

WHSFA

Spring Newsletter – April 2008

2008 Excellence in Speech Awards Named. The Excellence in Speech Award is given annually to the top 5% scoring schools at the Wisconsin State Speech Festival. These schools demonstrate for all the participating schools how hard work and good coaching pays off. No school wins the Excellence in Speech Award without dedicated coaches and hard working students.

Congratulations to the following schools and coaches:

Baldwin-Woodville High School and Roxi Wakeen and Angela Schmoker

Baraboo High School and Mark Patton

Burlington High School and Carrie Fidler

Darlington High School and Carmen Rielly

Eau Claire Memorial High School and Nicholas Sirek

Edgar High School and Kristine Federwitz

Fennimore High School and Carrie Krogman

Lodi High School and Sharon Easley

Lomira High School and Bonnie Tagliapietra

Luther Preparatory School of Watertown and Matthew Prost

Luxemburg-Casco High School and Katie Waege

Monroe High School and Holly Steger

Neenah High School and Beth Plankey.

New Richmond High School and Jeff Ayer

St. Lawrence Seminary and Fr. Gary Wegner

Waterford Union High School and Amy Koszarek

Westosha Central High School and Bernadette Elverman

Winnebago Lutheran Academy from Fond du Lac and Nate Lauber

Outstanding Students Score 25 Points Four Consecutive Years. It is always rewarding every year after the Wisconsin State Speech Festival to congratulate the students who medaled at State. Each student has brought their personal best to the Festival. This year WHSFA had four students receive 25 points for the fourth consecutive year. Interestingly none of these students did it in one category but have scored 25 in a variety of categories.

Breana Brockmann from Merrill High has scored gold in Group Interpretation, Four Minute Speech, Farrago and Oratory. Congratulations to Breana and head coach and mother Sue Brockmann.

Three students from Darlington have also scored perfect four year records: Cody Carpenter scored gold in Farrago, Group Interpretation, and Play Acting; Kalyn Hunter scored gold in Farrago, Storytelling, Group Interpretation and Play Acting; Abigail Wedig scored gold in Special Occasion, Oratory, and Moments in History. Congratulations to Cody, Kalyn and Abigail and head coach Carmen Rielly.

2008-2009 Dates for Your Calendars

Theatre

Latest District Date – October 25, 2008
Latest Sectional Date – November 8, 2008
State – November 21 and 22, 2008

Debate

State – December 11 and 12, 2008

Middle Level

Latest Level I Date – February 7, 2009
Latest Level II Date – February 28, 2009

Speech

Latest Sub-district Date – March 7, 2009
Latest District Date – March 28, 2009
State – April 17 and 18, 2009

Board of Control

Fall Meeting – September 10, 2008
Spring Meeting – May 7, 2009

Middle Level Participation. This year we had 140 schools participate in Level I and Level II events across the state. WHSFA thanks those schools that continue to host these very important events. It takes a great deal of work and planning to host Level I and Level II events and we are ever grateful to those of you who do host year after year. This year we had 3,094 students participate at a Level II event. Congratulations to the students and coaches for a successful season.

U.W. LaCrosse to Host Wisconsin State Theatre Festival. Preparations are already underway at U.W. LaCrosse for this year's State Theatre Festival. U.W. Madison's Continuing Education in the Arts, the Alliance for Wisconsin Theatre Educators and the WHSFA are already busy planning workshops and Showcase Performances for the 2008 Festival. Make your plans to attend now so your students can participate in a fun filled weekend of theatre – November 20-22, 2008.

Membership Cards 2008-2009. Included in this mailing (primarily to speech coaches) is your 2008-2009 Membership Card. Make sure you check with your business office before mailing in your dues to see that they have the correct address. Some schools are still mailing to Evansville. The correct address is: WHSFA, P.O. Box 176, Waukesha, WI 53187-0176.

State Speech Festival Fees. Some of you still have not paid for participation in this year's Wisconsin State Speech Festival. Make sure your checks are in the mail soon so we can close out our books for the 2007-2008 school year.