Wisconsin, as well as La Crescent, Minnesota. Judges rate each student or performing group. An elite number of students earn the contest's top honor of *Critic's Choice* all four years of their high school career. This year, just 21 students, or one-half of one percent, earned this distinguished honor (sorted by school, alphabetically):

School (City)	Full Name
Boscobel High School	Ryan Latham
Catholic Central (Burlington)	Alexandra Paleka
Fox Valley Lutheran	Kyle Favorite
Green Bay Preble	Riley Burger
Hudson	Kate (Katherine) Knott
Luck	Jordan Jones
Niagara High School	Adam Parent
Omro High School	Hannah Kallas
Plum City	Lexy Weiss
Plum City	Linkon Foley
Richland Center	Chay Schmitt
Sevastopol High School	Millar Minahan
Shoreland Lutheran	Samantha Pinchard
Stratford	Emily Hauke
Washburn	Elsa Armstrong
Washburn	Madeline Marsh
Washburn	Emily Wiatr
Waterloo	Rachel Stock
Whitnall	Caroline Mohr
Wis. Rapids Lincoln	Megan Polzer
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“Students in our academic sport practice long hours to hone their skills and meet the expectations upon which they will be judged,” said WHSFA Executive Director Adam Jacobi. “These schools represent consistent performance across a variety of contest events at our festival, and should be lauded for their performance.”

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About the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association

Since 1895, the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association (WHSFA) has provided programming for middle and high school students in theatre, debate, and public speaking activities. Each year, our nonprofit organization serves about 10,000 Wisconsin students from 375-400 high schools, and 150-200 middle schools in the longest-running high school speech contests in the nation. Our aim is to empower students to enhance their skills in presentation through interscholastic assessment. For more information, visit www.whsfa.org.

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