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Herb Kohl to honor students, teachers, and principals at award luncheon on April 22 in Chippewa Falls

MILWAUKEE — A luncheon to honor the achievements of north central and northwest Wisconsin students, teachers, and principals will be held Sunday, April 22, at Chippewa Falls Middle School in Chippewa Falls. The event is sponsored by the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation.

On March 20, the foundation announced the 2018 recipients of Initiative Scholarships, Excellence Scholarships, teacher Fellowships and principal Leadership Awards. The April 22 luncheon will recognize the accomplishments of the area's outstanding students, educators, and administrators. Twenty-five teacher Fellowship recipients, 16 Excellence Scholarship recipients, 20 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 north central and northwest 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. In addition to the 13 Excellence Scholars from northwest and north central Wisconsin in CESAs 4, 10, 11, and 12, three students from CESA 5 will also attend the luncheon and award program. 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.

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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.

“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 scholarships to the postsecondary institution that each student will attend. Each teacher and principal will receive a \$6,000 Fellowship and an additional \$6,000 grant will be awarded 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 luncheon. “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 Chippewa Falls event is one of five regional award programs sponsored by the Herb Kohl Foundation. The reception is scheduled to begin Sunday, April 22, at noon at Chippewa Falls Middle School, 750 Tropicana Boulevard, Chippewa Falls. 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. Following is a list of award recipients who will be recognized at the April 15 event.

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Herb Kohl Educational Foundation

April 22 Award Recipients

Chippewa Falls Middle School

Excellence Scholars

CESA 4

Kayla Kaczorowski, Fountain City
Cochrane-Fountain City High School, Fountain City

Elissa Nott, Onalaska
Aquinas High School, La Crosse

Sydney Sherry, Westby
Westby High School, Westby

Curtis Weltzien, Arcadia
Arcadia High School, Arcadia

CESA 5

Zachary Kozlowski, Wisconsin Rapids
Wisconsin Rapids High School, Wisconsin Rapids

Sophia Mauney, Spencer
Columbus Catholic High School, Marshfield

Zoe Stratman, Marshfield
Columbus Catholic High School, Marshfield

CESA 10

Vanessa Loe, Ladysmith
Ladysmith High School, Ladysmith

Collin Prill, Chippewa Falls
Chippewa Falls High School, Chippewa Falls

CESA 11

Samuel Butler, Balsam Lake
Saint Croix Falls High School, Saint Croix Falls

Alaina Driscoll, Saint Croix Falls
Saint Croix Falls High School, Saint Croix Falls

Katherine Herrick, Cushing
Saint Croix Falls High School, Saint Croix Falls

Grace Klein, Saint Croix Falls
Saint Croix Falls High School, Saint Croix Falls

Addie McCurdy, Saint Croix Falls
Saint Croix Falls High School, Saint Croix Falls

CESA 12

Kevin Garland, Poplar
Northwestern High School, Maple

Rachel Halberg, Hayward
Hayward High School, Hayward

Teacher Fellows

CESA 4

Karla Fitzgerald, La Crosse
Spence Elementary School, La Crosse

Laura Koll, Sparta
Sparta Meadowview Intermediate, Sparta

Maggie McHugh, Sparta
La Crosse Design Institute, La Crosse

Ryan Nelson, La Crosse
West Salem High School, West Salem

Mary Sackmann, Sparta
Sparta High School, Sparta

Heather Stern, La Crosse
North Woods International School, La Crosse

CESA 10

Angela DeGidio, Bloomer
Parkview Elementary School, Chippewa Falls

Erika Galewski, Osseo
Saint Mary Grade School Altoona, Altoona

Amy Hanna, Granton
Granton High School, Granton

Katie Hatlestad, Withee
Owen-Withee Elementary School, Owen

Susan Huston, Eau Claire
Delong Middle School, Eau Claire

Jill Koehler, Chippewa Falls
Parkview Elementary School, Chippewa Falls

Jennifer Kuehl, Eau Claire
Stillson Elementary School, Chippewa Falls

Beverly Pierson, Eau Claire
Memorial High School, Eau Claire

CESA 11

Tina Fern-Denzer, Woodville
Viking Middle School, Woodville

Jaimie Howe, Menomonie
River Heights Elementary School, Menomonie

Susan Olson-Rosenbush, Spooner
Spooners High School, Spooner

Michael Wilson, Saint Croix Falls
Saint Croix Falls High School, Saint Croix Falls

CESA 12

Mary Anderson-Petroske, Superior
Superior High School, Superior

Tia Conley, Superior
Superior Middle School, Superior

Danielle Krueger, Park Falls
Chequamegon High School, Park Falls

Amanda Lindquist, Superior
Superior Middle School, Superior

Sandra Dee Naas, Ashland
Ashland High School, Ashland

Diane Punjak, Iron River
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic, Ashland

Susan Thurn, Cable
Drummond Elementary School, Drummond

Initiative Scholars

CESA 4

Ashley Aguilar, Arcadia
Arcadia High School, Arcadia

Derek Dobbs, Galesville
Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School, Galesville

Kya Fish, La Farge
La Farge High School, La Farge

Caleb Jensen, Tomah
Tomah High School, Tomah

Alethia Knutson, La Crosse
7 Rivers Community High School, La Crosse

CESA 10

Hannah Hinker, Greenwood
Greenwood High School, Greenwood

Matteson Hynek, Osseo
Eleva-Strum Central High School, Strum

Thomas Romans, Neillsville
Neillsville High School, Neillsville

Josephine Skibbie, Stanley
Thorp High School, Thorp

CESA 11

Bryce Aherns, Chetek
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School, Chetek

Luke Baier, Elmwood
Elmwood High School, Elmwood

Michaela Borup, Spring Valley
Spring Valley High School, Spring Valley

Jaden Flores, Elk Mound
Elk Mound High School, Elk Mound

Hayley Hillman, Prescott
Prescott High School, Prescott

Adam Jenkinson, Turtle Lake
Turtle Lake High School, Turtle Lake

Denisha Sanders, Menomonie
Menomonie High School, Menomonie

Sean Singh, Clear Lake
Clear Lake High School, Clear Lake

CESA 12

Abby Bloomer, Glidden
Chequamegon High School, Park Falls

Hailee Cadotte, Saxon
Ashland High School, Ashland

James LaPointe, Bayfield
Bayfield School High School, Bayfield

Principal Leaders

CESA 4

Kay Berra, La Crosse
Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, La Crosse

Nicki Pope, Camp Douglas Elementary, Camp
Douglas, and Lemonweir Elementary and Oakdale
Elementary Schools, Tomah