

Mankato West High School Parent Newsletter



We continue to learn and grow together.

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2008-2009 Academic Award Winners

Waseca Art Council High School Competition – Marjie Laizure, Advisor

Jake Dickinson–Honorable Mention

Silver Key Award from MN Scholastic Arts Competition

Jake Dickinson

Blue Earth County Annual Bookmark Competition

Megan Albright

Sara Peterson

Jamie Thompson

Jing Wang

MN State DECA Competitive

Events – Mary Ceminsky, Advisor

Angie Bachman–2nd Place Team Marketing Plan
Alex Coursol–2nd Place Team Marketing Plan

Alex Deopere–2nd Place Team Marketing Plan

Haley Reichel–DECA Marketing Student of the Year

Jake Downs–1st Place Trading Pin

MN State HOSA Competitive

Events – Kim Mueller, Advisor

Mid-Winter Competition

Hannah Claussen–1st Place Job Seeking, 1st Place Creative Problem Solving, 3rd Place Career Health Display

Alice Fasnacht–1st Place Medical Math, 1st Place Nutrition

Karlie Hinton–1st Place Creative Problem Solving

Nicole Kleinow–3rd Place Career Health Display, 1st Place Creative Problem Solving

Kate Pattison–1st Place Extemporaneous Health Poster

Michelle Sparks–1st Place Creative Problem Solving

State Competition

Hannah Claussen–1st Place Creative Problem Solving, 3rd Place Job Seeking

Alice Fasnacht–1st Place Medical Math, 1st Place Nutrition, 3rd Place Extemporaneous Writing

Karlie Hinton–1st Place Creative Problem Solving

Nicole Kleinow–1st Place Creative Problem Solving

Kate Pattison–2nd Place Extemporaneous Health Poster, 2nd Place National Recognition Program

Margie Royer–1st Place Medical Spelling

Michelle Sparks–1st Place Creative Problem Solving

Speech Qualifiers – Kris Lindvall, Advisor

Big Nine Speech Champions

Ashley Goettl–Extemporaneous Speaking

Megan Ryan–Prose Interpretation

Julia Walchuk–Great Speeches

State Speech Tournament Participants

Ashley Goettl–Extemporaneous Speaking

Marissa Kramer–Great Speeches

Glynnis Kunkel–Prose Interpretation

Tsesa Monaghan–Discussion

Aly Roach–Great Speeches

Julia Walchuk–Great Speeches

Scarlet Speaker of the Year

Ashley Goettl

Rotary Club Excellence in Speech Award

Glynnis Kunkel

Nick Traxler

State History Day Finalists – Scott Urban & Robert Ihrig, Advisors

Group Exhibit

Brianna Christiansen & Lisa Mattson–3rd Place

Research Paper Honorable Mention

Ainslie Campbell

Group Documentary—Honorable Mention

Tsesa Monaghan,

Aly Roach & Heather Roos

Marty Kramlinger, Mariah Krusemark & David Lindell

Minnesota Topic Award

Tsesa Monaghan, Aly Roach & Heather Roos

State History Day Qualifiers & Participants**Research Paper**

Ashley Goettl
Sarah Miller
Allison Travis

Website

Jai Kumar

Individual Documentary

Brittney Carlberg
Vera Bianchini

Group Documentary

Amy Cragun
Emily Miller
Nikki Tomm

Group Exhibit

Erin Traxler & Brianna Long
Chelsea Mielke, Jayd Abild & Olivia Klehr
Laura Rapp & Justine Willrett

Individual Exhibit

Leah Enter
Mitch Peters
Matt Buck
Sam Turner

State Debate Tournament

Brian Chesley–Qualifier
Ashley Goettl–Qualifier
Jeff Hatleli–Qualifier
John Neitge–Qualifier
Brianna Cragun–Alternate
Raluca Dabija–Alternate

Mankato Area Rotary Club Excellence in Debate Award

Ashley Goettl

All-State Music – Tedd Gullickson & Rod Urtel, Advisors**Choir**

Jeff Hatleli–All State Men's Choir 2008-09

Band

Nikki Tomm–2009
Marty Kramlinger–2009
Ann Stevens–2010
Eric Elker–2010
Michael Schuldt–Alternate 2010

Regional/State Science Fair Participants - Eric Koser, Advisor
Hannan Mir & Dave Lindell
Natalia & Niko Wiemers
Eunice Hong & Marguerite Lee
*Don Farrow & Jai Kumar***Published Writing Award**

Emily Fitterer (9)–Top 15 in Laws of Life Contest
Megan Ryan (11)–Top 15 in Laws of Life Contest
Karissa Skorr (11)–Top 15 in Laws of Life Contest

2009 MN State Academic Decathlon Champions & National Participants–Aaron Miller, Advisor

Karl Meierding
Amie Durenberger
Eli Rose
Jake Dickinson
Allie Mickle
John Neitge
Lucas Melby
Grant Pladsen
Jing Wang

Honors Reading Award Recipients – Sarah Kane, Advisor**Gold Award (At least 15 books)**

Alice Fasnacht
Ashley Goettl

Silver Award (At least 12 books)

Alyssa Black
Megan Brown
Ashley Buhr
Melissa Buseth
Brian Chesley
Amy Cragun
Kim Davis
Amie Durenberger
Theodore Hallam
Kim Kawatra
Kathryn Klingel
Glynnis Kunkel
James Lager
David Lindell
Jennifer Maes
Courtney McGinn
Karie Mees

Karl Meierding
Emily Miller
Theresa Monaghan
Jacqueline Murphy
Amanda Olson
Alyssa Roach
Elias Rose
Carmen Schreiner
Chris Sparacino
Kelsi Tomm
Nicole Tomm
Alison Travis
Lauren Weber

Bronze Award (At least 8 books)

Alex Kane
Kathryn Olson

Honorable Mention (At least 4 books)

Alex Dahlke
Melissa Jones
Molly Marg
Brittany Taplin
Jared Tibbetts
Nicholas Traxler

Mankato West Faculty & Staff Honorees

Tom Boone–Section 2AAA Boys Basketball Coach of the Year
Sharon Euerle–MSHSL Hall of Fame
Robert Ihrig–Mankato Teacher of the Year, Semi-finalist in the 2009 Teacher of the Year program
Marti Sievek–Golden Apple Award
Scott Urban–Golden Apple Award
Mike Sipe–Girls Hockey Coach of the Year
Sean Sletten–MN Girls LaCrosse Coach of the Year
 Health Department–
Don Krusemark & Kendra Hinz–Blue Apple Health Education Award
Stephen Dunn–25 Years of Service
Steven George–25 Years of Service
Tedd Gullickson–25 Years of Service
Robert Ihrig–35 Years of Service

Great job, West students and staff!

Seniors win \$ 3,507,068 in scholarships

Emma Abrahamson—Nicole Timmerman Butterfly Scholarship

Megan Albright—Art Institute Poster Design Scholarship

Paul Berndt—Augustana Trustee's Scholarship, MFCA Scholarship, National Football Foundation Scholar Athletic Scholarship, St. Thomas Academic Scholarship, Iowa State ACE Scholarship, Iowa State Generations Scholarship

Mike Biddle—Navy Scholarship

Jacob Briggs—Bethany Regents Scholarship, College of St. Scholastica Benedictine Scholarship, Bethany Grant Scholarship

Cody Brunick—Lake Superior College Scholarship

Ashley Buhr—Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, St. Thomas Award, St. Thomas's St. Mary's More Scholarship, U of MN – Twin Cities Iron Range Scholarship

Melissa Buseth—Olivet Nazarene University Merit Scholarship, Crawford Scholarship

MacKenzie Cassman—College of St. Scholastica Benedictine Scholarship

Amy Cragun—Mayo Foundation Scholarship, Brigham Young University Award of Excellence Scholarship

Stacy Cray—U of Iowa Academic Competitive Scholarship, U of Iowa Tuition Scholarship, U of Iowa National Scholarship, Gustavus Adolphus College Dean's Scholarship, Briar Cliff University Scholarship, Minnesota State University – Mankato Scholarship

Kim Davis—MN State University – Moorhead Dragonfly Scholarship, Concordia College Excellence Scholarship, Concordia College Scholarship,

Kim Davis (continued)—Northwestern College Presidential Scholarship, Northwestern College Music Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, HickoryTech Foundation Scholarship

Annie Delatorre—Bethlehem Lutheran Church Scholarship

Ben Dobson—St. Scholastica Benedictine Scholarship

Amie Durenberger—N Michigan University Academic Scholarship

Colleen Ehrke—U of Nebraska-Lincoln Aaron Douglas Scholarship, U of Nebraska-Lincoln Legacy Scholarship, UNL College of Education & Human Sciences

Alice Fasnacht—College of St. Catherine Presidential Scholarship, College of St. Catherine Alumnae Referral Scholarship

Shane Freed—MSU Maverick Scholarship, MN State University – Mankato Scholarship

Ashley Goettl—AgStar Financial Services Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Kwik Trip Scholarship, Mankato Noon Exchange Club Scholarship, Winona State Presidential Scholarship

Alex Hasse—Augustana Heritage Scholarship, Augustana Athletic Scholarship, Drake Presidential Scholarship

Jessica Henke—St. Catherine's Scholarship

Kelli Johnson—St. Scholastica Benedictine Scholarship, St. Scholastica Scholarship, Catholic School Referral Scholarship

Alex Kane—Northland College Merit Scholarship

Kim Kawatra—National Merit University of MN Scholarship, Institute of Technology Freshman Scholarship, Institute of Technology Honors Research Scholarship, Minnesota Gold Scholarship, Gold Scholar Award, George Sitaramiah Scholarship, John A. Scott Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Jake Koberoski—S. Dakota State U Jackrabbit Scholarship

Marty Kramlinger—Drake University Presidential Scholarship, Drake University Music Scholarship, Luther College Preus Presidential Scholarship, Luther College Norse Scholarship, Luther College Music Lesson Scholarship, Weston Noble Trombone Scholarship

Mariah Krusemark—Gustavus President's Scholarship, Gustavus Jussi Bjorling Music Scholarship, Gustavus Music Award, Legacy Scholarship, Lutheran Leadership Scholarship

Glynnis Kunkel—Augustana Pro Musica Scholarship, Augustana Pro Dramatis Scholarship, Augustana Leadership Scholarship, Augustana Heritage Scholarship, Claire Faust Designated Scholarship from Kiwanis Club, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, St. Scholastica Benedictine Scholarship, St. Catherine's 4-H Scholarship, Rotary Club Forensics Scholarship

James Lager—Nicollet/Sibley Co Corn/Soybean Growers Scholarship, AgStar Scholarship

Katie Lauer—Luther College Presidential Scholarship, Wartburg Presidential Scholarship, Communication Arts Scholarship, Gustavus Adolphus Dean's Scholarship, Simpson College Academic Scholarship

David Lindell—Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Mankato Elk's Scholarship, State Elk's Scholarship

Miles Malone—Wolff Family Scholarship

Jeanne Maurer—Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Courtney McGinn—Elk's Foundation Scholarship, Colorado State School of Mines Scholarship, U of MN – Twin Cities Scholarship

Karl Meierding—Harvard National Scholarship, Yale Scholarship, Dartmouth General Scholarship, Carleton Scholarship, St. Olaf Buntrock Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, St. Olaf Scholarship

Emily Miller—Hamline Founder's Scholarship, Hamline President's Scholarship, Trinity University – Texas President's Scholarship, U of North Dakota Freshman Scholarship, Gustavus Adolphus College Dean's Scholarship, Gustavus Adolphus First Year Award, MSU Maverick Scholarship, MN State University – Mankato Creative Writing Talent

Tsesa Monaghan—Laws of Life, Hamline President's Scholarship, Gustavus President's Scholarship, Macalester Dewitt Wallace Scholarship, MN Historical Society History Day Award, U of MN – Twin Cities Merit Scholarship

Caitlin Motter—Hamline Trustee Scholarship

Julia Munson—MSUM Academic Scholarship, Concordia – Moorhead Academics Scholarship

Jacqueline Murphy—St. Scholastica Benedictine Scholarship, St. Benedict's Scholarship

Amanda Olson—Winona State Presidential Scholarship, Augustana Presidential Scholarship, Exchange Club Scholarship

Kathryn Olson—Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, U of St. Thomas Academic Scholarship, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Scholarship

Haley Reichel—Rasmussen College Achievement Scholarship

Aaron Richter—MN State – Mankato Football Scholarship

Michael Richter—MN State University – Mankato Scholarship

Danny Ries—Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Iron Range Scholarship

Alyssa Roach—Gustavus Adolphus College Dean's Scholarship, Hamline University Dean's Scholarship, MN Historical Society History Day Award

Heather Roos—U of MN – Duluth Academic Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, History Department of MN National History Day

Abby Rothenbuehler—Luther Alumni Connection Scholarship, Luther Norse Scholarship Fund, Luther Achievement Award, Lutheran Leadership Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Congregational Match Scholarship, Gustavus Adolphus Scholarship, St. Kate's Alexandria Scholarship

Tara Selly—Gustavus Scholarship

Stacey Stoffregen—St. Thomas Award

Sarah Stokka—Rasmussen College Achievement Scholarship

Chris Talamantez—Minnesota State University – Mankato Scholarship

Brittany Taplin—NDSU Freshman Scholarship, AMVETS National Scholarship, Minnesota Clean Air Choice Scholarship, Nat'l Assoc of Home Builder's "Strategies for Success" Scholarship

Dan Thompson—Marine's Educational Benefit Program

Kelsi Tomm—St. Olaf Presidential Scholarship

Nicole Tomm—Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Alison Travis—Mankato Elk's Scholarship, Minnesota Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship, Hamline University Founders Scholarship, Hamline University Presidential Scholarship, U of Mary Washington Scholarship, Arcadia University Knight's Scholarship, Arcadia Distinguished Scholarship

Nicholas Traxler—Rockhurst University Director's Scholarship, St. John's University Dean's Scholarship, Augustana "Augie" Scholarship, Creighton University Ignatian Scholarship, Rotary Club Forensics Scholarship, Teamster's Union Lowell D Lynch Memorial Scholarship, St. Louis University Billiken Scholarship

Hannah Wasko—St. Benedict's Presidential Scholarship

Luke Weber—St. Cloud State University Diving Scholarship, St. Cloud State University Presidential Scholarship

Brad Wiest—Montana State Academic Scholarship, Augustana Athletic Scholarship, Southwest State Academic Scholarship

Madeline Wurdinger—MN State – Moorhead Scholarship