

Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance (WiRSA)
Spring Student Teacher Scholarship Winners 2020–2021



Region 1: Andrew Reinemann – UW-Oshkosh

My name is Andrew Reinemann, and I am pursuing a Masters's degree in Education with an emphasis in School Counseling at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. In 2019, I graduated from St. Norbert College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. Currently, I am interning as a Student School Counselor at Stockbridge School District! I am originally from Howards Grove, Wisconsin where I grew up and learned to love rural communities. As I continue in my education and in my internships, I grow more and more passionate about helping children and adolescents in all aspects of their lives. I hope to one day, use my experiences to help those students in a rural community and truly make a difference in their lives, just as my teachers and counselors did for me!



Region 2: Miranda Myszka – Viterbo

My name is Miranda Myszka and I am a senior at Viterbo University majoring in English Education. I hail from Edgar, WI where I graduated from Edgar High School. I am currently student teaching in De Soto High School for third quarter. During fourth quarter, I will move to teaching middle school. I am enthusiastic to start my teaching career, and I cherish the mentorship and relationships I will develop along the way.



Region 3: Kashes Franz – UW-Stout

My name is Kashes Franz. I am a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. I am majoring in Early Childhood Education with a concentration in Special Education. I am from Fountain City, Wisconsin, and graduated in 2017 from Cochrane Fountain City High School. I am currently student teaching at Osseo-Fairchild Elementary School in a kindergarten classroom. Next quarter, I will be student teaching at Spring Valley Elementary School in a first-grade classroom. I am looking forward to the day where I can

teach, encourage, and inspire children. Many teachers throughout my life have been a big inspiration to me. They have taught me much more than the academic part of school, but also valuable life lessons. I want to make a difference in children's lives and help guide them to make the right choices in life, to motivate and inspire them.



Region 4: Leah Hoogland – UW – Stevens Point

My name is Leah Hoogland, and I'm from a small town called Catawba in northern rural Wisconsin. I am a senior at UW Stevens Point. My major is Family and Consumer Sciences Education, and I am student teaching this semester near my hometown at Phillips High School in Phillips, WI. Attending a rural district, the Prentice School District, as a student and now student teaching in another rural district has only fueled my passion for educating the members of a rural community myself. I wasn't always sure I wanted to be an educator, but after being introduced to Family and Consumer Sciences, I knew I wanted to share the important life skills that

are included in this content area with students who really need and can use utilize this information.

Being raised in a small, close-knit community has taught me the importance of taking initiative, working together, and being kind. I have taken these lessons with me throughout my college experience and used them to become the leader I am today. As I graduate this semester, I look forward to searching for a job in a rural Wisconsin community to continue sharing my talents and making a difference in the lives of students.