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Herb Kohl honors outstanding students and teachers at award luncheon on April 13

MILWAUKEE — A luncheon to honor the achievements of southeast Wisconsin students, teachers and principals will be held Saturday, April 13 at Greenfield High School in Greenfield, the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation announced today.

On March 4, the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation announced the recipients of student Initiative Scholarships, student Excellence Scholarships, teacher Fellowships and principal Leadership awards. The April 13 luncheon will recognize the accomplishments of the area's outstanding students, educators and administrators. Thirty two teacher Fellowship recipients, 33 Excellence Scholarship recipients, 17 Initiative Scholarship recipients and 8 principal Leadership Award recipients will be honored.

Kim Marggraf, spokesperson for the Herb Kohl Foundation, said that Herb Kohl, representatives of co-sponsoring organizations Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools, Wisconsin Cooperative Educational Service Agencies, Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation, Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, Wisconsin Parents Association and the families and friends of southeast 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 **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.

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 personal obstacles or adversity, and have not yet received other academic based scholarships.

"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 will receive a \$6,000 Fellowship and an additional \$6,000 grant will be awarded to the teacher's school for use in innovative educational projects. The Kohl Educational Foundation Scholarship and Fellowship program was established by Herb Kohl in 1990. To date the foundation has provided \$17.8 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.

"Individuals and communities across Wisconsin benefit from Herb Kohl's longstanding and generous philanthropy to our educators and students," said State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor. "On behalf of the Department of Public Instruction, I would like to thank Herb Kohl and the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation for continued dedication to our schools."

"Education is the key to the future of Wisconsin and our nation. I am very proud of the accomplishments of these students and teachers and look forward to the great contributions they will make in the future," Kohl said.

The Greenfield event is the final of four regional award programs sponsored by the Herb Kohl Foundation. The luncheon is scheduled to begin Saturday, April 13, at 12:00 noon at Greenfield High School, 4800 S. 60th Street, Greenfield. The award program will commence at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Media availability may be arranged before or after the award presentation. Contact Kim Marggraf at 920-946-3640 or marggraf@excel.net. Following is a list of award recipients.

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Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Greenfield High School Recognition Luncheon, April 13, 2019

Excellence Scholars

CESA 1

Bonnie Raechal Beres, Pewaukee
Divine Savior Holy Angels High School, Milwaukee

Alanna Bielawski, Milwaukee
Reagan High School, Milwaukee

Emily Cheng, Mequon
Homestead High School, Mequon

Megan Choy, New Berlin
New Berlin Mid/High School, New Berlin

David Chrisbaum, Milwaukee
Pius XI Catholic High School, Milwaukee

Crystal DiBiase, Kenosha
Saint Joseph Catholic Academy, Kenosha

Abigail Dowse, Menomonee Falls
Hamilton High School, Sussex

Alyssa Eske, Milwaukee
King International High School, Milwaukee

Nyia Garrett, Milwaukee
Reagan High School, Milwaukee

Sabrina Huang, Brookfield
Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield

Vinesh Janarthanan, Waukesha
Waukesha West High School, Waukesha

Amal Khan, Mequon
University School of Milwaukee, Milwaukee

Alisha Khosla, Brookfield
Brookfield Academy, Brookfield

John Klaves, Bayside
Homeschool, Bayside

Madeline Koenig, Wales
Kettle Moraine High School, Wales

Vivica Lewis, Milwaukee
Carmen High School South Campus, Milwaukee

Katherine Liu, Brookfield
Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield

Kelly Longhini, Pewaukee
Pewaukee High School, Pewaukee

Jack Maher, Muskego
Muskego High School, Muskego

Gianna Milazzo, Oconomowoc
Oconomowoc High School, Oconomowoc

Sierra Richardson, Shorewood
Riverside High School, Milwaukee

Mia Rimmer, Milwaukee
King International High School, Milwaukee

Nicholas Schulz, Oconomowoc
Oconomowoc High School, Oconomowoc

Arjun Shreekumar, Brookfield
Brookfield East High School, Brookfield

Shelbey Strandberg, Hartland
Divine Savior Holy Angels High School, Milwaukee

Erick Torres-Gonzalez, Milwaukee
Reagan High School, Milwaukee

Maxwell Unger, Sussex
Hamilton High School, Sussex

Amberlee Webster, New Berlin
New Berlin Mid/High School, New Berlin

Madison Xiong, Jackson
Reagan High School, Milwaukee

CESA 2

Matthew Gille, Stoughton
Stoughton High School, Stoughton

Krista Krien, Waterford
Catholic Central High School, Burlington

CESA 7

Chloe Bohn, Sheboygan
Sheboygan North High School, Sheboygan

Allison Lee, Sheboygan Falls
Sheboygan Falls High School, Sheboygan Falls

Teacher Fellows

CESA 1

Kathy Alcorta, Milwaukee
St. Joseph Middle School, Waukesha
Jean Biebel, Wauwatosa
Wauwatosa East High School, Wauwatosa
Marci Bigler, Pewaukee
Brookfield Christian School, Brookfield
Deanne Boyce, Grafton
Saint Paul Lutheran School, Grafton
Alexander Branderhorst, Milwaukee
Milwaukee High School of the Arts, Milwaukee
Catherine Burnett, Colgate
Pius XI Catholic High School, Milwaukee
Aaron Chamberlain, Janesville
Eisenhower Middle/High School, New Berlin
Lisa Docter, Oconomowoc
Meadow View Elementary School, Oconomowoc
Natalie Doherty, Muskego
Hales Corners Lutheran Schools, Hales Corners
Raymond Duncan, Milwaukee
Marshall High School, Milwaukee
Abraham Giese, Waukesha
Asa Clark Middle School, Pewaukee
Tina Gleason, Milwaukee
Golda Meir School, Milwaukee
Rachel Jensen, Milwaukee
Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy, West Allis
Jocelyn Johnson, Milwaukee
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Milwaukee
Jennifer Kannass, New Berlin
Washington Elementary School, Wauwatosa
Callie Lauer, Sussex
Marcy Elementary School, Menomonee Falls
Margaret Petershach, Wauwatosa
Transition High School, Milwaukee
Katharine Pettitt, Wauwatosa
McKinley Elementary School, Wauwatosa
Kaitlynn Radloff, Milwaukee
Milwaukee High School of the Arts, Milwaukee
Aimie Rognsvoog, Milwaukee
IDEAL, Milwaukee

Gina Ruchalski, West Bend
Muskego Lakes Middle School, Muskego
Eileen Snodgrass, Menomonee Falls
Heritage Christian School, New Berlin
Chad Sperzel-Wuchterl, Milwaukee
Reagan High School, Milwaukee
Laure Staniszewski, Wind Lake
Muskego Lakes Middle School, Muskego
Elizabeth Sutherland, Shorewood
Whitefish Bay High School, Whitefish Bay
Amanda Upton, Waukesha
New Berlin Middle/High School, New Berlin
Michael Walhovd, Wauwatosa
Wauwatosa East High School, Wauwatosa
Jill Werner, Wauwatosa
Waukesha North High School, Waukesha
Nancy Wisniewski, Milwaukee
Mitchell Elementary School, Milwaukee
Kaela Zielinski, Milwaukee
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Milwaukee

CESA 2

William Wald, Burlington
Union Grove High School, Union Grove

CESA 5

Karen Hable, Mauston
Mauston High School, Mauston

Initiative Scholars

CESA 1

Michaela Bradham, Milwaukee
Grace Christian Academy, West Allis
Elena Clemmensen, Pewaukee
Kettle Moraine High School, Wales
Avian Cruz, Milwaukee
Milwaukee High School of the Arts, Milwaukee
Morgan Fleisner, Germantown
Germantown High School, Germantown
Jazmine Gulley, West Allis
James E. Dottke High School, West Allis
Sanaa Hill, Franksville
Walden III Middle and High School, Racine
Melvin Hood, Milwaukee
Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee
Sergio Jara-Reynoso, Milwaukee
Marquette University High School, Milwaukee
Weston Katula, Pewaukee
Pewaukee High School, Pewaukee
Joshua Layton, Kenosha
St. John's Northwestern Military Academy, Delafield

Michelle Mitchell, Milwaukee
Dominican High School, Whitefish Bay
Nehemiah Mitchell, Brown Deer
Brown Deer High School, Brown Deer
Alexandra Olivera, Kenosha
Bradford High School, Kenosha
Nicholas Radish, New Berlin
New Berlin West High School, New Berlin
Emilia Romo-Mejia, Milwaukee
Veritas High School, Milwaukee
Evan Tillman, Franklin
Divine Savior Holy Angels High School, Milwaukee

CESA 2

Grace Sezemsky, Elkhorn
Elkhorn Area High School, Elkhorn

Principal Leaders

CESA 1

Aida Cruz-Farin, Waukesha
Blair Elementary School, Waukesha
Luke Harrison, West Milwaukee
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Milwaukee
Lisa Kovaleski, Menomonee Falls
Waukesha Catholic Schools, Waukesha
Maria Schram, Hales Corners
St. Mary Parish School, Hales Corners
Michelle Miner, Wauwatosa
Lincoln Elementary School, Wauwatosa
Michele Trawicki, Menomonee Falls
Marcy Elementary School, Menomonee Falls

CESA 5

Amy Fassbender, Waunakee
Willson Elementary School, Baraboo

CESA 7

Zachary Pethan, Kohler
Jefferson Elementary School, Sheboygan