

3. RECOGNITION

A. SUBJECT

The administration recommends Board of Education recognition for the following individuals.

B. INFORMATION

3.1 2024-25 Winter Art Show Award Winners

The Winter 2024-25 Art Show was held from December 11 through January 6 at the Woodstock Public Library. Hundreds of pieces of original work created by students at all levels were included in the exhibit, which has become a popular draw for library visitors. From the total collection, the District 200 art teachers selected one piece from each school to receive an award. Each piece will be purchased from the artist for a nominal fee and permanently displayed in the artist’s school. In addition, one piece was chosen by the Superintendent and will be displayed in the District 200 Administrative Services Center. The students’ work will be on display at the Board meeting and then sent to their schools. Congratulations to each of these talented artists and to their teachers.

Owen Fiorina *	WNHS	Grade 12
Maggie Healless	Dean Street	Grade 3
Isaac Kaluza	Olson	Grade 3
Lincoln Kuzynowski	Prairiewood	Grade 5
Kaylee Lanham	Mary Endres	Grade 3
Emmett Loser	Creekside	Grade 8
Emma Malo	Westwood	Grade 5
Ayana Perez	Northwood	Grade 7
Kylie Sanderson	Greenwood	Grade 5
Eric Smith	Clay	Grade 9
Jimena Vega	WNHS	Grade 12
Ineta Wilson	WHS	Grade 12

* Superintendent’s Award

3.2 **WHS Theatre – Illinois State High School Theatre Festival**

For the first time in almost 20 years, a District 200 school was awarded a slot at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival, which is the “All-State” of high school theatre in Illinois! The application process to take *One-Act Double Feature: Hotline* and *An Experiment* started in early fall, followed by representatives from the state Theatre Festival coming to see the show in November and hosting a talk-back session with the cast and crew. Fourteen shows were selected to represent the best of high school theatre in Illinois at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign on January 9-11. Congratulations to these very talented WHS thespians, and to theatre co-directors Billy Seger and Christy Johanson, and costume designer Kristi Geggie.

Mayra Altamirano

Nevaeh Crogan

Annamaria DiBenedetto

Teagan Harvey

Lydia Johanson

Sadie Keenan

Jax Kozlak

Vanna Kozlow

Addison Liput

Tochtli Olivas Gutierrez

Anne Victoria Perez

Tyler Raczon

Nina Schuldt

Allie Vosters

Hailey Ziegler

3.3 **Ian Hansen – 2025 National Merit Scholarship Finalist**

Approximately 1.3 million 2024 high school juniors (i.e., this year’s seniors) took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) and met other program requirements to enter the 2025 competition for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition and scholarships. From that group, high scorers were identified and 16,000 qualified as Semifinalists – the highest-scoring entrants in each state. In February, the National Merit Scholarship Corp further narrowed the field and announced this year’s Finalists. District 200 is proud to have a student among this prestigious group. Woodstock High School senior **Ian Hansen** has been named a National Merit Finalist. Being a National Merit Finalist is a significant achievement and can be included on college applications, resumes, and other professional documents, and many colleges and universities give preferential treatment to National Merit Finalists in the admissions process. In addition, the Finalists are eligible to receive a variety of financial scholarships which will be announced later in the year. Congratulations to Ian on this outstanding achievement!

3.4 District 200 Staff Spotlight – Dean Street Elementary School

Staff Spotlight is a Board of Education initiative to recognize outstanding staff members. Throughout the year, school principals will identify one certified and one classified staff member from their building to be honored for exceptional effort in their jobs. We are proud to recognize the following individuals from Dean Street Elementary School:

Jane Britton	Attendance Secretary
Allisen Mueller	3 rd Grade Teacher

Congratulations to Jane and Allisen, and thank you for your outstanding efforts on behalf of your students.

C. RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent recommends Board of Education recognition for these individuals.

D. SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to introduce the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 wishes to recognize the contributions of these individuals, and

WHEREAS, District 200 has benefited as a result of these accomplishments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 hereby bestows special recognition and a certificate of achievement on behalf of the citizens of the District.