



# 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 122nd annual State Speech Festival on the campus of UW-Madison, hosting 4,564 students from 343 high schools across the state of Wisconsin, as well as La Crescent, Minnesota. Students must advance from two qualifying level contests to perform at the State contest, which is one of the largest in the country.

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):

<b>School</b> <i>(with city listed, if not in name of school)</i>	<b>Coach</b>
Boscobel High School	Jean Salzgeber
Burlington High School	Robbie Twohig
Cedar Grove-Belgium High School	Mary Beth Desens
Darlington High School	Carmen Rielly
DeForest Area High School	Tom August
Eau Claire Memorial High School	Nicholas Sirek
Ellsworth High School	Jennifer Kieren
Fennimore High School	Carrie Krogman
Lakeside Lutheran High School	Stephen Lauber
Lancaster High School	Samuel Jonas
Menomonie High School	Andrea Smith
Northwestern High School - Maple	Pat Luostari & Mike Goodlet
Pius XI Catholic High School	Kelty Chelius
River Falls High School	Alex Miller & Kim Miller
Sauk Prairie High School - Prairie du Sac	Ryan Mussack
Waunakee High School	Walter Stenz
Westosha Central High School - Salem	Jennifer Neumann & Brenda Bursek-Krekling
Wrightstown High School	David Winkler

“Students in our academic sport practice long hours to hone their skills and meet 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](http://www.whsfa.org).

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