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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Kimberly Students Earned 178 Microsoft Certifications

**Kimberly, Wis. – August 13, 2018** – During the 2017-18 school year, a total of 61 [Kimberly High School](#) students in the [Business and Marketing](#) Microsoft Office College Series classes cumulatively earned 178 certifications. These students pursued the opportunity to validate their skills and knowledge by pursuing Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) exams.

Owen Ferkel, Class of 2018, earned certifications for six Microsoft Office programs: Outlook 2013, OneNote 2013, Access 2013, Excel 2013, Word 2013 and PowerPoint 2013.

“For students, MOS certifications boost academic performance, prepare them for the demands of college and open doors to career opportunities,” said Brad Brown, business & information technology teacher at Kimberly High School.

“Certifications give students an edge by providing globally recognized industry endorsed evidence of skills mastery, and demonstrating your abilities and willingness to embrace new technologies.”



Owen Ferkel, a recent Kimberly High School graduate, earned six Microsoft Office certifications this year.

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The students and the number of Microsoft certifications they received are listed below:

Michael Alt	3
Grant Asman	3
Taylor Baker	4
Tyler Barushak	3
Lindsie Bergeron	3
Jake Buchanan	2
Owen Campbell	3
Ben DeRoach	3
Maxwell Digman	3
Madison Driessen	1
Cameron Dudek	2
Lauren Elliott	3
Aarika Esslinger	4
Owen Ferkel	6
Ryan Fries	5
Samuel Friese	3
James Gaffney	4
Sarah Godin	3
Daniel Guilette	4
Cody Haack	1
Kenneth Hang	2

Nolan Harke	2
Sylvia Hinds	2
Charlie Jacobson	3
Carl Johnson	2
Spencer Johnson	2
Riley Krueger	4
Noah Leffel	5
Joseph Lemancik	3
Stephen Littrell Jr	3
Nicholas Logan	4
Tandawae Malsavage	1
Elijah Manns	1
Joshua Marksberry	2
Jacob Mau	5
Gavin Mcbrair	2
Makayla Meyer	2
Sydney Morgan	4
Matthew Nelson	2
Kade Neville	1
Caden Noffke	4
Taylor Paschen	1

Tyler Re	5
Adler Reschke	3
Drew Riegsecker	2
Graciana Roth	4
Jacob Schiessl	3
Sophia Schinke	4
Mitchell Scholz	3
Kaitlyn Schroeder	4
Paige Schumacker	4
Becca Sesto	2
Danielle Tetzlaff	3
Julia Thompson	4
Lucy Updike	2
Drew VanderMissen	4
Parker Vanlerberghe	4
Sierra Wille	3
Deiondre Williams	2
Shaylan Wilson	1
Jack Zeihen	1

“Microsoft Office Specialist certification builds individual distinction and prepares students for an increasingly competitive workforce,” said Brown. Microsoft Office Specialist exams are an industry recognized standards based credential for validating Microsoft Office skills. The MOS certification is recognized globally by

academia and businesses as the premier credential for individuals seeking to validate their knowledge, skills and abilities related to the Microsoft Office applications.

The exams help prove that students are academically and professionally prepared for success. In addition to earning certification, students who successfully complete the Microsoft Office College Series class, earn 2 credits from Fox Valley Technical College. Brown added, “By offering Microsoft Office Specialists certification, Kimberly High School is showing the high priority they place on technology in education and on helping their students succeed in higher education and the workforce.” Students who pursue certifications while in high school are reaching their potential and preparing for life after graduation.

### **About the Kimberly Area School District**

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,100 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us).