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### Herb Kohl to honor students, teachers, and principals at award luncheon on April 8

MILWAUKEE — A luncheon and awards program sponsored by the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation to honor the achievements of southeastern Wisconsin students, teachers, and principals will be held Sunday, April 8, at Riverside University High School in Milwaukee.

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 8 luncheon will recognize the accomplishments of the area's outstanding students, educators, and administrators. Twenty seven teacher Fellowship recipients, 30 Excellence Scholarship recipients, 18 Initiative Scholarship recipients, and nine 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 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. Three of the 30 Excellence Scholars are from CESA 2. 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. 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 8 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 Milwaukee event is one of five regional award programs sponsored by the Herb Kohl Foundation. The reception is scheduled to begin Sunday, April 8, at noon at Riverside University High School, 1615 East Locust Street, Milwaukee. 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 8 event.**

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# Herb Kohl Educational Foundation

## *April 8 Award Recipients*

### **Riverside University High School, Milwaukee**

#### *Excellence Scholars*

##### CESA 1

Karlee Anderson, New Berlin  
New Berlin Mid/High School, New Berlin

Cole Aschenbrener, Pleasant Prairie  
Saint Joseph Catholic Academy, Kenosha

Julia Buskirk, Whitefish Bay  
Whitefish Bay High School, Whitefish Bay

Kiva Carman-Frank, Milwaukee  
King International, Milwaukee

Lauren Demasek, New Berlin  
Eisenhower Mid/High School, New Berlin

Ruth Fetaw, Milwaukee  
King International, Milwaukee

Aimee Galaszewski, Greenfield  
Pius XI Catholic High School, Milwaukee

Queila Griffin, Racine  
Case High School, Racine

Alena Huang, Brookfield  
Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield

Priyanka Iyer, Franklin  
Franklin High School, Franklin

Joseph Jurss, Cedarburg  
Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee

Barbara Klos, Menomonee Falls  
Menomonee Falls High School, Menomonee Falls

Jenna Klos, Grafton  
Grafton High School, Grafton

Kadie Kraabel, Kenosha  
Indian Trail High School, Kenosha

Maddy Langkamp, Lannon  
Brown Deer Mid/High School, Brown Deer

Amanda Mui, Delafield  
High School of Health Sciences, Wales

Biluge Ntabala, Milwaukee  
Milwaukee High School of the Arts, Milwaukee

Alayna Perry, Milwaukee  
King International High School, Milwaukee

Karina Piwek, Milwaukee  
King International High School, Milwaukee

Abby Schill, Shorewood  
Shorewood High School, Shorewood

Natalie Schmidt, Brookfield  
Brookfield East High School, Brookfield

Kellen Sharp, Milwaukee  
Reagan High School, Milwaukee

Ryan Sobczak, Germantown  
Germantown High School, Germantown

Miranda Spindt, Waukesha  
Kettle Moraine Global School, Wales

Sophia Sun, Brookfield  
Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield

Azeb Weldemariam, Milwaukee  
Milwaukee High School of the Arts, Milwaukee

Janie Xue, Pewaukee  
Pewaukee High School, Pewaukee

##### CESA 2

Jenna Hotvedt, Burlington  
Burlington High School, Burlington

Hailey Kammerer, Juda  
Juda High School, Juda

Lean Zinnen, Burlington  
Burlington High School, Burlington

#### *Teacher Fellows*

Susan Bolly-Schlenker, Milwaukee  
Nicolet High School, Glendale

Jessica Borkowski, Sussex  
Blessed Savior Catholic School, Milwaukee

Holly Bourbonais, Mequon  
Saint Charles Borromeo School, Milwaukee

Amy Brandenstein, Oconomowoc  
Asa Clark Middle School, Pewaukee

Cheryl Crosby, Milwaukee  
Transition High School, Milwaukee

Kathleen Dewey, Mequon  
Saint Eugene School, Fox Point

Sarah Fadness, Milwaukee  
Milwaukee School of Languages, Milwaukee

Angie Fulfer, Elm Grove  
Horizon School, Pewaukee

Kevin Gleeson, Milwaukee  
Saint Thomas More High School, Milwaukee

Pamela Kania, Greendale  
Swanson Elementary School, Brookfield

Rebecca Klug, Milwaukee  
New Berlin Middle/High School, New Berlin

Kimberly Knutson, Milwaukee  
Bay Lane Middle School, Muskego

Sarahi Monterrey, Waukesha  
North High School, Waukesha

Katelyn Morici, Waukesha  
Poplar Creek Elementary School, New Berlin

Katie Mulloy, New Berlin  
Ronald Reagan Elementary School, New Berlin

Janelle Osowski, Hartland  
North Lake Elementary School, North Lake

Sarah Ozurumba, Milwaukee  
ALBA, Milwaukee

Jennifer Reinert, Germantown  
Grantosa Drive Elementary School, Milwaukee

Patricia Rian, Milwaukee  
Wedgewood Park School, Milwaukee

Joanna Rizzotto, Milwaukee  
South Milwaukee High School, South Milwaukee

Chris Sellers, New Berlin  
Wauwatosa STEM, Wauwatosa

Michael Sievert, Franklin  
Hillcrest School, Kenosha

Beth Smith, Kenosha  
Frank Elementary School, Kenosha

Amber Thornton, Milwaukee  
King International High School, Milwaukee

Rochelle Vlaj, Milwaukee  
Transition High School, Milwaukee

Lisa Wathen, Bayside  
Nicolet High School, Glendale

Karla Zuehlke, Milwaukee  
IDEAL, Milwaukee

### *Initiative Scholars*

Thomas Burns, New Berlin  
Catholic Memorial High School, Waukesha

Kenrese Cain-White, Milwaukee  
Washington High School of Information  
Technology, Milwaukee

Morgan Corbeille, Delafield  
Arrowhead Union High School, Hartland

Jayke Giese, Franksville  
Shoreland Lutheran High School, Somers

Karla Hernandez-Garcia, Milwaukee  
St. Joan Antida High School, Milwaukee

Khiera Hood, Racine  
Washington Park High School, Racine

Brian Jimenez, Milwaukee  
Audubon High School, Milwaukee

Jaime Litwin, Milwaukee  
St. Thomas More High School, Milwaukee

Kat Mazang, Milwaukee  
Milwaukee School of Languages, Milwaukee

Biak Nung, Milwaukee  
Hamilton High School, Sussex

Jamie Parsley, Franklin  
Franklin High School, Franklin

Victoria Poindexter, Milwaukee  
Milwaukee Collegiate Academy, Milwaukee

Kayla Pentony, Waukesha  
Waukesha North High School, Waukesha

Alexis Santas, New Berlin  
New Berlin Eisenhower High School, New Berlin

Lilly Schindler, New Berlin  
Oconomowoc High School, Oconomowoc

Molly Schmidt, Milwaukee  
Hamilton High School, Sussex

Callie Smith, Hartland  
Lake Country Lutheran High School, Hartland

Brooke Spizzirri, Kenosha  
Kenosha Tremper High School, Kenosha

### *Principal Leaders*

Patricia Cifax, Menomonee Falls  
Curtin Elementary School, Milwaukee

Heather Connolly, Kenosha  
Frank Elementary School, Kenosha

Deborah Erdmann, Menomonee Falls  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran School, Menomonee Falls

Rebecca Jones, Glendale  
Saint Eugene School, Fox Point

Sally Schumacher, Milwaukee  
Whitman Elementary School, Milwaukee

Brian Stuckey, Delafield  
Summit Elementary School, Oconomowoc

Mary Jo Tye, Mequon  
Oriole Lane Elementary School, Mequon

Marty Van Hulle, Pewaukee  
Pewaukee High School, Pewaukee

Scott Walter, Menomonee Falls  
Riverside Elementary School, Menomonee Falls