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Herb Kohl to Honor Area Students and Educators on April 30

MILWAUKEE — A luncheon and awards program to honor the achievements of north central and northwest Wisconsin students, teachers, and principals will be held Sunday, April 30, at North High School in Eau Claire.

On March 10, the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation announced the recipients of Initiative and Excellence student scholarships, teacher Fellowships, and principal Leadership Awards. The April 30 luncheon will recognize the accomplishments of the area's outstanding students and educators, including 21 teacher Fellowship recipients, 26 Excellence Scholarship recipients, 21 Initiative Scholarship recipients, and two Leadership Award recipients. Kim Marggraf, spokesperson for the Herb Kohl Foundation, said that businessman and philanthropist 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, Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, and Wisconsin Parents Association — and the families and friends of north central and northwest Wisconsin award recipients will be part of the program.

The Herb Kohl Foundation **Excellence Scholarship** was established by Herb Kohl in 1990 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, motivated others, and provided meritorious service both inside and outside the classroom. The Herb Kohl **Leadership Award** recognizes principals who have set high standards for instruction, achievement, and character, and created a climate to best serve students, families, staff, and community. Four students who attend schools in Appleton, Richland Center, Waukesha, and Wausau also will attend the Eau Claire event to receive their awards.

The Herb Kohl **Initiative Scholarship** was established to recognize students who have demonstrated a high level of motivation to achieve, shown strong promise for achieving success in college and beyond, 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 and principal will receive a \$6,000 Fellowship or Leadership award and an additional \$6,000 grant will be awarded to the educator's school for use in innovative educational projects. The foundation annually awards approximately 200 scholarships, 100 teacher fellowships and 16 principal leadership awards throughout the state.

The Eau Claire event is the last of five regional award programs sponsored by the Herb Kohl Foundation. The reception is scheduled to begin Sunday, April 30, at noon at North High School, 1800 Piedmont Road, Eau Claire. The award program will commence at approximately 1 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 who will be recognized at the April 30 event.

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Herb Kohl Educational Foundation

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Eau Claire North High School

Excellence Scholars

CESA 1

Sage Leary, Holcombe
eAchieve Academy, Waukesha

CESA 3

Hannah Sargent, Richland Center
Homeschool, Richland Center

CESA 4

Addison Arndt, Ontario
Brookwood High School, Ontario

Angela Klinkner, Cashton
Cashton High School, Cashton

Jacob Markhardt, Black River Falls
Black River Falls High School, Black River Falls

Darius Namazi, Onalaska
Onalaska High School, Onalaska

Briar Putz, Fountain City
Cochrane-Fountain City High School, Fountain City

Mikaela Schlesinger, La Crosse
Aquinas High School, La Crosse

Clare Simpson, La Crosse
Logan High School, La Crosse

CESA 9

Luke Johnson, Wausau
Newman Catholic High School, Wausau

CESA 10

Lauren Carstensen, Medford
Medford Area Senior High School, Medford

Abigail George, Mondovi
Mondovi High School, Mondovi

Josiah Goerlitz, Withee
Owen-Withee High School, Owen

Emma Lauer, Eau Claire
Eau Claire Memorial High School, Eau Claire

Emily Schmitt, Eau Claire
Eau Claire North High School, Eau Claire

Aleya Steckel, Ladysmith
Ladysmith High School, Ladysmith

CESA 11

Riley Anderson, Siren
Siren High School, Siren

Maxwell Engel, Menomonie
Boyceville High School, Boyceville

Ally Jacoby, Trego
Spooner High School, Spooner

Katherine Kopp, St. Croix Falls
St. Croix Falls High School, St. Croix Falls

Noah Massie, Hillsdale
Barron Area High School, Barron

Lindsey Rae Miner Gearin, Star Prairie
Osceola High School, Osceola

Carl Oman, Amery

Amery High School, Amery

Isabel Thurston, Rice Lake
Rice Lake High School, Rice Lake

Zachariah Walker, Baldwin
Baldwin - Woodville High School, Baldwin

CESA 12

Alexia Abric, Hayward
Hayward High School, Hayward

Hailey BeBeau, Glidden
Chequamegon High School, Park Falls

Jessica Hohlfeld, Cable
Hayward High School, Hayward

Sydney Thompson, Mercer
Mercer High School, Mercer

Teacher Fellows

CESA 4

Sherry Brevick, Alma
Alma Area School, Alma

Mary Czajka, West Salem
West Salem Elementary School, West Salem

Anna Fleming, Onalaska
St. Patrick School, Sparta

Oakley Moser, IV, Tomah
Tomah High School, Tomah

Wendy Schibbelhut, Onalaska
St. Paul's Lutheran School, Onalaska

Tara Schuttenhelm, La Crosse
North Woods International School, La Crosse

Eric Wojta, Onalaska
Onalaska High School, Onalaska

CESA 10

Julie Anderson, Bloomer
Bloomer High School, Bloomer

Travis Engel, Owen
Owen - Withee High School, Owen

Denise Swartz, Stanley
Owen - Withee Elementary School, Owen

Virginia Welle, New Auburn
Chippewa Falls Senior High School, Chippewa Falls

Brenda Xiong, Altoona
Northstar Middle School, Eau Claire

CESA 11

Stephanie Belisle, St. Croix Falls
St. Croix Falls Elementary School, St. Croix Falls

Karen Lettner, Barron
Barron High School, Barron

Jane Molls, Turtle Lake
Turtle Lake Elementary School, Turtle Lake

Rita Thorson, Lakeland
Meyer Middle School, River Falls

Matthew Wigdahl, Menomonie
Oaklawn Elementary School, Menomonie

CESA 12

Deborah Cline, Ashland
Our Lady of the Lake School, Ashland

David Doering, Washburn
Bayfield School, Bayfield

Russ Nelson, Gordon
Solon Springs School, Solon Springs

Natalie Patritto, Hurley
Hurley K12 School, Hurley

Initiative Scholars

CESA 4

Kylee Anderson, Sparta
Sparta High School, Sparta

Amanda O'Neill, Merrilan
Lincoln High School, Alma Center

Kody Pagel, Wonewoc
Wonewoc-Center High School, Wonewoc

Benjamin Rice, Genoa
De Soto High School, De Soto

Kaylee Roths, Stoddard
Logan High School, La Crosse

CESA 6

Andrew Turner, New Richmond
Wisconsin Connections Academy, Appleton

CESA 9

Connor Miller, Wausau
Newman Catholic High School, Wausau

CESA 10

Zakery Ingersoll, Stanley
Stanley-Boyd High School, Stanley

Zayne Johnson, Altoona
Altoona High School, Altoona

Zachary Kluge, Mondovi
Mondovi High School, Mondovi

Seth Peterson, Chippewa Falls
Chippewa Falls High School, Chippewa Falls

Haven Tennant, Granton
Granton High School, Granton

CESA 11

Amber Glaser, Ridgeland
Prairie Farm High School, Prairie Farm

Kaylee LaBlanc, Clayton
Clayton High School, Clayton

Jessica Mattson, Luck
Luck High School, Luck

Brady Moody, Webster
Siren High School, Siren

Ruthie Stewart, St. Croix Falls
St. Croix Falls High School, St. Croix Falls

Tyler Weiss, Ellsworth
Ellsworth High School, Ellsworth

Nicole Weninger, Woodville
Baldwin-Woodville High School, Baldwin

CESA 12

Autumn Dörner, Butternut
Butternut High School, Butternut

Ryan Jahnke, Hayward
Hayward High School, Hayward

Caitlyn Koback, Winter
Winter High School, Winter

Ahpahnae Thomas, Highbridge
Mellen High School, Mellen

Principal Leaders

CESA 4

Robert Vanderloop, Elk Mound
Independence Elementary School, Independence

CESA 11

Amy Hamborg, Hudson
E.P. Rock Elementary School, Hudson