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Kimberly Student and Principal to Receive Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Awards

Kimberly, Wis. – March 13, 2019 – The [Kimberly Area School District](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us) is proud to have two honorees among those to receive 2019 [Herb Kohl Educational Foundation](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us) Student Initiative Scholarship and Principal Leadership Awards.

Klaire Kulas, a senior at [Kimberly High School \(KHS\)](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us), is a recipient of a Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Student Initiative Scholarship. She is involved with many KHS choirs, including the concert choir, mixed vocal jazz and the Satins. Kulas is also an active member in Kimberly High School Theatre productions.



“Next year I am planning to go to either UW-Milwaukee or UW-Eau Claire to pursue a degree in choral music education, to hopefully become a music teacher one day,” said Kulas. “I am so thankful my teachers and administrators believe in me and my future. This scholarship will be so vital in my education and future plans. It relieves some of the pressures of paying for college.” She is a great example of a student who is reaching their potential by pursuing opportunities in the arts.

Herb Kohl Student Initiative Scholarship recipients, chosen by their school, have demonstrated exceptional initiative in the classroom and have shown strong promise for succeeding in college and beyond, but have not yet received other academic-based scholarships. This year the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation is awarding students throughout Wisconsin with \$10,000 Student Initiative Scholarships.

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Dave Lamers, principal of [Woodland Intermediate School](#), was honored with a Principal Leadership Award from the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation. Lamers started his career in education teaching fifth grade and then English Language Arts and Social Studies in Ashwaubenon. He has been serving and leading students in the Kimberly Area School District for 12 years.



When Lamers first joined the Kimberly Area School District, he worked as a pupil services coordinator. He then became an assistant principal at J.R. Gerritts Middle School. Since the 2014-15 school year, Lamers has served as the principal of Woodland Intermediate School.

“It is an honor to win the Kohl Educational Foundation's Principal Leadership Award,” said Lamers. “The award recognizes excellence in education and a commitment to continuous improvement. I consider myself fortunate to work with a team of talented and caring colleagues, staff and families who are dedicated to the shared goal of providing our community's youth with the best learning experience possible.”

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Principal Leadership Award recipients receive a \$6,000 award and a matching grant to their school. Only 100 teachers and 16 principals in Wisconsin were recognized by the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation in 2019.

The Kohl Foundation Scholarship and Fellowship program was established by Herb Kohl, philanthropist and businessman, in 1990. To date the foundation has awarded \$17.8 million to Wisconsin educators, principals, students and schools. “Education is the key to the future of Wisconsin and our nation. I am very proud of the accomplishments of these students, teachers, and principals and look forward to the great contributions they will make in the future,” Kohl said.

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.