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Danaher Named Coach of the Year for West Bend High Schools

West Bend — During the West Bend West and East High Schools Senior Athletic Awards events on May 19, James Danaher, West High School boys head soccer coach, was awarded the Prudence Pick Hwy Coach of the Year Award winner for 2024.

Danaher's 2023 West boys soccer team accomplished an 18-4-4 record, the best record in school history. Other team accomplishments include:

- 102 goals scored—a single-season record
- 21 goals scored against—a single-season record
- 2 WIAA All-State Players
- 2 First Team All-North Shore Conference players, 2 Second Team All-North Shore Conference players, 1 Honorable Mention All-North Shore Conference player
- Number 1 WIAA Sectional seed—first in school history
- Number 10 WIAA Ranking—first in school history
- WIAA Regional Champions
- WIAA Sectional Finalist—first time in school history

The award was established in 2015 by Prudence Pick Hwy, granddaughter of Carl Pick, to recognize a West Bend High Schools athletic team coach whose character and accomplishments during the previous school year best exemplify several criteria. The award is voted on by East and West coaching peers. The criteria include:

- Is a positive role model to students in all respects; he or she has demonstrated consistent and outstanding sportsmanship, leadership, and a positive and motivational attitude.
- Is committed and dedicated to the team's overall development over the entire season.
- Coaches at the highest standard throughout the season ensuring the team's success.
- Always demonstrates that the success and wellbeing of each student is his or her highest priority.

The West Bend Joint School District #1 is proud to serve more than 5,800 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 for more information.

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Photo: James Danaher