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*(Editors' and news directors' note: Students from your area have been selected as statewide finalists for the very prestigious 2022 WIAA Scholar Athlete award. A complete list of the finalists, the communities in which they live and the high schools they attend is included at the end of this release. An abbreviated bio for each finalist is attached. For more information about each finalist, contact his or her school's athletic director.)*

## **Wisconsin's Top 32 Scholar Athletes to Be Recognized**

Stevens Point, WI—Sixteen senior girls and 16 senior boys from Kenosha to Grantsburg have been selected as finalists to receive the prestigious 2022 Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association's (WIAA) Statewide Scholar Athlete Award underwritten by Marshfield Children's Hospital. More than 1,100 Scholar Athlete finalists have been recognized since the program began in 1984.

To determine the top 32 finalists, four boys and four girls were selected (based on both athletic and academic achievement) from each of four WIAA divisions. "These extraordinary student athletes excel in both academics and athletics," said Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director of the WIAA. "Sixteen of this year's 32 WIAA Scholar Athlete finalists have a grade point average of 4.0 to date, while the average GPA is an amazing 3.94. All 32 scholar athlete finalists have already earned a total of 291 varsity letters during their first 3-1/2 years of high school. That's an average of 9 letters per athlete, and we have not yet completed our spring sports season."

This year more than 830 seniors were nominated for the 2022 WIAA Scholar Athlete Award by 430 high schools throughout the state.

The 2022 WIAA Scholar Athlete Finalists will be recognized at an awards ceremony Sunday, May 1 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Wausau. Keynote speaker will be Karyn Bye, Olympic Gold Medalist on the U.S. Women's 1998 Hockey Team and recent inductee in the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame and the National High School Hall of Fame.

Of the more than 400 high schools submitting nominations this year, six schools had a finalist for the first time in the 37-year history of the WIAA Scholar Athlete program, including: Mike Brown, Butternut High School; Brennen Dvorachek, Reedsville High School; Evan Guenther, Monticello High School; Sam Heicher, Lake Country Lutheran High School; Elizabeth Roll, Prescott High School; and Lexie Weier, Mount Horeb High School.

A Webcast of the awards ceremony will be available at [www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org) after the ceremony on May 1. For more information, visit [www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org).

## **2022 WIAA Scholar Athlete Finalists**

*This list includes Scholar Athlete's name, hometown and the high school they attend.*

### **DIVISION 1 – BOYS**

Austin Henderson, Neenah, Neenah High School  
Mason King, Wauwatosa, Wauwatosa East High School  
Nate Streveler, Stevens Point, Stevens Point Area Senior High  
Ryan Whynott, Kenosha, Kenosha Tremper High School

### **DIVISION 1 – GIRLS**

Kate Graham, Whitefish Bay, Whitefish Bay High School  
Kacey Ott, Slinger, Slinger High School  
Lauren Pansegrouw, Verona, Middleton High School  
Rebecca Siedenburg, Wales, Kettle Moraine High School

### **DIVISION 2 – BOYS**

Simon Bauer, Durand, Durand High School  
Jake Engebritson, Rice Lake, Rice Lake High School  
Rory Fox, Waukesha, Catholic Memorial High School  
Josh Terrian, Pewaukee, Pewaukee High School

### **DIVISION 2 – GIRLS**

Hailey Anchor, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin Dells High School  
Sophie Moravec, Milwaukee, Martin Luther High School  
Elizabeth Rohl, River Falls, Prescott High School  
Lexie Weier, Mineral Point, Mount Horeb High School

### **DIVISION 3 – BOYS**

Karson Casper, Coleman, Coleman High School  
Brennen Dvorachek, Reedsville, Reedsville High School  
Tanner Gerber, Cameron, Cameron High School  
Sam Heicher, New Berlin, Lake Country Lutheran High School

### **DIVISION 3 – GIRLS**

Bridee Burks, Lancaster, Lancaster High School  
Jada Eggebrecht, Phillips, Phillips High School  
Alexis Slater, Grantsburg, Grantsburg High School  
Ryann Wagner, Lena, Gillett High School

### **DIVISION 4 – BOYS**

Mike Brown, Butternut, Butternut High School  
Thomas Derleth, Berlin, Lourdes Academy  
Evan Guenther, Monroe, Monticello High School  
Taedon Nichols, Siren, Siren High School

### **DIVISION 4 – GIRLS**

Ella Chambers, Mineral Point, Mineral Point High School  
Anelise Egge, Viola, Kickapoo High School  
Elizabeth Krawze, Laona, Wabeno High School  
Kayci Martensen, Benton, Benton High School

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Scholar Athlete bios attached.