



# Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association

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Luke Francois, Administrator  
100 Field Drive  
Waterford, WI 53185

Dear Luke Francois:

On behalf of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association, I extend congratulations to **Waterford Union HS**, director **Leigh Birmingham**, and your students who participated in the State One-Act Play Contest, held as part of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Theatre Festival, November 20-22, 2025 at UW-Stevens Point. Your school district's commitment to performing arts gives your student-artists a means for creative expression, confidence in development of the skills theatre teaches, and ability to connect with peers from across the state. This *performing arts sport* gives non-athletic students a place to belong and cultivate their dignity in the face of both success and failure.

The cast of the play, *The Sweet Science of Bruising* received the **Critic's Choice Award** for their production, representing an elite level of achievement at the State Festival. Additionally, the production earned: **Ensemble Award, Directing Award, and Technical Theatre Award**. Plus, earning Outstanding Acting Awards - **Bayley Kester** as "Professor Charlie Sharpe", **Hannah Bruce** as "Violet Hunter", **Kate Fick** as "Matilda Blackwell", **Kylie Koszarek** as "Polly Stokes", **Layla Raebel** as "Anna Lamb"

Thank you for supporting interscholastic performing arts in your school district. You should be extremely proud of this entire cast and crew who represented Waterford Union HS and your district in such an outstanding manner. We look forward to their continued participation in future festivals.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Jacobi  
Executive Director

cc: Leigh Birmingham  
Dan Foster

