

Rotary

Club of Whitnall Park



Serving Greendale, Greenfield, Hales Corners & Muskego
since 1975

Student Scholarship Recognition Dinner

MAY 21, 2025

5:30 P.M.



Program

Welcome	Dan Weber President
Pledge of Allegiance	Dan Weber President
Opening Prayer	Rob Petri, Youth Services Director
Introduction of Guests	Rob Petri, Youth Services Director
Presentation of Scholarships	Rob Petri, Youth Services Director
Closing Remarks	Dan Weber, President

What is Rotary?

Rotary is an International Service Organization of business and professional men and women whose motto is “people of action.” Rotarians provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The Whitnall Park Rotary Club serves the area southwest of Milwaukee, including the communities of Greendale, Greenfield, Hales Corners and Muskego.

The Whitnall Park Rotary Club is proud to present scholarships to eight deserving graduating Seniors, chosen from four area high schools (Greendale HS, Greenfield HS, Martin Luther HS and Whitnall HS) on an annual basis. Numerous qualified scholarship applications are submitted from ambitious ladies and gentlemen who demonstrate superior academic, extracurricular, community involvement, volunteer efforts and will be enrolling in a 4-year university or two-year technical school. Applications include letters of recommendation and an essay. These allow insight into a student's future academic plans and information they would like to share regarding their family and how they have chosen their career path.

We are tremendously proud to honor the service and efforts of these deserving individuals, their families and guests here with us tonight.

The Four-Way Test

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO EACH OF YOU!!!**

Marina Walczak
Whitnall High School



Plans: University of Madison

Career Ambition: Actuarial Science, focus on Healthcare

Activities: WHS Tennis, Girls Who Code, CERN Science Experiment, Battle of the Books, AP Scholar Award with Distinction, High Honors Distinction every semester, National Merit Scholarship Finalist

Service: National Honor Society, Leo Club, Student Council, Stake Youth Leadership Council, Young Women's Quorum

Excerpts from Essay Submitted: "The idea of performing impossible calculations and applying them to real-life issues lights a fire inside me that I can't bear to put out." "My experience as a pharmacy technician ... exposed me to the complexities of health insurance. My work has led me to recognize the importance of health insurance and fostered my passion for working in the health insurance industry."

Elias Argyres
Whitnall High School



Plans: Milwaukee School of Engineering

Career Ambition: Actuarial Science

Activities: Altar server at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, WHS Swim and Dive (Captain), WHS Track and Field, WHS Cross Country, WHS Mathlete, National Honor Society (Treasurer), High Honor Distinction every semester, AP Scholar with Distinction, MVP of WHS Swim and Dive Team

Service: Volunteer at numerous activities at Church, Special Olympics Basketball scorekeeper, Peer Mentor, Youth Football Superbowl

Excerpts from Essay Submitted: "I feel in control and at peace with myself while doing math in school and math classrooms have been my sanctuary." "My life revolves around numbers, and I absolutely love it." "Actuarial Science revolves around predicting risk for insurance companies and more importantly could not exist without numbers."

Kallie LaPointe

Greendale High School



Plans: Winona State University

Career Ambition: Nursing

Activities: DECA (Treasurer), Greendale Soccer (Captain), Club Soccer, Student Equity, Student Council, Track & Field, Pickleball Club, CNA Certification via WCTC (March 2025), Spanish Immersion student in Costa Rica (2024)

Service: DECA park cleanup, Assisting elderly in the community with lawn and snow, Volunteer at Children's Hospital Golf Outing and Dan Mattis Golf Outing, Volunteer at Lion's Club Corn Roast stand at State Fair

Excerpt from Essay Submitted: "Becoming a nurse means stepping into the shoes of someone who is ready to serve, ready to listen, and ready to stand beside people when they are most vulnerable. I am excited to answer that call."

Raelyn Tetting

Greenfield High School



Plans: University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Career Ambition: Actuarial Science

Activities: Greenfield Basketball (Captain), Greenfield Cross Country (Captain), GHS Swim and Dive, Student Senate, National Honor Society, Athletic Leadership Council, Spanish National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, High Honor Roll all semesters, Electric Superhero of the Week

Service: Maple Grove volunteer, Math Tutoring, Greenfield 4th of July parade volunteer, GHS concessions volunteer

Excerpt from Essay Submitted: "Last semester, I was enrolled in the Introduction to Actuarial Science class at UWM. This class finalized my decision because I enjoyed it so much! " "Besides that, I have small goals I set continuously for myself. I just completed my first marathon last June, and currently I am teaching myself how to play the piano."

Jillian Steinmeyer
Whitnall High School



Plans: University of Wisconsin – La Crosse

Career Ambition: Psychology

Activities: DECA (VP of Finance), National Honor Society, National Arts Honor Society (Secretary), WHS Cross Country, WHS Track & Field, High Honor Roll all semesters

Service: St Mary's altar server, Children's Art Day (Coordinator), Adopt a Highway, DECA Food Drive (Coordinator), volunteer for food pantry and stuffed animal drives

Excerpts from Essay Submitted: "I want to be someone who listens with empathy, provides understanding, and offers guidance to help individuals navigate their darkest moments in a safe, supportive environment." "My goal is to help people heal on a personal level while also encouraging open conversations about mental health, making it easier for everyone to seek help when needed."

Carlos Lopez
Greenfield High School



Plans: Milwaukee Area Technical College

Career Ambition: Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology

Activities: Spanish National Honor Society, Youth Soccer (Assistant Coach)

Service: St Charles Borromeo usher, assist trade instructor with classes during free time.

Excerpts from Essay Submitted: "My trade instructor gave me the opportunity to attend a workshop at a local heating supplier. We took apart a furnace and put it back together. I was immediately drawn to the brainstorming required for this field of work. I like that the HVAC field is challenging and hands-on and requires a great deal of problem solving."

Gabriella Radke

Whitnall High School



Plans: University of Wisconsin – La Crosse

Career Ambition: Physical Therapy

Activities: Gymnastics (Captain), WHS Tennis, WHS Track & Field, National Honor Society (President), Student Council, International Club (President), DECA, Honor Roll all semesters, Academic All-State Silver Award, All-State 1st Team

Service: Volunteering at Church, leads volunteer activities with various school clubs

Excerpt from Essay Submitted: “Due to the nature of gymnastics ... I have experienced numerous injuries during my time on the team. I have gone to physical therapy three times.” “These experiences are what opened my eyes to the career of physical therapy.” “I want to help other athletes as much as my physical therapists helped me.”

Maya Siettmann

Whitnall High School



Plans: Marquette University

Career Ambition: Nurse Practitioner

Activities: WHS Swim Team manager, Student Council, Leo Club, International Club, National Honor Society (Historian), National Arts Honor Society, obtained CNA Certification

Service: Volunteer at various NHS events, volunteer at various Leo Club events, volunteer at various NAHS events.

Excerpt from Essay Submitted: “I took a three week Certified Nursing Assistant class and I especially appreciated the instructor’s message around positivity and taking time to understand what our patient might be facing.” “I would like to pursue a career in nursing to help patients feel better while advocating for their unmet needs. I envision delivering my nursing care with kindness and I hope to be the nurse my patients are happy to see at each visit.”