



Wisconsin High School Forensic Association

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State Contest Announces Schools Earning Excellence in Speech 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, and the top five percent of point-earning schools are recognized with Excellence in Speech Awards, with the school and teacher each presented with a plaque. This year, 18 schools earned this honor (sorted by school, alphabetically):

School	City	Coach
Belleville High School	Belleville, WI	Susette Alsteens
Boscobel High School	Boscobel, WI	Jean Salzgeber
Burlington High School	Burlington, WI	Robbie Twohig
Cedar Grove-Belgium High School	Cedar Grove, WI	Mary Beth Desens
Cuba City High School	Cuba City, WI	Becky Sitts
Darlington High School	Darlington, WI	Carmen Rielly
DeForest High School	DeForest, WI	Tom August
Eau Claire Memorial High School	Eau Claire, WI	Nicholas Sirek
Ellsworth High School	Ellsworth, WI	Jennifer Kieren
Fennimore High School	Fennimore, WI	Carrie Krogman
Lakeside Lutheran High School	Lake Mills, WI	Stephen Lauber
Lancaster High School	Lancaster, WI	Sam Jonas
Menomonie High School	Menomonie, WI	Andrea Smith
Pius XI Catholic High School	Milwaukee, WI	Kelty Chelius
Platteville High School	Platteville, WI	Cheryl Schober
Prescott High School	Prescott, WI	Tanya Sponholz
Waterford Union High School	Waterford, WI	Amy Koszarek & Neil Hepworth
Waunakee High School	Waunakee, WI	Walter Stenz

“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.”

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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