



# Wisconsin High School Forensic Association

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## State Speech Contest Announces Students Earning Consecutive Awards

LA CROSSE, Wis. – Twenty-eight Wisconsin high school seniors earned the highest individual recognition – for each year they participated in the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association **State Speech Festival**. While the event was cancelled in 2020, typically each year more than 4,200 students from nearly 350 high schools across the state participate.

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 – multiple times during high school career. This year's students earned the top score at the 2018, 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):

Lauren Thompson	Baldwin-Woodville HS
Kalen Berger	Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine HS
Kim Mazur	Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine HS
Kassy Mazer	Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine HS
Dori O'Sullivan	Burlington High School
Abigail Bartlett	Central Wisconsin Christian HS
Laura Sturtz	Darlington High School
Victorria Meylor	Darlington High School
Hailey Marshall	Drummond High School
Shelby Schultz	Ellsworth High School
Matthew Jenkins	Ellsworth High School
Hannah Hinrichs	Ellsworth High School
Ellie Ross	Fall Creek HS
Collin Huza	Fox Valley Lutheran HS

Micayla Buser	Fox Valley Lutheran HS
Brynn Buchholz	Fox Valley Lutheran HS
Sage Soman	Iowa-Grant HS
Alexis Berget	Mineral Point High School
Rebecca Hebert	Muskego High School
Olivia Berther	New Berlin Eisenhower HS
Lily Cain	Northwestern High School
Brady Boebel	Platteville High School
Sophia Tibayan	Prescott High School
Cody Holmes	Shoreland Lutheran HS
Raven Jensen	Stoughton High School
Jordan Goggins	Union Grove High School
Madylin Lorey	Union Grove High School
Lauren Broman	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 23 young people have consistently earned our highest score and gold medal, and even though they didn’t have an opportunity to participate in a fourth State Festival this April, 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](http://www.whsfa.org).

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