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### Herb Kohl to honor students, teachers, and principals at award luncheon on April 28 in Denmark

MILWAUKEE — A luncheon and awards program sponsored by the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation to honor the achievements of northeast and east central Wisconsin students, teachers, and principals will be held Saturday, April 28, at Denmark High School.

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 28 luncheon will recognize the accomplishments of the area's outstanding students, educators, and administrators. Twenty-one teacher Fellowship recipients, 26 Excellence Scholarship recipients, 21 Initiative Scholarship recipients, and one principal Leadership Award recipient 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 (CESAs), Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation, Wisconsin Parents Association, Association of Wisconsin School Administrators — and the families and friends of 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. In addition to the 20 Excellence Scholars from CESAs 7, 8, and 9, six students from CESAs 5 and 6 will attend the recognition program. 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. In addition to the 13 Fellowship recipients from northeast and east central Wisconsin, eight teachers from CESAs 5 and 6 will attend the event.

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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. In addition to 19 Initiative Scholar recipients from CESAs 7, 8, and 9, two students from CESA 6 will attend the recognition ceremony to receive their Initiative Scholar awards. 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, who will attend the April 28 awards program. “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 Denmark event is the last of five regional award programs sponsored by the Herb Kohl Foundation. The reception is scheduled to begin Saturday, April 28, at noon at Denmark High School, 450 North Wall Street, Denmark. 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 28 event.**

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# Herb Kohl Educational Foundation

## *April 28 Award Recipients*

### **Denmark High School**

#### *Excellence Scholars*

##### **CESA 5**

Alexis Ford, Stevens Point  
Stevens Point Area High School, Stevens Point

##### **CESA 6**

Gideon Cain, Cedarburg  
Living Word Lutheran High School, Jackson

Erika Dorow, New London  
New London High School, New London

Olivia McClain, West Bend  
West High School, West Bend

Julia Thompson, Kimberly  
Kimberly High School, Kimberly

Olivia Verbeke, Appleton  
Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton

##### **CESA 7**

Lamyra Adams, Sturgeon Bay  
Sevastopol High School, Sturgeon Bay

Nicholas Akstulewicz, Sheboygan  
Sheboygan North High School, Sheboygan

Regan Allen, Green Bay  
Green Bay Southwest High School, Green Bay

Lydia Arnoldussen, Hilbert  
Stockbridge High School, Stockbridge

Brandon Buck, De Pere  
West De Pere High School, De Pere

Macy Dueno, Manitowoc  
Roncalli Catholic High School, Manitowoc

Steven Fredeen, Green Bay  
Green Bay Southwest High School, Green Bay

Kara Friske, Kohler  
Kohler High School, Kohler

John Gahnz, Green Bay  
Green Bay Southwest High School, Green Bay

Evan Mihalakakos, Manitowoc  
Roncalli Catholic High School, Manitowoc

Preston Pond, Sheboygan  
Sheboygan North High School, Sheboygan

Brenna Rauwerdink, Sheboygan Falls  
Oostburg High School, Oostburg

Megan Waage, Elkhart Lake  
Elkhart Lake High School, Elkhart Lake

Ambrose Wiering, Two Rivers  
Homeschool, Two Rivers

##### **CESA 8**

Sydney Steinbach, Bonduel  
Shawano High School, Shawano

##### **CESA 9**

Olivia Coleman, Kronenwetter  
D C Everest High School, Weston

Grace Latzig, Gleason  
Tomahawk High School, Tomahawk

Grace Martin, Kronenwetter  
D C Everest High School, Weston

Grace Schuler, Wausau  
Wausau West High School, Wausau

Jessica Slowik, Deerbrook  
Elcho High School, Elcho

#### *Teacher Fellows*

##### **CESA 5**

Jan Imhoff, Baraboo  
Portage High School, Portage

Lisa Springob, Plover  
Saint Stephen Elementary, Stevens Point

James Taylor, Redgranite  
Montello Jr/Sr High School, Montello

Thomas Zimmerman, Marshfield  
Columbus Catholic High School, Marshfield

##### **CESA 6**

Sam Appleton, Kimberly  
Little Chute Middle School, Little Chute

Stacy Juhl, Hilbert  
Hortonville Middle School, Hortonville

NaQuisha Mann, Fox Lake  
SAGES, Fox Lake

Anne Scott, Oshkosh  
North High School, Oshkosh

## CESA 7

Ashley Anthon, De Pere  
West De Pere High School, De Pere

Amy Hanson, Brillion  
Chilton Middle School, Chilton

Justinn Heraly, De Pere  
West De Pere High School, De Pere

Frank Juarez, Sheboygan  
Sheboygan North High School, Sheboygan

Abby Linwood, Kimberly  
Saint Clare Catholic School, Wrightstown

Jill Wetzel, Sheboygan  
Farnsworth Middle School, Sheboygan

## CESA 8

Rebecca Brink, Marinette  
Marinette High School, Marinette

Benjamin Grignon, Shawano  
Menominee Indian High School, Keshena

Tracy Tate, Pound  
Oconto Falls High School, Oconto Falls

## CESA 9

Christine Kadonsky, Wausau  
West High School, Wausau

Joan Tabor, Merrill  
Pine River School for Young Learners/ K4, Merrill

Shari Wendland, Tomahawk  
Northwoods Community Elementary  
School, Harshaw

Michael Werdeo, Antigo  
Antigo High School, Antigo

## *Initiative Scholars*

### CESA 6

Gabrielle Piechocki, Neenah  
Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton

Cyan St. Germaine, Appleton  
Appleton Central High School, Appleton

### CESA 7

Gregory Evans, Maribel  
Denmark Community School, Denmark

Kayleen Flora-Trinkner, Nichols  
Seymour Community High School, Seymour

Samantha George, Denmark  
Denmark High School, Denmark

Kevin Kroeger, Two Rivers  
Roncalli High School, Manitowoc

Brandy Miettinen, Sturgeon Bay  
Sturgeon Bay High School, Sturgeon Bay

Raymond Shaw, Algoma  
Algoma High School, Algoma

Haley Wotruba, Green Bay  
Green Bay West High School, Green Bay

Tilydia Xiong, Sheboygan  
Kohler High School, Kohler

## CESA 8

Steven Baker, Wausaukee  
Wausaukee High School, Wausaukee

Samantha Boehm, Marinette  
Marinette High School, Marinette

Elizabeth Grandaw, Wausaukee  
Crivitz High School, Crivitz High School

Kelsey McClain, Marinette  
Peshtigo High School, Peshtigo

McKenzy Mischo, Townsend  
Wabeno Jr/Sr High School, Wabeno

Ally Niven, Dunbar  
Pembine High School, Pembine

## CESA 9

Dawson Bryant, Three Lakes  
Three Lakes High School, Three Lakes

Taylor Madl, Eagle River  
Northland Pines High School, Eagle River

Selena Mertins, Edgar  
Edgar High School, Edgar

Emily Riedel, Wautoma  
Northland Lutheran High School, Kronenwetter

Elly Schultz, Kronenwetter  
Newman Catholic High School, Wausau

## *Principal Leaders*

### CESA 6

Matt Rietveld, Combined Locks  
Kimberly High School, Kimberly