
West Bend High School Awards Ceremony
Honoring Youth Apprentices
West Bend, Wisconsin
May 16, 1994

THANK YOU, JOHN (Torinus).

IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE AT WEST BEND ... HOME OF CHAMPIONS.

THINK ABOUT IT, THIS YEAR ALONE: EAST WON THE SUMMER BOYS BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ... WEST BOYS CROSS COUNTRY WERE STATE CHAMPS ... AND EAST GIRLS VOLLEYBALL WERE STATE CHAMPS.

AND TOMORROW NIGHT, EAST GIRLS TRACK IS GOING FOR THE TRIPLE CROWN!

THAT'S A PRETTY IMPRESSIVE RECORD.

BUT IT DOESN'T REALLY SURPRISE ME, BECAUSE I AM HERE TONIGHT TO HONOR ELEVEN OF YOUR CLASSMATES WHO ARE CHAMPIONS THEMSELVES ... THE VERY FIRST GRADUATES OF WISCONSIN'S YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.

ALL OF YOU ARE PIONEERS ... THE FIRST IN WHAT I HOPE WILL BE A LONG, LONG LINE OF WISCONSIN STUDENTS FOLLOWING IN YOUR PATH.

WHEN ALL OF YOU WALK ACROSS THIS VERY STAGE ON MAY 9TH OR 10TH FOR YOUR GRADUATION CEREMONY, YOU WILL RECEIVE MORE THAN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT ... A PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE THAT TELLS THE WORKING WORLD YOU ARE SKILLED ... AND READY TO GET THE JOB DONE.

I AM MORE EXCITED ABOUT THIS PROGRAM THAN ANYTHING ELSE I HAVE DONE AS GOVERNOR. BECAUSE OF PEOPLE LIKE ALL OF YOU, WISCONSIN IS GOING TO BE READY TO FACE THE 21ST CENTURY HEAD ON.

AS ANOTHER GREAT CHAMPION, WAYNE GRETZKY, HAS SAID: "YOU MISS 100% OF THE SHOTS YOU NEVER TAKE."

THAT CERTAINLY CAN'T BE SAID ABOUT ANY OF YOU.

ALL OF YOU HAVE TAKEN A SOLID SHOT FOR YOUR FUTURE.

YOU JUMPED AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING TODAY THAT WILL MEAN A BETTER LIFE FOR YOU TOMORROW.

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CONGRATULATIONS ... AND IT IS NOW MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT THESE
CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION:

Christine Davis

Michele Demler

Joe Gregoriou (greg-OR-eo)

Adam Muencheberg (MINCH-berg)

Mark Nordby

Brenda Radoll (RAY-doll)

Stacey Darmody (DAR-mo-dee)

Michael Gresser

Thomas Kannenberg (CAN-en-berg)

Justin Michalski (mi-HALL-ski)

Paul Nurkala (nur-KA-la)