

# Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance (WiRSA)

## Student Teacher Scholarship Winners 2019-2020

### Region 1: Kaylie Schelinske | [UW-Stevens Point](#)



My name is Kaylie Schelinske and I am a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. I am majoring in Elementary Education and have a minor in Spanish. I am originally from Plymouth, WI and graduated in 2016 from Plymouth Comprehensive High School. I am currently student teaching in Rio Elementary. During third quarter I am teaching second grade and fourth quarter, I will move to fourth grade. I am excited to be entering the field of education and positively impact the future generation to become the best versions of themselves.

### Region 2: Jenna Hamilton | [UW-Platteville](#)



My name is Jenna Hamilton, and I am a senior studying Middle Childhood-Early Adolescence (6-12/13) Education at the University of Wisconsin Platteville. Currently I am student teaching at Westby Middle School in fifth grade until the end of quarter three and will finish out quarter four at Cashton Elementary in second grade.

As my college experience comes to an end, I am always asked the question, “Where do you want to teach after you graduate?” My response is, I want to be a member of a rural educational team where I can make a difference in the lives of our students every day! I relate back to my personal experiences of attending a rural school and all the phenomenal educational experiences I was fortunate to have. Those experiences solidify my decision; I want to teach at a rural school. My personal experiences of growing up in rural Wisconsin and graduating from the Kickapoo Area School District, gives me an invaluable insight as to how it feels and what the setting looks like for students in the classroom, with extra-curricular activities and in the community. Teaching is such a rewarding profession, and I hope to make a positive impact on my future students just like my teachers did for me.

### Region 3: Alison Berreth | [UW-Eau Claire](#)



My name is Ali Berreth and I am currently a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire studying Early Childhood and Special Education. I love academics, being in the school’s marching band, and working with children. I have officially started student teaching and I am so excited to graduate soon and begin my career as a teacher! I have gotten the pleasure to have many different experiences in early childhood centers, general education classrooms, special education programs, and now a student teaching placement in a rural school. I have always had such a passion for education, and I am excited to bring my passion to students and to be a part of many student’s lives and watch them grow and learn.

**Region 4:** Kiersten Rogowski | [UW-River Falls](#)



My name is Kiersten Rogowski and I am from Mosinee, WI. I grew up in a rural community where I was homeschooled for the first few years of my education, and later enrolled in the Mosinee Public School system. From my experiences in both homeschooling and the agriculture program at MHS, I found my passion for Agricultural Education and its importance in our everyday lives. This led me to the University of Wisconsin – River Falls and the Agricultural Education major. I am currently placed at Edgar High School to complete my student teaching requirement for my last semester as a UWRF student. One of my goals as a future educator is to help provide agricultural experiences to all students with or without a background in agriculture. After graduation I hope to stay in central Wisconsin area to help provide these experiences to future generations.