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Ashwaubenon High School Student Earns Honors In Language Study Award

Ashwaubenon, WI – April 29, 2014 –Ashwaubenon High School student Emilie Enke is the 2014 recipient of the Wisconsin Association For Language Teachers (WAFLT) Honors in Language Study Award. Enke, a German Club member and German National Honor Society member, will be honored during the WAFLT’s Annual Conference in November.

The WAFLT Honors in Language Study Award may be conferred on students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in and commitment to their school's language programs. High school and post-secondary students who are enrolled in the most advanced world language course offered at their school are eligible. Schools may nominate one student from each language taught.

Enke has been enrolled in Ashwaubenon High School (AHS) German classes since she was an either grade student at Parkview Middle School. During her high school career, she has completed German IV, V and Deutsche Film und Literatur and is registered for Seminar Europa next year. Emilie has participated in German Club and German National Honor Society, as well as AHS’ German American Partnership Program (GAPP). According to AHS German Teacher Melanie Lasee, “Emilie has the maturity and foresight to look toward her future and set her goals accordingly. She is an independent thinker with well-considered opinions, yet she is always open to new ideas.”

In addition to studying German, Enke is also studying Spanish and is currently enrolled in Spanish IV. She is a member of AHS’ Link Crew, which is a freshman transition team that helps freshmen acclimate to high school. Being respected by her peers is evident by her selection as both a softball and volleyball team captain. Enke’s teachers also view her as a leader through her nomination to the Badger State Girls Government and Leadership Conference. “Emilie exercises the skills required to be a contributing member of society. She is an incredible young lady, who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in and commitment to the Ashwaubenon High School's language program both within and beyond the classroom”, said Lasee.

WAFLT is committed to the growth and expansion of language learning and teaching throughout the state. In addition, they offer numerous opportunities for professional development, grants and awards to language teachers at all levels of instruction. Their mission is to promote, strengthen and facilitate the teaching of life-long learning of world languages and cultures in schools and communities to meet the needs of our increasingly interdependent world. WAFLT has been serving Wisconsin teachers since 1913 and is one of the largest state language associations in the country.

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