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State Speech Contest Announces Students Earning Fourth Consecutive Awards

LA CROSSE, Wis. – Thirty four Wisconsin high school seniors earned the highest individual recognition – for each of four years – at the recent State Speech Festival in Madison. The Wisconsin High School Forensic Association held its 124th annual event on the campus of UW-Madison. This past weekend, approximately 4,200 students from 340 high schools across the state participated.

Judges 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 – all four years of their high school career. This year, just 34 students, or about two-thirds of one percent, earned this distinguished honor (sorted by school, alphabetically):

Katrina Danzinger (Alma)
Emily Cash (Appleton West)
Bella Peetz (Badger HS)
Jessie Smith (Badger HS)
Faith Smith (Baldwin-Woodville High)
Nathan Thompson (Baldwin-Woodville High)
Erin Beck (Boscobel High School)
Kaci Wallace (Boscobel High School)
Leah Wacker (Boscobel High School)
Lily Lindgren (Campbellsport High School)
Cameron Pickel (Cuba City High School)
Cassidy Schnell (DeForest)
Emily Taugher (DeForest)
Hayley Bender (Fennimore)
Kristen Kohout (Fennimore)
Sarah-Kate Kenney (Fennimore)
Tana Davis (Fennimore)
Kaya Elyse Halverson (Green Bay East High School)
Michaela Sarenac (Greendale High School)
Ethan Seath (Hudson HS)
Jake Vosters (Kaukauna High School)
Matt Knick (Kaukauna High School)
Nathan Raatz (Kaukauna High School)
Heather Quale (Lodi High School)
Hawa Bah (Madison LaFollette HS)

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Grant Goodlet (Northwestern High School)
Evan Bloyer (Potosi)
Veronica Carpenter (Richland Center High School)
Garrick Hartley (Sauk Prairie-Eagles)
Brooke Boie (Thorp High School)
Hadley Miles (Three Lakes High School)
Grace Risse (Valders High School)
Madeline Thompson (Waunakee High School)
Grant Mathu (Wrightstown High School)

“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 34 young people have consistently earned our highest score and gold medal, all four years of high school.”

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 375 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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