

# POINTS of Pride

**Auburn Washburn**  
Unified School District 437

## Skills for Success

Pauline South sixth grader Evelyn Diaz Reyes poses for a photo with her family during the first ever Skills for Success Banquet. The special night provided a chance to recognize a select group of students who have gone above and beyond. It was held in February 2019 and was hosted by superintendent Dr. Scott McWilliams and the Auburn-Washburn Board of Education. The banquet celebrated students who have demonstrated several of the attributes being stressed in the current strategic plan.



## Art Award

Washburn Rural High School Junior Sunny Chen won the Kansas Congressional Art Competition, and her art will hang in the tunnel that leads to the Capitol in Washington DC for a year. She is representing the 2nd district of Kansas. Her winning work is titled "Whispers" and the medium is charcoal.



## National Performing Arts Award

Washburn Rural High School was named as the National Performing Arts School of Excellence by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA). This award is given to just one school in the nation each year. The performing arts award encompasses band, orchestra, vocal music, theatre, dance, speech, and debate.



## National Debate Champions

Jake Berry, Grace Kessler, Jimin Park, and Raina Peter shared the 2019 National Debate Championship by topping 173 other teams at the competition in Dallas.



## Hall of Fame Induction

Washburn Rural High School Speech & Debate Coach Cindy Burgett was inducted into the National Speech & Debate Association Hall of Fame. Burgett has been coaching at WRHS for over 30 years. As coach at WRHS, she had led one of the state's most successful programs for decades. She was inducted during a ceremony on June 16 during the national tournament in Dallas. She is among six from throughout the US to be inducted this year.

## Community Service Award

Washburn Rural High School senior Ethan Tatro was named a Distinguished Finalist for the National Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Ethan led efforts to provide a book for every student at Pauline Central.



## Athletic Champions

Congratulations to our students who were crowned state champions!

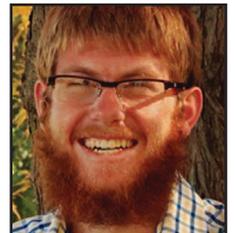


This year's 6A State Champions were: Campbell Bagshaw, Tenna Whitmore, Emma Krueger, Shelbey Wichman, Carly Bachelor, Sheridan Wichman, Shelby Ebert, Katelynn Brogan, Riley Bagshaw, Kasey Hamilton, and Lakhota Conklin in Girls Basketball; State Wrestling Champion Preston Williams; State Bowling Champion Lauren Buchanan; and State Track & Field Champion Jaybe Shufelberger.

## National Merit Finalists

Five Washburn Rural High School students were named National Merit Finalists, placing them in the top 1% of students nationwide. This included William Baker, Jacob Berry, Marissa Christensen, Kai Glashauser, and Hunter Turner.

Simon Santiago was named National Merit Hispanic Scholar placing him in the top 2% of all Hispanic students.



## Strategic Plan 2021: Year 3 - Inspiring, Challenging, and Preparing Every Child, Every Day

### Student Goals

- Goal 1 – To improve the academic performance of each student.
- Goal 2 – To develop skills for success with each student.

### District Priorities that Support Student Goals

- Outstanding Staff
- Community Engagement
- Effective Resource Management
- Safe, Well-Maintained and Current Facilities

### By the Numbers

- 2018-19 enrollment was 6,295 w/ 95.4% attendance rate
- 201 students graduated with 12 or more hours of college credit, a Career Technical Education (CTE) credential, or Military Service
- 113 students graduated with cumulative, weighted, GPAs of 4.0 or higher
- 92.5% of graduates reported pursuing post-secondary education (*includes 2 & 4 year, vocational, military and apprenticeship.*)

