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### **West Bend East and West High Schools Distribute Senior Athletic Awards**

West Bend – On May 19, the West Bend East and the West Bend West Athletic Departments held events to pay tribute to senior student-athletes and announce winners of several awards.

The West Bend East Athletic Department and the West Bend West Athletic Department announce winners of the 2024 athletic senior awards:

**Carl Pick Memorial Award for Outstanding East Male Athlete:** Awarded to the most outstanding senior male athlete at West Bend East.  
Cutler Schmidt (football, basketball, baseball)

**Andy Pick Memorial Award for Outstanding West Male Athlete:** Awarded to the most outstanding senior male athlete at West Bend West.  
Connor Mirasola (wrestling) and Cole Mirasola (wrestling)

**Nancy & Alan Pick Award for Outstanding Female Athlete:** Awarded to the most outstanding senior female athlete at West Bend East and at West Bend West.  
East: Natalie Nass (tennis, gymnastics, soccer, Dolphins)  
West: Lindsay Sandleback (volleyball, softball)

**3 for 4 Awards:** Seniors who have participated in three sports per year for four years are recognized for their commitment and dedication to academics and athletics.  
East: Ian Gates (football, basketball, golf/baseball)

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West: Jeremy Kehoe (cross country, basketball, baseball/track and field)  
Cameron McAndrews (football, basketball, baseball/track and field)  
Brayden Voge (soccer, bowling, baseball/track and field)

**Coaches Award:** Awarded to female and male senior athletes at each school who have shown outstanding leadership, effort, and integrity.

East: Peyton Howard (volleyball, track and field) and Ian Gates (football, basketball, golf/baseball)

West: Clara Corbett (volleyball, softball) and Franklin Kunfira (soccer, track and field)

**WIAA Scholar Athlete:** Awarded to a female and male athlete from each school who have earned at least four varsity letters and earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

East: Anya Kaehny (golf, gymnastics) and Mason Roell (basketball, baseball)

West: Makayla Cibulka (gymnastics, track and field) and Connor Mirasola (wrestling)

**West Bend East and West Bend West Scholar Athlete:** Awarded to a female and male athlete from each school who meet the WIAA Scholar Athlete criteria and have earned special accomplishments and abilities, and shown leadership.

East: Kathleen Wiedmeyer (volleyball, softball) and Oliver DeCeuster (soccer, golf, track, bowling, Dolphins)

West: Annabelle Gonnering (cross country, track and field) and Owen Damkot (soccer)

**Spartan Spirit Award:** This award recognizes a Spartan athlete that went above and beyond when it came to building school culture and improving the school climate.

Archie Hughes (cross country, wrestling, track and field)

**U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete:** The Department of the Army awards medals to more than 300,000 students across the country because it believes that young people should strive to be "the best they can be." A male and a female athlete from each school who excels in the classroom and on the athletic field are chosen.

East: Mackenzie Delaney (cross country, softball, track and field) and Cooper Cramer (football, basketball, baseball, track and field)

West: Alexandra Wagner (volleyball, Dolphins) and Aaron Ruplinger (tennis)

**U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete:** The United States Marine Corps annually recognizes seniors for being an exemplary young citizen and role model for younger students and, as varsity athletes, for exhibiting the personal traits of courage, poise, self-confidence, and leadership.

East: Nina Steinhaus (tennis, gymnastics, track and field) and Mason Roell (basketball, baseball)  
West: Makayla Cibulka (gymnastics, track and field) and Cameron McAndrews (football, basketball, baseball, track and field)

The West Bend Joint School District #1 is proud to serve more than 6,300 students and their families from the city of West Bend, villages of Jackson and Newburg, and townships of Barton, Polk, Trenton, Jackson, West Bend, and Addison. We strive to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts, and co-curricular activities. Within our community-based 4K program, Head Start program, five elementary schools (K-4), one intermediate school (5-6), one middle school (7-8), and two high schools (9-12), families can expect a caring, inclusive learning environment that supports the development of the whole child. Visit [www.west-bend.k12.wi.us](http://www.west-bend.k12.wi.us) for more information.

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Photos:

West Male Pick Award Winners left to right: Cole Mirasola, Ben Bast (former winner who presented the award), Connor Mirasola

West Female Pick Award Winner: Lindsay Sandleback

East Male Pick Award Winner left to right: Tony Spaeth (former winner who presented the award) and Cutler Schmidt

East Female Pick Award Winner left to right: Brittany Boyer (former winner who presented the award) and Natalie Nass