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### Herb Kohl to honor students, teachers, and principals at award luncheon on April 14

MILWAUKEE — A luncheon and awards program sponsored by the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation to honor the achievements of south central and southwest Wisconsin students, teachers, and principals will be held Saturday, April 14, at Monona Grove High School in Monona.

On March 20, the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation announced the 2018 recipients of Initiative Scholarships, Excellence Scholarships, teacher Fellowships, and principal Leadership Awards. The April 14 luncheon will recognize the accomplishments of the area's outstanding students, educators, and administrators. Nineteen teacher Fellowship recipients, 22 Excellence Scholarship recipients, 15 Initiative Scholarship recipients, and two principal Leadership Award recipients will be honored. Kim Marggraf, spokesperson for the Herb Kohl Foundation, said that Herb Kohl, representatives of co-sponsoring organizations — the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools, Wisconsin Cooperative Educational Service Agencies, Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation, Wisconsin Parents Association, Association of Wisconsin School Administrators — and the families and friends of south central and southwest Wisconsin award recipients will be part of this program.

The Herb Kohl Foundation **Excellence Scholarship** was established by Herb Kohl to provide scholarships to graduating Wisconsin high school students who have demonstrated academic excellence, outstanding leadership, citizenship, community service, integrity, and other special talents. The Herb Kohl Foundation **Fellowship** rewards teachers who have demonstrated superior ability to inspire love of learning in their students, have motivated others, and have provided meritorious service both inside and outside the classroom.

The Herb Kohl **Initiative Scholarship** was established to recognize students who have demonstrated a high level of motivation to achieve, have shown strong promise for achieving success in college and beyond, have overcome significant

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personal obstacles or adversity, and have not yet received other academic based scholarships. In addition to students from CESAs 2 and 3, two of the 15 Initiative Scholars attending the luncheon are from CESAs 4 and 6. The Herb Kohl **Leadership Award** recognizes school principals who have set high standards for instruction, achievement, and character, and created a climate to best serve students, families, staff, and community.

“Herb Kohl will be making formal award presentations to the recipients at the luncheon,” Marggraf said. The Herb Kohl Foundation will issue the \$10,000 Excellence and Initiative Scholarship grants to the postsecondary institution that each student will attend. Each teacher and principal will receive a \$6,000 award and an additional \$6,000 grant will go to the teacher’s and principal’s school for use in innovative educational projects. The Kohl Educational Foundation awards program was established by Herb Kohl in 1990. To date the foundation has provided \$14.5 million to Wisconsin educators, students, and schools. The foundation annually awards approximately 200 scholarships, 100 teacher fellowships and 16 principal awards throughout the state.

“We are so grateful that Wisconsin is home to such a visionary philanthropist who is rewarding excellence in education so generously,” said Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools Executive Director Sharon Schmeling.

“Herb Kohl and the Kohl Foundation are pillars of the Wisconsin education community,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers. “Through his generous awards, Herb Kohl strengthens the commitment of teachers and school leaders to their work and provides the opportunity for students to continue their learning. Wisconsin is a better place thanks in part to Herb Kohl.”

“Education is the key to the future of Wisconsin and our nation. I am very proud of the accomplishments of these students and look forward to the great contributions they will make in the future. They’ll make many sacrifices to achieve their educational goals, and I want to help them succeed,” Kohl said.

The Monona event is one of five regional award programs sponsored by the Herb Kohl Foundation. The reception is scheduled to begin Saturday, April 14, at noon at Monona Grove High School, 4400 Monona Drive, Monona. The award program will commence at approximately 1 p.m.

**Media availability with award recipients and Herb Kohl may be arranged before or after the award presentation. Contact Kim Marggraf at (920) 946-3640 or [marggraf@excel.net](mailto:marggraf@excel.net). Following is a list of award recipients who will be recognized at the April 14 event.**

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# Herb Kohl Educational Foundation

## *April 14 Award Recipients*

### **Monona Grove High School, Monona**

#### *Excellence Scholars*

##### CESA 2

Evanka Annyapu, Madison  
Memorial High School, Madison

Margaret Brackey, Monona  
Homeschooled

Yuanqi Cai, Madison  
Madison West High School, Madison

Benjamin Dellheim, Williams Bay  
Williams Bay High School, Williams Bay

Emma Hanisko, Cambridge  
Cambridge High School, Cambridge

Sean Harvatine, Janesville  
Milton High School, Milton

Scottee Hoff, Brodhead  
Brodhead High School, Brodhead

Jenna Hotvedt, Burlington  
Burlington High School, Burlington

Hailey Kammerer, Juda  
Juda High School, Juda

Sally Lemke, Edgerton  
Edgerton High School, Edgerton

Sophia Liu, Waunakee  
Waunakee High School, Waunakee

James Neuberger, Lake Mills  
Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills

Cora Purdue, Brodhead  
Brodhead High School, Brodhead

Sydney Robson, Burlington  
Catholic Central High School, Burlington

Connor Steinke, Whitewater  
Whitewater High School, Whitewater

Michaela Suski, Watertown  
Watertown High School, Watertown

Sydney Tone, Stoughton  
Homeschooled

Morgan Tresemer, Brodhead  
Brodhead High School, Brodhead

Madlyn Zingler, Watertown  
Watertown High School, Watertown

Leah Zinnen, Burlington  
Burlington High School, Burlington

##### CESA 3

Adam Riley, Mount Hope  
Fennimore High School, Fennimore

Evan Straka, Lancaster  
Lancaster High School, Lancaster

#### *Teacher Fellows*

##### CESA 2

Carmen Behrens, Milton  
Whitewater Middle School, Whitewater

Loreen (Lori) Glass, Lake Geneva  
Saint Francis de Sales Grade School, Lake Geneva

Jacqueline Haberman, Jefferson  
Saint John the Baptist Grade School, Jefferson

Mikaela Hagen, Madison  
La Follette High School, Madison

Kimberly Houser, Mazomanie  
Wisconsin Heights High School, Mazomanie

Nikki Huisheere, Janesville  
Our Lady of Assumption Grade School, Beloit

Don Karsh, Sun Prairie  
Sun Prairie High School, Sun Prairie

Kathleen (Kate) McNulty, Janesville  
Whitewater High School, Whitewater

Mark Nepper, Madison  
West High School, Madison

Stephanie Rummmler, Burlington  
Nettie E Karcher School, Burlington

Candice Sayre, Fort Atkinson  
Fort Atkinson School District, Fort Atkinson

Rhonda Veroeven, Windsor  
Glacier Creek Middle School, Cross Plains

Megan Zirbel, Burlington  
Wheatland Center School, Burlington

##### CESA 3

Leif Carlson, Richland Center  
Richland Center High School, Richland Center

Judy Felsenthal, Lancaster  
Platteville Middle School, Platteville

Monica Kmak, Dodgeville  
Dodgeville Elementary School, Dodgeville

Kris McCoy, Mineral Point  
Mineral Point Middle School, Mineral Point

Rebecca Molledahl, Westby  
North Crawford Elementary School, Soldiers Grove

Gina Rollins, Lancaster  
Cuba City Elementary School, Cuba City

## *Initiative Scholars*

### CESA 2

Catrina Askew, Beloit  
Beloit Memorial High School, Beloit

Maria Rene Essary, Burlington  
Westosha Central High School, Salem

Grace Farrington, Janesville  
Edgerton High School, Edgerton

Anna Featherstone, Walworth  
Faith Christian School, Williams Bay

Leo Martinez, Waterloo  
Waterloo High School, Waterloo

Brittany Neuman, Eagle  
Palmyra-Eagle High School, Palmyra

Madeline Polacek, Mazomanie  
Wisconsin Heights High School, Mazomanie

### CESA 3

Julia Barnes, Hazel Green  
Southwestern Wisconsin High School, Hazel Green

Jeffery Cobb, Argyle  
Black Hawk High School, South Wayne

Kylea Kaye, Richland Center  
Richland Center High School, Richland Center

Ireln King, Mineral Point  
Mineral Point High School, Mineral Point

Bailey Kreul, Fennimore  
Fennimore High School, Fennimore

Lily Scallon, Boscobel  
Boscobel Area Schools, Boscobel

### CESA 4

Caleb Jensen, Tomah  
Tomah High School, Tomah

### CESA 6

Kasey Wandling, Horicon  
Mayville High School, Mayville

## *Principal Leaders*

### CESA 2

Laura Eicher, New Glarus  
New Glarus Elementary School, New Glarus

Mike Kruse, Stoughton  
Stoughton High School, Stoughton