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Kimberly Students Earned 147 Microsoft Certifications

Kimberly, Wis. – October 3, 2019 – During the 2018-19 school year, a total of 47 [Kimberly High School](#) (KHS) students in the [Business and Marketing](#) Microsoft Office College Series classes cumulatively earned 147 certifications. These students pursued the opportunity to validate their skills and knowledge through Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) exams.

Alison Zanzig, a current senior, earned certifications for seven Microsoft Office programs: Outlook 2013, OneNote 2013, Access 2013, Excel 2013, Word 2013, PowerPoint 2013 and SharePoint 2013.

“Through my experience in the Microsoft Office class, I have learned many valuable skills,” said Alison Zanzig, current student at KHS. “By gaining these certifications you are preparing yourself for a potential future career by having the skills that many employers look for, as well as the knowledge of a popular software for personal use.”



Alison Zanzig, a current senior at Kimberly High School, earned seven Microsoft Office certifications.

“Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications recognize greatness in students,” said Brad Brown, Business and Information Technology teacher at Kimberly High School. “Becoming certified as a Microsoft Office Specialist in programs such as Word, Excel or PowerPoint shows students and their future employers that they are proficient users of the application.”

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

Nathan Barlow	4
Abraham Bauer	4
Lauren Bischel	4
Elias Coronado	3
Lane Dercks	2
Zachary DeRidder	4
Jada Draheim	1
Lauren Dresang	3
Mackenzie Galeazzi	2
Jake Hanamann	1
Kayla Hietpas	4
Perris Howard	3
Lukas Islinger	2
Tarek Kawar	2
Gunnar Keck	5
Kaden Kemp	3

Jack Kieffer	2
Chloe Knuppel	2
Josh Krause	3
Landon Krause	4
Ryan Krizenesky	3
Caleb Laundrie	4
Ashton Lehman	2
Andrew Linzmeier	4
Spencer Loebbaka	3
Phenix Loesche	3
Conner Lund	4
Andrew Martin	4
Alexis Merten	2
Dylan Nelson	2
Carli Ourada	2
Ana Rank	6

Trevor Reese	5
Laken Reschke	2
Abigail Reuning	5
Tanner Rowe	2
Max Sanderfoot	2
Gwynn Sanders	3
Amanda Schmidt	3
Douacee Thao	2
Braeden Thies	2
Michael Thompson	4
Madison Wallace	2
William Weisgerber	3
Blake Westmoreland	4
Kellen Winus	4
Alison Zanzig	7

“Microsoft Office Specialist certifications give students the confidence and motivation to succeed both in school and in a profitable career,” 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.



Ana Rank, a Class of 2019 graduate, earned six Microsoft Office certifications last year.

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 two credits from Fox Valley Technical College.

“Advice I would share with students who are trying to pursue these certifications is to familiarize yourself with the different applications rather than just focusing on getting the skills from the book correct,” said Zanzig. “In my experience, by understanding the software as a whole and being able to know all the contents in each of them, it made the individual skills much easier to comprehend.”

By offering Microsoft Office Specialist certifications, Kimberly High School is demonstrating that technology education is a priority. 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 5,000 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.

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