

# POINTS of Pride

Auburn Washburn Unified School District 437

## Theatre

The Washburn Rural High School presentation of the play, The Book of Will has been selected to for a mainstage performance at the International Thespian Festival in Indiana University.

## 6A State Champions – Washburn Rural High School



- 4-Speaker Debate – Sonya Doubledee, Donna Jalosjos, JiYoon Park, & Zach Willingham
- 2-Speaker Debate – Karissa Kromminga & Lauren Reed
- Dance Team
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Wrestling Team and Individual Champions Aiden Boline & Austin Fager

## Spelling

Shawnee County Spelling Bee  
First Place

**Prajeet Akula**, Grade 5, Indian Hills

## State Art Competition

State Scholastic Art Competition  
National Visions Nominee (Best of Show)

**Annah Brighton**

Washburn Rural High School

## Niche Award

Auburn-Washburn ranked Niche #1 in district in Shawnee County and #5 in Kansas



## District Rating

Auburn-Washburn ranked #3 on the Kansas Top 25 list by Ingram's Magazine.



## Staff Recognition

### 2022 Milken Educator Award

*Ryan Pfeifer*  
Washburn Rural High School  
Science Teacher



### 2022 Kansas Horizon Award

*Ivan Torres*  
Washburn Rural High School  
Spanish Teacher

## Speech and Debate National Champions

Policy Debate  
JiYoon Park and Zach Willingham

## National History Day

Seven Washburn Rural Middle School students (five projects) qualified to compete in the National History Day.

- Jadyne Barnett and Lucy Hundley with project Mary Church Terrell: Lifting as We Climb
- Sophie Heinen with project The American Plan: The Forgotten War on Venereal Diseases
- Haley Reiff with project Frances Perkins: Making Deals with Great Zeal
- Audrey Appuhn and Campbell Hight with project Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Tree: Penelope Laingen and the Yellow Ribbon Project
- Rebecca Reed with project The Games Must Go On ★

## National Merit Scholars

Finalists (top 1% in nation)



*Karyna Cheung*



*Victoria Wagner*



*Om Watson*

Commended Scholars (top 5% in nation)

**Donna Jalosjos**  
**Rishiraj Pandya**  
**Zachary Willingham**

**Gorata MacKenzie** – African American Program Scholar

**Landen Lobatos-Dick** – Hispanic Program Scholar

**Alex Sanderson** – Hispanic Program Scholar

**Victoria Wagner** – Indigenous Program Scholar

