



Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association

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State Speech Contest Announces Students Earning Consecutive Awards

LA CROSSE, Wis. – Nineteen Wisconsin high school seniors earned the highest individual recognition – for each year they participated in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association **State Speech Festival**. This year, more than 3,100 students from nearly 300 high schools participated.

Adjudicators 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 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 contests. Those honorees are (sorted by school, alphabetically):

Student	School (city, if not in name of school)
Abby Kuchera	Cameron HS
Shayne Robson	Cuba City HS
Rhiannon Nelson-Hahn	Fennimore HS
Griffin Fry	Fennimore HS
Meyah Ring	Fox Valley Lutheran HS
Brooke Jakubowski	Germantown HS
Raissa (Ryia) Ebert	Hudson HS
Ryder Kerttula	Johnson Creek HS
Michael Wilson	Jefferson HS
Peter Demien	Muskego HS
Sam Raybern	Oshkosh West HS
Addi Arnold	Plymouth HS
Abby Stubbe	Prescott HS
Lauryn Huenink	Randolph/Cambria-Friesland HSs
Karah Nelson	Regis HS
Therese Kern	Regis HS
Adam Cauffman	Sauk Prairie-Eagles
Audrey Plzak	Southern Door HS
Isabel Jeanquart	Southern Door HS
Alanna Paye	Southern Door HS
McKenna Guilette	Southern Door HS
Sara Montana	Southern Door HS
Laila Ianson	Southern Door HS

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Student	School (<i>city, if not in name of school</i>)
Ava Hoger	St. Mary Catholic HS
Tessa Rutchik	St. Mary Catholic HS
Eliana Igwike	Univ Sch of Milwaukee
Alyssa Linders	Weyauwega-Fremont HS
Sienna Stautz	Wrightstown HS

“Students in our academic sport practice long hours to hone their skills and meet the expectations upon which they will be evaluated,” said WISDAA Executive Director Adam Jacobi. “These young people have consistently earned our highest score and gold medal, showing consistent excellence across their years of high school.”

About the Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association

Founded in 1895, the Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association (WISDAA) has provided programming for middle and students in theatre, debate, and public speaking (archaically called “forensics”) activities. Each year, our nonprofit organization serves about 7,000 Wisconsin students from more than 350 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.wisdaa.org.

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