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State Speech Contest Announces Students Earning Consecutive Awards

LA CROSSE, Wis. – Twenty-four Wisconsin high school seniors earned the highest individual recognition – for each year they participated in the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association **State Speech Festival**. This year, 2,474 students participated from 306 high schools from across the state.

Adjudicators rate each student or performing group. An elite number of students earn the contest’s top score and honor of *Critic’s Choice* – a gold medal – multiple times during high school career. This year’s students earned the top score at the 2019, and 2021 State Speech Festival, as well as participated during the 2020 season before it was interrupted. Those honorees are (sorted by school, alphabetically):

Ellie Klumb	Bay Port HS
Tessa Homuth	Campbellsport HS
Sydney Heise	Central HS-La Crosse
Lauren Jarantowski-Bezjak	Cudahy HS
Lin West	Darlington HS
Samantha Wubben	Fennimore HS
Brooklyn Granger	Ithaca HS
Emma Schoen	Ithaca HS
Amelia Heider	Lodi HS
Micaela Boucher	Luxemburg-Casco HS
Samantha Kahr	Luxemburg-Casco HS
Hailey Carey	Medford Area Sr HS

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Emmy Bignell	Menomonie HS
Jazmine Cool	Mineral Point HS
Greg Sokup	Regis High School
Max Shavlik	Sauk Prairie HS
	Sheboygan Lutheran HS
Bethany Werth	
Quinn Soltis	South Shore HS
Dalena Pakalske	Southern Door HS
Jasmine Neumann	Three Lakes HS
Amanda Rieck	Three Lakes HS
John McGovern	Tomahawk HS
Martin Schmidt	Tomahawk HS

“Students in our academic sport practice long hours to hone their skills and meet the expectations upon which they will be evaluated,” said WHSFA Executive Director Adam Jacobi. “These young people have consistently earned our highest score and gold medal, and have done so during one of the most challenging times in generations. We honor these resilient young people as they prepare for their future beyond high school.”

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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 about 370 high schools, and 150 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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