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### **More than \$1 million in Local and State Scholarships Awarded to West Bend East and West High Schools Seniors**

West Bend – A total of 150 West Bend East and West High Schools seniors recently received scholarships from local foundations, individuals and families, businesses, civic organizations, and more for post-secondary education at four-year and two-year colleges, universities, and technical schools. The total amount awarded, including local scholarships and state academic and technical scholarships, was \$1,030,000.

Cate Stram is the recipient of the Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship, which is one of the nation's largest and most prestigious scholarship programs for golf caddies. It is awarded to students with a strong caddie record, excellent academics, outstanding character, and demonstrated financial need. The scholarship provides full tuition and housing.

There are several local foundations and organizations that have awarded scholarships for a number of years to deserving students. These entities and the 2026 winners are:

Winners of the **Ziegler Family Foundation Fund** scholarships are:

Michael Held

Madeline Hesse

Teagan Ongert

Amelia Riley

Riley Weber

Winners of the **Rolfs Educational Foundation** scholarships are:

Amelia Dubey

Haylee Michalski  
Rose Ziemer

Winners of the **Froedtert West Bend Hospital Foundation** scholarships are:

Grace Last  
Ella Sauer

Winner of the **Froedtert West Bend Hospital Partners** scholarship is:

Morgan Corley

Winners of the the **Oscar and Augusta Schlegel Foundation** scholarships are:

Kristen Nelson  
Anna Popp

Winners of the **Suder-Pick Foundation** academic scholarships are:

Ellison Schrauth  
Natalie Walter  
Elliot Weber  
Violet Zier

Winners of the **Suder-Pick Foundation** technical scholarship are:

Isabella Butzke  
Joseph Daniels  
Henry Donath  
Ethan Hackman  
Benjamin Krueger  
Aiden Schubert  
Ryan Schwabe  
Jason Tadeo

Winner of the **West Bend Insurance Company** scholarship is:

Olivia Friedemann

Winners of the **Milwaukee Foundation Silvia & Edward R. Droppers** Scholarship is:

Madeline Bunkelmann  
April Carrier  
Ryleigh Herbert  
Maxwell Rodgers  
Marianne Roeber

The local COLUMNS organization awarded numerous scholarships of its own and it awarded local scholarships it administers. All other scholarships awarded:

Megan Armstrong, Hetland Scholarship

Jacob Bagwell, Liz (Clark) Johnson Memorial  
Reese Barby, West Bend Children's Theatre, West Bend Masonic Lodge, West Bend Order of the Eastern Star  
Chloe Bauer, COLUMNS Academic, John P. & Rita M. Steinbach  
Aidan Becker, Al Carrier/Bob Neja Scholar-Athlete Award  
Noah Becker, West Bend Education Association (WBEA), Ira A. Oelhafen Memorial, Wisconsin Academic Excellence  
Braelyn Beimborn, COLUMNS Academic  
Lucas Bitar, Muriel & John Zettel Memorial  
Amelia Bohn, Fritz Wiedmeyer Memorial  
Rowan Bonlender, Ann Saugstad Memorial, Julie Jansen Elementary Education  
Ella Boyle, Roots & Branches, COLUMNS Academic, Mildred Schlegel Memorial  
Ava Boyle, West Bend Kiwanis Foundation (Noon Club)  
Mason Braatz, Alan & Nancy Pick Memorial, COLUMNS Academic, Kaiser Family Memorial, Lorna Waechter Memorial  
Audrey Brown, Dr. Greg Gamache Memorial, Lieutenant Steve Hoogester Memorial  
Isabella Bucholz, Mark & Beth Bensen Family  
Madeline Bunkelmann, Dale Stockhausen Veterinary Science  
Brooke Burch, COLUMNS Academic  
Izabela Butzke, Joseph Peters Memorial  
Aleksandria Carini, Brianna Martz Memorial, COLUMNS Academic, West Bend Woman's Club Health-Related  
April Carrier, West Bend High School Trap Team  
Sophie Christensen, Muriel & John Zettel Memorial, Memorial Go-Kart  
Braeden Ciske, COLUMNS Academic  
Maximum Costa, Curt Stockhausen Automotive Technician, John Gawlik Memorial, Wisconsin Technical Excellence  
Rebekah Cramer, Mueller Scholarship  
Nora Cybell, COLUMNS Academic, Joyce C. Krueger Memorial  
Olivia Daute, Optimist Club, Lorna Waechter Memorial, Lynn LaPorte Memorial  
Michaela Davidson, Alyce M. Kraemer Memorial, COLUMNS Academic  
Ivy Disterhaft, National Exchange Bank Foundation  
Henry Donath, Curt Stockhausen Construction

Lyla Dusha, West Bend West Booster Club  
Addison Eichmann, Gladys Muehl Memorial  
Mycajah Emery, COLUMNS Technical, Wayne Heidel-Jennifer Semmann Foundation  
Rylee Faehling, Janto Family Scholar-Athlete, Reuben & Sally Schmahl Memorial  
Anthony Farchione, COLUMNS Academic, Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly  
Rebekah Farvour, Viola Wendt Memorial  
Wyatt Fenton, COLUMNS Academic  
Austin Foos, COLUMNS Academic  
Ashleyn Fortney, COLUMNS Academic  
Nathan Fowler, COLUMNS Academic, Lorna Waechter Memorial  
Greta Friemel, COLUMNS Academic , National Exchange Bank Foundation, Thelma & Norman Schowalter Memorial  
Olivia Gagliano, COLUMNS Technical, Stanley & Frances Hetland Memorial  
Alexis George, COLUMNS Academic, Gracia Hemmings Memorial  
Connor Giese, Albert S. Kieckhafer (MSOE)  
Sophie Gish, Herbert Melbinger Memorial  
Isabelle Gravelle Falk, West Bend Children' s Theatre  
Andrew Gundrum, Optimist Club  
Braden Hakes, Curt Stockhausen Automotive Technician, Daniel D. Kruepke Memorial  
Brailynn Haubrich, Boys & Girls Club  
Colin Healey, COLUMNS Academic  
Michael Held, Wisconsin Academic Excellence  
Ryleigh Herbert, Allen and Diane Spaeth  
Mia Herdeman, COLUMNS Technical  
Zoey Herlehy, COLUMNS Academic, Elmore A. Kraemer Memorial  
Elena Hermann, Community Trust Nursing, Ray L. Engelking Memorial, MPTC  
Leilany Hernandez Rios, John & Karen Larson Heritage  
Madeline Hesse, Wisconsin Academic Excellence  
Seth Hubbard, John & Marian Thoma Family, West Bend East Booster Club  
Mason Indiraraj, Wisconsin Technical Excellence  
Shaelyn Jablonski, Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36 American Legion Scholarship, Janto Family Scholar-Athlete, Dr. Steven J. Engelbrecht Memorial

Aubrey Jacak, Class of 1966, COLUMNS Technical, Jeannie Hilbelink Memorial, Kettle Moraine Appliance and Sleep Center, Milwaukee Area USBC  
Vanessa Jackson, Nancy & Jerry Mehring  
Landen Jahn, Elmore A. Kraemer Memorial  
Cassandra Jerich, Allan & Jean Kieckhafer Memorial  
Elijah Jerich, Martina Hartwell Memorial Scholarship, Dale L. Westby Memorial, Ralph O. Eggert Memorial  
Matthew Jeziorski, COLUMNS Academic, Wayne Heidel-Jennifer Semmann Foundation  
Khyana Jimmerson, Anna Gossel Memorial  
Milo Karl, Mildred Schlegel Memorial  
Chloe Katsma, Allen and Diane Spaeth, West Bend Sunrise Rotary  
Emerson Ketter, COLUMNS Academic, Kaiser Family Memorial, Thelma & Norman Schowalter Memorial  
Harmonee Kleinert, Dale Stockhausen Veterinary Science  
Abriena Koeper, Jodi Kleibel Memorial  
Hogan Kolowrat, Mauland Cross Country Scholar Athletes, Dr. Al & June Grundahl Memorial Music  
Elijah Kopidlansky, COLUMNS Academic, West Bend Woolen Mills Enterprise  
Matthew Krawzik, West Bend Lions Club  
Noah Kucharski, Wisconsin Technical Excellence  
Hailey Kuester, COLUMNS Academic  
Grace Last, Boys & Girls Club  
Claire Lemke, De Chant Family  
Abigail Lieftring, COLUMNS Academic, National Honor Society  
Isabella Loduha, West Bend High School Trap Team  
Donovan Losota, Curt Stockhausen Construction  
Raiin Markiewicz, Mark & Beth Bensen Family  
Raquel McCormack, Kettle Moraine Support Services, Bear Paw  
Shealee McCreary, Emily Roehrig Scholarship  
Sean McElroy, West Bend Youth Football Organization, Fritz Wiedmeyer Memorial  
Piper McNulty, Richard N. Bell & Marjorie (Bell) Schellinger Memorial  
Emery Miller, Marilou W. Chapman Memorial  
Hailey Moore, Dan Becker Memorial

Hunter Moran, Wisconsin Technical Excellence  
Avery Murray, Lorna Waechter Memorial  
Kristen Nelson, Wisconsin Academic Excellence  
Joseph R. Olson, Michael H. Strelka Memorial  
Teagan Ongert, West Boys Basketball  
Violet Pahl, Summit Credit Union, Anna Gossel Memorial, West Bend Kiwanis Foundation (Noon Club)  
Jay Paruch, Sauer-Pintens Scholarship  
Tatiyana Patrick, Constance Dentzler Memorial  
Anna Popp, STUCO  
Gabriel Quiroz, Howard-Juech  
Brody Rehbein, West Bend Wildcat Scholarship, Michael Allen Sheehy Memorial  
Bridget Rehfeldt, COLUMNS Academic, Lois I. & Robert J. Dunlop  
Layla Reichenberger, Munding Family  
Liam Reigle, COLUMNS Academic, Gracia Hemmings Memorial  
Noah Reinhart, West Bend West Booster Club  
Maxwell Rodgers, Kohler Co. College Scholarship  
Marianne Roeber, Louise Schloemer Roth Memorial  
Benjamin Sajdak, COLUMNS Academic, West Bend Woolen Mills Enterprise  
Hunter Sarnowski, COLUMNS Academic, Helen A. Hillman Memorial  
Ella Sauer, Summit Credit Union, Metro Swim Officials Memorial  
Sterling Schatz, David Mossman Memorial, Frank & Betty Plischounig Memorial  
Aiden Schmitz, Wisconsin Technical Excellence  
Ellison Schrauth, West Bend Education Association (WBEA)  
Aiden Schubert, Memorial Go-Kart  
Beckett Seifert, Big Cedar Lake Property Owners Association, West Bend West Booster Club  
Mikaela Sellnow, COLUMNS Technical, West Bend Kiwanis Foundation (Noon Club)  
Abigail Serrano, West Bend Lions Club, West Bend Order of the Eastern Star  
Michaela Sitzberger, Viola Wendt Memorial  
Autumn Sobotka, COLUMNS Academic  
Lily Spors, Alyce M. Kraemer Memorial, COLUMNS Academic, Pennington Medical  
Ethan Stephens, COLUMNS Academic, Thelma & Norman Schowalter Memorial  
Cate Stram, Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies

Jason Tadeo, Dream to Succeed  
Regan Tesch, Carol Kellogg "Class Act" Memorial, Wayne Heidel-Jennifer Semmann Foundation  
Isabella Totsky, COLUMNS Academic, Joseph Zadra Memorial  
Lillian Tyvela, Muriel & John Zettel Memorial  
Zariah Vanderkinter, COLUMNS Academic  
Miah Wachsmuth, Muriel & John Zettel Memorial, Wayne Heidel-Jennifer Semmann Foundation,  
MPTC Scholarship  
Brett Wagenknecht, COLUMNS Academic, Frau Wanta German, John W. Roth  
Alllison Wagner, Al Carrier/Bob Neja Scholar-Athlete Award, COLUMNS Academic, Marilou W.  
Chapman Memorial  
Dawson Walters, Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly  
Samantha Weber, COLUMNS Academic  
Elliot Weber, West Bend Masonic Lodge  
Riley Weber, Wisconsin Academic Excellence  
Keira Welytok, West Bend Kiwanis Foundation (Noon Club)  
Haileigh Wiederhold, James Forrest Block Memorial, West Bend East Booster Club  
Morgan Winkler, WBHS High School of Business Program, Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36 American  
Legion, West Bend Sunrise Rotary, West Bend West Booster Club  
Vincent Zirbes, West Bend Youth Football Organization, COLUMNS Academic, Dr. Greg Gamache  
Memorial, Jeanne B. Ziegler Memorial  
Dylan Zwieg, COLUMNS Academic, Kettle Moraine Appliance & Sleep Center

The West Bend Joint School District #1 is proud to serve approximately 5,000 students and their families from the city of West Bend, villages of Jackson and Newburg, and townships of Barton, Polk, Trenton, Jackson, West Bend, and Addison. We strive to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts, and co-curricular activities. Within our community-based 4K program, Head Start program, five elementary schools (K-4), one intermediate school (5-6), one middle school (7-8), and two high schools (9-12), families can expect a caring, inclusive learning environment that supports the development of the whole child. Visit [wbsd-schools.org](http://wbsd-schools.org) for more information.

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