

# 2023-2024 STATE OF THE UNION

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# WELCOME WOLVERINES

It is with great joy I present to you the 2023-2024 report to the community, it is a very exciting time to be part of the Wolverine family. We have a great deal of positive news to share through our academic success and feature some of the new upcoming projects for next year.

One of the areas we continue to pride ourselves on is our graduation rate of 98%. We are above the state average and are proud to have our students prepared for college, career, and life after graduating.

Our community goal is to ensure that students, staff, parents, and community members know that we value all they do to help make our Wolverines who they are. From donating materials for fundraisers, take kids to and from practices, volunteering to speak in a classroom, and everything in between it truly takes a community to provide an excellent education.

**BEST PUBLIC HIGH  
SCHOOL IN RACINE  
COUNTY**



# WHO WE ARE



**Dr. Lucas  
Francois**

*Superintendent*



**Daniel  
Foster**

*Principal*



**Adam  
Bell**

*Associate Principal*



**Mark  
Peperkorn**

*Associate Principal*



**Jill  
Stobber**

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## SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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# FAST FACTS



**20%** of staff went to high school at WUHS and now work at WUHS

**#1**

Public High School  
In Racine County  
5th consecutive year

**64%** of staff have 5 or more years of teaching experience

**TOP  
15%**

in Achievement for WI  
Public schools

**98%**

Graduation Rate

**18**

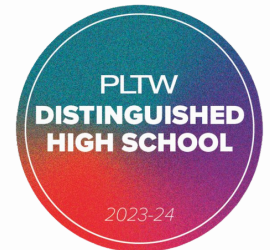
AP Courses

**2,735**

hours of  
volunteer work

**1 OF 16**

in the state of WI to be  
recognized as a PLTW  
Distinguished High  
school



**20.8**

ACT Average Score

**#11 OUT OF 489**



Best Public High School  
Teachers in Wisconsin  
Top 2% in the state of WI

**80%**

Students involved in a  
co-curricular

# VISION AND MISSION

## VISION

- Positive student culture where all students can learn and grow
- Long-term financial stability
- Attract, develop, and retain high quality staff
- Honesty and transparency to all stakeholders

## MISSION

WUHS Inspires all to achieve high expectations and ensures that each student is prepared for college or career and life.



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS YEAR



## Self-Funded Health Insurance received the Rosie Award

*The Rosie Awards recognize high-value, low-cost health plans from employers and unions across the U.S*

## Community Advisory Committee

*While the referendum did not pass, we are please to have gather a group of stakeholders that formed our community advisory committee.*



### Website Upgrades

WUHS received a website makeover to ensure our users have a seamless experience on mobile devices while also increasing our ADA accesability.



### Mass Communication

ParentSquare was implemented as the new mass communication system for parents and staff members this year.

# 3.37

I believe my child's learning is a high priority at this school.

## PARENT ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

# 3.30

I am treated with respect at this school.

## MOODY'S Maintained AA Bond Rating

*Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk*



The Special Needs Resource Fair reached an all-time high for vendors.



Madaleine Hill was selected for the WSMA High School State Honors Project as a member of the State Honors Treble Choir.



The Spring Musical of Xanadu was a hit. Next years performance will be Big Fish.

# A YEAR OF FIRSTS



WUHS introduced a new student recognition event where seniors who expressed that they would be entering the military signed a letter of intent with the families, friends, and recruiters.



WUHS introduced a new student recognition event where seniors who expressed that they would be entering the workforce signed a letter of intent with the families, friends, and employers.



For the first time ever, WUHS will be sending a student to the Youth Leadership Forum in Madison, Wisconsin! This week-long program is designed for high school students with disabilities who are interested in developing their leadership skills.



The first Community Breakfast event was a great opportunity for our guests to learn about WUHS's Academic and Career Planning, receive a facility tour, and gain insight into our school's current and future offerings.



WUHS partnered with local senior living facilities to host event throughout the year.



Waterford Union Hosted a car show to raise funds for the auto department. Over \$3,000 was raised and will be used to purchase a complete tool kit for one of the stations.

# A YEAR OF FIRSTS



The boys' track and field team, which won the SLC title for the first time since 2012.



For the first time since 2014, the Boys Golf team won the SLC conference championship.



Adam Bieneman is the first person in Waterford's history to win a regional championship in esports!



Madison Jeschke's artwork is on display at the Museum of Wisconsin Art in West Bend. The theme of the exhibition was, "This Little Light of Mine: A Teen Perspective on Joy"



This year, we added HOSA to our co-curricular offerings and not only did we have 40 students join the club, we had a great first state showing! Katelyn Nelson placed 5th in Physical Therapy Cora Beckley placed 9th in Veterinary Medicine Our HOSA bowl team (Cailyn Kysely, Kenzie Benkendorf, Heidi Fucik, and Emma Bosch) placed 10th Heidi Fucik top 25% in general chemistry Mackenzie Benkendorf top 25% in human anatomy

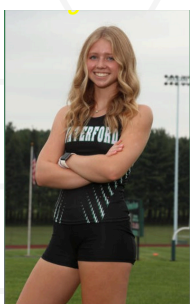
# STUDENT SUCCESS



## ACT 30+ CLUB

First row: Everix Machan, Elyse Upthagrove, Joseph Frank, Taylor Rezutek-Miles  
 Second Row: Emma Henningfield, Zachary Mettille, Matthew Winski  
 Back Row: Calvin Patterson, Ryan Bieneman  
 Not pictured: Lily Balgy and Greta Nielsen

## STATE BOUND



Sydney Younk  
Cross Country



Trevor Buchanan  
Cross Country



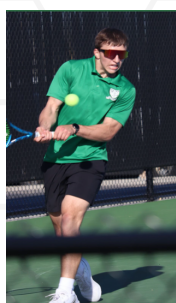
Natalie Oldenburg  
Swim Co-Op Team



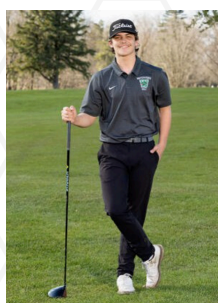
Franklin Mayer  
Swim Co-Op Team



Bryce Konwent  
Wrestling



Andrew Vescio  
Tennis



Robbie Meyers  
Golf



State Bound  
Forensics Team

## STATE CHAMPIONS

**Robby Kedrowicz, Jenna Bjorge, Bryce Ruland**



# STATE BOUND!



## SPECIAL MENTION: REGIONAL CHAMPIONS SOFTBALL



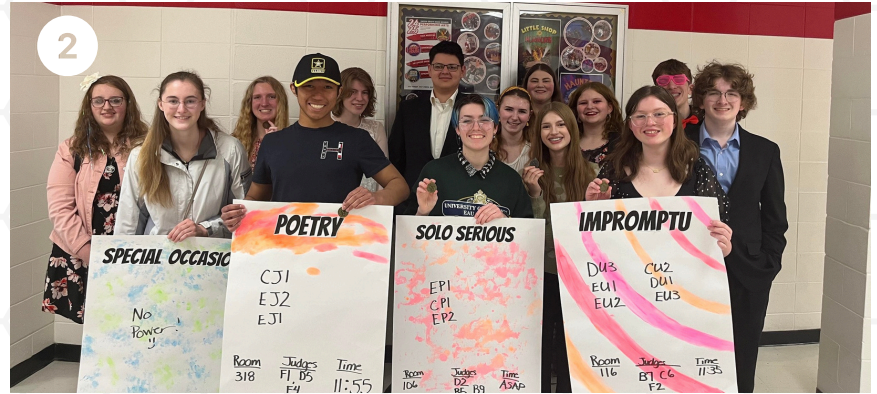
**A** Allison Boldt, Kylie Ciaglo  
Mylie Fujinaka, Addison Kinsey  
Zophia Nowicki, Alyssa Ortiz  
*Bowling*

**B** Jenna Bjorge, Hayley Csepella, Riley DeGrave, Ashton  
Guajardo, Kylie Gunkel,  
Hunter Henningfeld, Robby Kedrowicz, Jack Morawetz,  
Andrew Randelzhofer, Bryce Ruland  
*Powerlifting*

**C** Gavin Dennhof, Trevor Allen, Tyler Jonietz, Trever  
Buchanan, Gavin Roeglin, Dylan Frahman, Noah White,  
Sutton Keller, Reid Biermann, Briar Sowinski Alternates:  
Gavin Rasmussen, Tyler Schmidt, Bryce Ruland, Robert  
Kedrowicz  
*Track and Field*

**D** Delaney McMahon, Elizabeth  
Jonietz, Analyiah Guardiola,  
Natalia Arteaga  
*Track and Field*

# CO-CURRICULAR SUCCESS



**1** SkillsUSA State competition last week for the Team Engineering Challenge! Back-row (left-right): Jonny Orlick, Tyler Jonietz, Camden Acker. Front-row (left-right): Logan Klein, Kai Agallar, Will Sadler

**2** 16 students represented WUHS at the state forensics meet. Alivia Nahan, Bayley Kester, Carter Frahman, Christian Jiminez, Caitlin West, Everix Machan, Hannah Bruce, Kylie Kosarek, Kyle Jaramillo, Kate Fick, Kegan Flood, Mitchell Bartacewicz, Natalie Oldenburg, Quinn Lane, Samm Bensing, Virgil Kornuth

**3** For the 14th consecutive year, Waterford Union has won the Southern Lakes Conference Academic Bowl!  
Joe Frank- Geography  
Cora Beckley- US History  
Killian Lennartz- World History  
Carson Keim- Chemistry  
Alivia Teska- American Lit  
Everix Machan- British Literature  
Rylie Kranich- Algebra  
Franklin Brainerd- Geometry

**4** Nick Connors was selected from the Wisconsin Coaches Basketball Association for the "Team Service" scholarship. He was one of five in the state to be selected!

**5** Our Waterford FFA Program had four state degree recipients: Ella Patterson, Kiera Drallmeier, Madison Lindner, Taylor Rezutek Miles

**6** Young People's Art Exhibit at the Wisconsin State Fair, Senior Division: Madison Michalski, Madison Jeschke, Kacyn Addis, Elizabeth Jonietz (tie), Ana Fox (tie), Cayden Moser (1st Place), Abby De La Rose (2nd Place). Spectacular Sculpture Award: Natalie Tessmer



# 2024 JERRY AWARD NOMINATIONS



## 2024 WUHS JERRY SPIRIT AWARD WINNER

Abigail Dipper

## OVERALL PRODUCTION AWARD NOMINATION

Outstanding Overall Design

## PERFORMER AWARD NOMINATIONS

Lead Role- Sonny- Everix Machan

Lead Role- Kira (Clio)- Lily Balge

Lead Role- Sonny- Mitchell Bartaczewicz

Lead Role- Kira (Clio)- Josalyn Hallman

Supporting Role- Calliope- Mackenzie Goodson

## PRODUCTION TEAM NOMINATIONS

Outstanding Direction: Leigh Birmingham

Outstanding Choreography: Hope Riesterer

Outstanding Stage Crew

Outstanding Scenic Design: Leigh Birmingham

Outstanding Lighting Design: Everix Machan

Outstanding Costume, Wig/Hair & Make-Up Design: Virgil Kornuth

Outstanding Sound Design: Megan Frohne

Lily Balge - Soprano Solo

Mitchell Bartaczewicz - Vocal Jazz Improvisation Solo

Carter Frahman - Bass Solo

Virgil Kornuth - Tenor Solo and Musical Theater Solo

Everix Machan - Tenor Solo, Musical Theater Solo, and Alto Saxophone Solo

Charley Mingus - Musical Theater Solo

Natalie Oldenburg - Flute Solo

Elyse Upthagrove - French Horn Solo

Lily Balge and Everix Machan - Vocal Duet

Brianna Flock and Elyse Upthagrove - Brass Duet

Lily Balge, Madi Hill, and Everix Machan - Vocal Trio

Lily Balge, Meg Frohne, Everix Machan, and Jakob Moesgaard - Saxophone Quartet

Jazz Band

Vocal Jazz



Adjudicators have an opportunity to nominate students whose performance was truly exceptional – beyond what is typically expected for this age group - to be recognized as an Exemplary Performance.

The following students or groups were nominated for the Award:

**Lily Balge and Everix Machan - Vocal Duet**

**Virgil Kornuth - Tenor Solo**

At the end of the day, each adjudicator can then select up to two of the most exceptional performances. **Virgil Kornuth was selected as a winner of a 2024 Exemplary Performance Award!**

STATE SOLO ENSEMBLE



# COMING UP NEXT YEAR



## UNITE ACADEMY

WUHS is proud to offer a new program called UNITE Academy. This program will replace our current Fox River Consortium by providing services to these students in our building. The move was a cost-saving measure as well as an opportunity to bring our Wolverines back into the building. We are also excited to offer this program to two surrounding school districts in which they would compensate WUHS for educating their students.

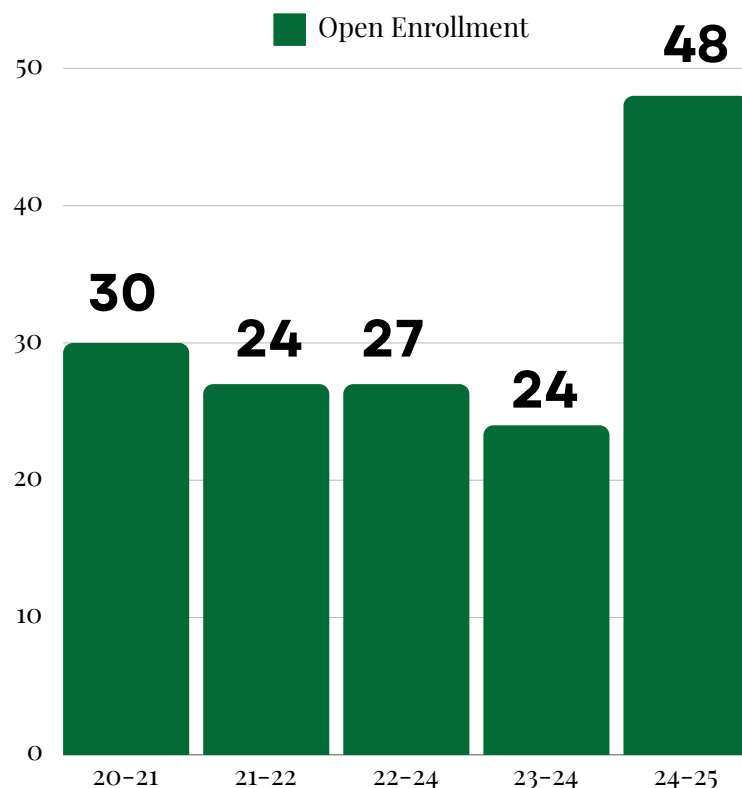


## STUDENTSQUARE

We will be launching StudentSquare next year! This will allow our students the opportunity to communicate with their teacher, coaches, and admin in a more efficient way. Texting capabilities will be released by next school year allowing off staff coaches an easier time to communicate with their players without releasing their personal cell phone numbers.

## INCREASED DESIRE TO ATTEND WUHS

Open Enrollment for next year is double that of the years before. WUHS has an excellent reputation for our academic success.



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GRADUATES**



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GRADUATES**



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GRADUATES**