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State Contest Announces Schools Earning Excellence in Speech Awards

LA CROSSE, Wis. – Seventeen Wisconsin high schools received the highest recognition at the recent State Speech Festival in Madison. The Wisconsin High School Forensic Association held its 123rd annual event on the campus of UW-Madison. This past weekend, approximately 4,300 students from 341 high schools across the state participated. Students had to advance from two qualifying level contests to perform at the State contest, which is one of the largest in the country.

Judges rated each student or performing group, and the top five percent of point-earning schools are being recognized with Excellence in Speech Awards, with the school and teacher each presented with a plaque. This year, 17 schools earned this honor (sorted by school, alphabetically):

School <i>(with city listed, if not in name of school)</i>	Coach
Baldwin-Woodville High School	Angela Schmoker
Barneveld High School	Duane Draper
Boscobel High School	Jean Salzgeber
Burlington High School	Robbie Twohig
Darlington High School	Carmen Rielly
DeForest High School	Tom August
Ellsworth High School	Jennifer Kieren
Fennimore High School	Carrie Krogman
Lake Mills High School	Brenda Morris
Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills	Stephen Lauber
Lincoln High School, Wisconsin Rapids	Cathy Tritz
Menomonie High School	Andrea Smith
Platteville High School	Cheryl Schober
River Valley High School, Spring Green	Misty Fredrick
Somerset High School	Carolyn Spoerl
Waunakee High School	Walter Stenz
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 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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