



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 120th annual State Speech Festival on the campus of UW-Madison, hosting 4,571 students from 344 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 Name
Belleville HS	Belleville, Wis.	Susette Alsteens
Boscobel HS	Boscobel, Wis.	Jean Salzgeber
Burlington HS	Burlington, Wis.	Robbie Twohig
Darlington HS	Darlington, Wis.	Carmen Rielly
DeForest HS	DeForest, Wis.	Tom August
Fennimore HS	Fennimore, Wis.	Carrie Krogman
La Crescent HS	La Crescent, Minn.	Kristine Sandy
Lakeside Lutheran HS	Lake Mills, Wis.	Steve Lauber
Menomonie HS	Menomonie, Wis.	Andrea Smith
Milton HS	Milton, Wis.	Shauna Wessely
Northland Lutheran HS	Kronenwetter, Wis.	Nate Lauber
Pius XI HS	Milwaukee, Wis.	Kelty Chelius
Platteville HS	Platteville, Wis.	Cheryl Schober
Regis HS	Eau Claire, Wis.	Judine Brey
Waterford Union HS	Waterford, Wis.	Amy Koszarek
Waunakee HS	Waunakee, Wis.	Walter Stenz
Westosha Central HS	Salem, Wis.	Jennifer Neumann
Winnebago Lutheran Academy	Fond du Lac, Wis.	Justin Liepert

“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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