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### Athletic Awards Presented to West Bend East and West High Schools Seniors

West Bend – Senior student-athletes were honored at awards events for West Bend East and West Bend West on Sunday, May 21 at the West Bend High Schools Silver Lining Arts Center.

The West Bend East and the West Bend West athletic departments are proud to announce winners of the 2023 senior awards:

**Nancy & Alan Pick Award for Outstanding Female Athlete:** Awarded to the most outstanding senior female athlete at West Bend East and at West Bend West.

East: Cadence Xiong (basketball)

West: Nicole Walters (swim and track and field)

**Carl Pick Memorial Award for Outstanding East Male Athlete:** Awarded to the most outstanding senior male athlete at West Bend East.

Peyton Fountain (football, hockey, baseball)

**Andy Pick Memorial Award for Outstanding West Male Athlete:** Awarded to the most outstanding senior male athlete at West Bend West.

Ben Bast (cross country, wrestling, golf)

**3 for 4 Awards:** Seniors who have participated in three sports per year for four years are recognized for their commitment and dedication to academics and athletics.

East:

Markus Briedis (cross country, ski, baseball/track and field)

Logan Gregor (football, wrestling, track and field)

Peyton Fountain (football, hockey, baseball)

Ryan Meyer (soccer, swim and dive, tennis)  
Maxwell Mollwitz (football/cross country, basketball, tennis)

West:

Sa'maia Evans (tennis, gymnastics, track and field)  
Chase Pickett (cross country, hockey, track and field, golf)  
Lacee Justman (fall dance, winter dance, Dolphins synchronized swimming)  
Quentin Willmas (mountain biking, swim, track and field)

**Coaches Award:** Awarded to female and male senior athletes at each school who have shown outstanding leadership, effort, and integrity.

East: Cassidy Scherzer (cross country, track and field) and Sawyer Lichtensteiger (football, hockey)

West: Carol Ann Bruskiewicz (basketball, gymnastics, track and field, Dolphins synchronized swimming) and Quentin Willmas (mountain biking, swim, track and field)

**WIAA Scholar Athlete:** Awarded to a female and male athlete from each school who have earned at least four varsity letters and earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

East: Paige Harter (volleyball, soccer) and Ryan Meyer (soccer, swim and dive, tennis)

West: Sa'maia Evans (tennis, gymnastics, track and field) and Chase Pickett (cross country, hockey, track and field, golf)

**West Bend East and West Bend West Scholar Athlete:** Awarded to a female and male athlete from each school who meet the WIAA Scholar Athlete criteria and have earned special accomplishments and abilities, and shown leadership.

East: Erica Thill (gymnastics) and Ryan Meyer (soccer, swim and dive, tennis)

West: Natali Block (basketball, softball) and Zach Koenigs (cross country, track and field)

**Hobey Baker High School Character Award:** This award honors high school ice hockey players who exemplify the Hobey Baker ideal that "Character Builds Excellence."

Charlie Eckert (West student)

**Spartan Spirit Award:** This award recognizes a Spartan athlete that went above and beyond when it came to building school culture and improving the school climate.

Nolan Wulf (football, basketball, track and field, Dolphins synchronized swimming, tennis)

**U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete:** The Department of the Army awards medals to more than 300,000 students across the country because it believes that young people should strive to be "the best they can be." A male and a female athlete from each school who excels in the classroom and on the athletic field are chosen.

East: Sarah Schmidt (dance) and Logan Gregor (football, wrestling, track and field)

West: Megan Spaeth (volleyball, softball) and Nathan Butters (cross country, track and field, Dolphins synchronized swimming)

**U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete:** The United States Marine Corps annually recognizes seniors for being an exemplary young citizen and role model for younger students and, as varsity athletes, for exhibiting the personal traits of courage, poise, self-confidence, and leadership.

East: Grace Cleven (cross country, track and field) and Kasey Gish (football and wrestling)

West: Lauryn Seidel (dance) and Jacob Goetz (basketball, golf)

The West Bend Joint School District #1 is proud to serve more than 6,300 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 [www.west-bend.k12.wi.us](http://www.west-bend.k12.wi.us) for more information.

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