

# 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Ceremony

## OF THE

## GERMAN LANGUAGE AND SCHOOL SOCIETY

Recognizing Outstanding Achievement in the

58<sup>th</sup> Annual DSSV German Essay Contest and the National AATG German Exam

Sunday, May 5, 2013 at 3:00 PM Marquette University High School Auditorium 3401 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI

## www.dssvwi.org

## German Language and School Society

The German Language and School Society, Wisconsin, Inc. (DSSV) was founded in Milwaukee on June 9, 1956. It was chartered as a nonpolitical, non-religious, and non-profit educational organization under the laws of the state of Wisconsin.

The goals of the Society have been stated as "promoting and stimulating interest in and understanding of the German language and culture" by means of an annual German Essay Contest.

This contest is open to students of all public and private high schools in the state of Wisconsin who are presently enrolled in a German class. Summer study trips to Germany and scholarships are awarded to those who qualify in these contests. The German Language and School Society conducts its annual contest in conjunction with the comprehensive German language test sponsored by the AATG.

The German Language and School Society is proud to have served the educational needs of our youth for over half a century.

The Society has sponsored 58 annual German Essay Contests.

34,351	Students have participated in these contests
8,490	Awards were presented to the students for outstanding achievement in these contests.
88	Study and vacation trips to Germany have been awarded

Contributions from individuals and German-American Societies raised over \$250,000 to fund this program. The German Language and School Society does not receive any governmental monetary grants.

The German Language and School Society wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the students and teachers who participated, as well as to our members and the many organizations, here and in Germany, who contributed so much to the success of this highly idealistic program.

We Gratefully Acknowledge the Financial Support and Other Assistance Received from the Following Organizations:

Contributing Four-week Study Trips to Germany:

Pädagogischer Austauschdienst

Bundesrepublik Deutschland

## Cash Awards

Over these past 58 years the German Language and School Society has had many friends, donors and volunteers. Other German-American organizations in the community have generously provided financial support. Numerous individuals have contributed funds for scholarships.

We continue to provide awards thanks to the support of these contributors:

- Estate of Eleanor Arneson
- Greater Milwaukee Foundation
  - o Theodore and Anna Grollmann Fund
  - o The Rudolf and Helga Kaden Fund
- German Language and School Society
- Wilma Giese
- German Fest Milwaukee, Inc. German Fest donates complimentary admission tickets to German Fest 2013 to all contest winners attending the Award Ceremony

Rudolf and Helga Kaden were long-time members of the DSSV who both passed away within a few months of each other in 2003. They were immigrants from Germany in the mid 1950's and met each other at the former Militzer's Bakery. The annual award ceremonies were held at Whitefish Bay High School for a number of years, where Rudi was the custodian. The Kadens assisted Fritz Keller for many years with the award presentations. They had no children and established a memorial fund with a substantial portion of their estate in order to "promote German language, culture and customs in the State of Wisconsin."

Eleanor Arneson and Theodore and Anna Grollman were German immigrants who wanted to preserve their heritage.

The DSSV sincerely thanks these generous donors.

## The DSSV needs your tax exempt contributions to sustain this program!

It is through the generosity of our donors that we are able to fund scholarship awards year after year for these outstanding students of German.

We also encourage donors to consider planning a gift to the DSSV through your estate.

For information regarding tax exempt contributions or bequests, please see page 20 of this program or visit our **website www.dssvwi.org.** 

Inquiries can also be sent to: donors@dssvwi.org

## German Language and School Society Wisconsin Inc.

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## **Contest Organization**

German Language and School Society, Wisconsin, Inc.

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## <u>AATG</u>

National German Language Test Administration

## Selection Committee

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## AATG Test and Awards

Each year, German students from Wisconsin high schools are eligible to participate in the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) sponsored comprehensive National German Language Test administered at high schools throughout Wisconsin by the German teachers at their schools. The Level 2 test is taken by students who have two years of high school German. The Level 3 test requires three years of study, and Level 4 requires 4 or more years of study. The Wisconsin AATG sponsors cash awards and medals and also invites students achieving the highest scores to participate in a selection committee interview held in Wisconsin during March of each year. Based on students' test scores and interview results, the AATG will nominate one or two students for four week summer study trips to Germany. The national AATG office evaluates the nominations from each state and determines the final winners of the Pädagogischer Austauschdienst. (PAD - German Student Exchange Program) sponsored 4 week summer study trips to Germany. The number of study trips sponsored by PAD as well as the number of these trips allocated by the national AATG office to German students in Wisconsin may vary from year to year.

## **DSSV Essay Contest and Awards**

The DSSV sponsors over one hundred cash awards annually for students with excellent performance on the AATG test. In addition, students taking the Level 3 or Level 4 AATG test are eligible to participate in the <u>DSSV-sponsored</u> German Essay contest. The essays written by these students are evaluated by a German Department faculty member from a Wisconsin university and students who have taken both the AATG test and have written a DSSV essay are eligible to compete for a separate DSSV-sponsored four week study trip to Germany as well as additional cash and book prizes. This trip is provided by PAD through its long-standing relationship with the DSSV.

Students with the top AATG test scores combined with the best DSSV essay performance will be invited to participate in selection committee interviews from which the DSSV grand prize winner and a runner-up will be determined.

These personal interviews are conducted every year in March by a panel of University of Wisconsin faculty members, AATG members, and representatives of the DSSV. Students must register for and participate in a personal interview in order to be selected as a trip winner.

These interviews are held in conjunction with the selection committee interviews for the AATG trip(s) on the same date and at the same Wisconsin location. While all students participating in the AATG test are eligible for ribbons, books and cash awards, <u>only students who have written a qualifying DSSV essay and taken the AATG test are eligible for the DSSV sponsored trip to Germany</u>.

German students throughout the State are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity to compete for the DSSV study trip to Germany. Wisconsin's high school German teachers are asked to encourage their students to participate in the DSSV Essay Contest. These teachers are also requested to facilitate their students' participation by disseminating contest information and administering the essay contest at their respective schools.

Facts and figures regarding the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual German Essay Contest 2012 - 2013 sponsored by the German Language and School Society, Wisconsin Inc.

- Students Participating: 766
- Schools Participating:
  - Taking AATG Test: 24
  - Writing Essays: 18
- 448 Essays were Submitted

The following awards are presented to qualifying students:

Two four-week study and vacation trips to Germany

- DSSV Trip Award
- AATG Trip Award

Cash scholarships totaling over \$8,000

We invite you to visit the DSSV's website. This site provides DSSV contest information for Wisconsin German students, teachers and parents. It also provides information related to the study of German in Wisconsin High Schools.

## www.dssvwi.org



May 5, 2013

GREETINGS!

On behalf of the City of Milwaukee, I would like to extend my support for the Deutscher Sprachund Schulverein for promoting and stimulating interest in and understanding of the German language and culture. Please accept my best wishes and appreciation for your service on behalf of the City of Milwaukee.

I commend The Deutscher Sprach-und Schulverein for sponsoring the annual essay contest for 58 years to students throughout the State of Wisconsin. The Deutscher Sprach-und Schulverein tradition of honoring the academic accomplishments of students that are studying German is admirable. You are an asset to the City of Milwaukee and a fine example of an organization that is committed to preserving history and culture amongst our diverse community. Along with the rest of the City, I want to show my full support for the Deutscher Sprach-und Schulverein as you continue to celebrate German language and further enrich the youth in our City.

Once again, congratulations to all participants of the Deutscher Sprach-und Schulverein's Annual Essay Contest. Best wishes for continued success and a joyous event!

Sincerely,

Mayor

Sarrell Tom Barrett

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## PROGRAM

## 58<sup>th</sup> Annual DSSV German Essay Contest and the National AATG German Contest Award Ceremony

Master of Ceremonies ..... Fred Keller

## **Presentations**

#### Presentations by Last Year's DSSV and AATG Trip Winners

Michael Sportiello, Brookfield Academy Laurel Tieman, Mukwonago High School

#### Special Guest Speaker

Bill Chapman Global Director OE Engineering, Johnson Controls Power Solutions

#### Presentation of the DSSV Grand Prize – Study Trip Award

Heiner Giese, President Deutscher Sprach-und Schulverein

#### Presentation of the Grand Prizes and Special Awards

Mark Wagner, German Teacher at Nicolet High School President, AATG Wisconsin Chapter

Dr. Michael Koch, Lecturer at Carroll College Wisconsin AATG Chapter Testing Chair

#### Presentation of Awards to the Winners in the DSSV German Essay Contest and the AATG National German Test

Presented by members of the Deutscher Sprach-und Schulverein

## A Reception will follow the Presentations

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

## 2013 Major Award Winners

## The winner of the 2013 German Language and School Society sponsored Grand Prize Study Trip to Germany and a \$200 Award is:

Molly Hetzel, Greenfield High School Teacher: Ms. Carley Goodkind

#### AATG Study Trip Winner and a \$200 Award

Jeffrey Benes, Wayland Academy Teacher: Mr. James Borrud

#### Senior Trip Nominee - \$150

William Jen, Nicolet High School Teacher: Mr. Mark Wagner

#### Top Essay – Gerhard & Lotte Rohr Memorial Award - \$200

Dana Kautzer, Wauwatosa West High School Teacher: Ms. Karin Awve

#### Second Place Essay – \$200

Rebecca Tibbetts, Eau Claire Memorial High School Teacher: Ms. Kerri Patton

#### Maria Keller Memorial Award - \$200

Madeline Griffith, Rufus King High School Teacher: Ms. Sabine Beirold

#### Wilma Giese Award - \$200

Carly Floyd, Milwaukee School of Languages Teachers: Ms. Janelle Morgan / Mr. Richard Wiegand

#### Karl Dudey Memorial Award - \$200

Chelsea Mattheis, Rufus King High School Teacher: Ms. Sabine Beirold

## Recipient of the Duden Award for the Outstanding Teacher and \$50

Mr. Jasonn Weber Mukwonago High School

**Recipient of the WAFLT Distinguished Educator Award and \$100** Wisconsin Association of Foreign Language Educators

Ms. Marge Draheim DSSV

## Der Aufsatz (2013 Essay Topic)

This year's Level 3 and 4 students were asked to write an essay in the German language on the theme **"Meine Lieblingsfreizeitaktivität"** Students described **"my favorite free time activity"** in detail.

In 2013, 448 essays from 18 schools throughout the State were submitted. They were evaluated and graded by Professor Garry Davis of the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. In addition to the Grand Prize winner, we would like to recognize the following students for writing the best essays and recognize their schools and German teachers.

## Top 30 Essays of 58<sup>th</sup> Annual DSSV German Essay Contest

	Name	School	Teacher
1	Dana Kautzer	Wauwatosa West HS	Karin Awve
2	Rebecca Tibbetts	Eau Claire Memorial HS	Kerri Patton
3	Chelsea Mattheis	Rufus King HS	Sabine Beirold
4	Carly Floyd	Milw School of Languages	Janelle Morgan / Richard Wiegand
5	Madeline Griffith	Rufus King HS	Sabine Beirold
6	Sabrina Black	Wauwatosa West HS	Karin Awve
7	Lydia Wehrley	Wauwatosa West HS	Karin Awve
8	Ernst Arnhold	Marquette University HS	Sy Kreilein
9	Nathan Schneider	Arrowhead HS, Hartland	Elizabeth Schueth
10	Hannah Dion Kirschner	Wauwatosa East HS	Eva Tuinstra
11	Natalia Coralic	Greenfield HS	Carley Goodkind
12	Sam Frederick	Wauwatosa West HS	Karin Awve
13	Abby Marino	Brookfield Academy	Klemens Graf
14	Elizabeth Schmeling	Arrowhead HS, Hartland	Elizabeth Schueth
15	Peter Gardner	Brookfield Academy	Klemens Graf
16	Melinda Szabo	Brookfield East HS	Elke Sommers-Johnson
17	Kaitlin Stoner	Arrowhead HS, Hartland	Elizabeth Schueth
18	Rebecca Kiernan-Reilly	Greenfield HS	Carley Goodkind
19	Sara Spry	Wauwatosa East HS	Eva Tuinstra
20	Molly Hetzel	Greenfield HS	Carley Goodkind
21	Katelyn Klieve	Greendale HS	Linda Havas
22	David Koehler	Milw School of Languages	Janelle Morgan / Richard Wiegand
23	Madeleine Carroll	Rufus King HS	Sabine Beirold
24	Calvin Mattheis	Milw School of Languages	Janelle Morgan / Richard Wiegand
25	Arek Kashian	Brookfield Academy	Klemens Graf
26	Jessica Stephens	Brookfield East HS	Elke Sommers-Johnson
27	Allison Eaton	Xavier High School	Jim Pfefferle
28	Anni Beamish Crouthamel	Rufus King HS	Sabine Beirold
29	Emily Skorik	Milw School of Languages	Janelle Morgan / Richard Wiegand
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## Excerpts from top essays submitted for the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual German Essay Contest:

#### "Meine Lieblingsfreizeitaktivität" - "My favorite free time activity"

In meinen Leben, have ich vielde Hobbies gehabt. Heute würde ich sagen, dass meine Lieblingsfreizeitaktivitäten schwimmen, Filme anschauen, und einkaufen gehen sind.

Man kann lessen, Geschichten schreiben, Sport treiben, sich mit Freunden treffen, oder Basteln und malen. So viele Möglichkeiten, so viele Menschen aber jeder ist anders.

Ich habe viele Lieblingsfreizeitaktivitäten aber ich denk, das Tanzen Nummer eins ist. Jeden Tag nachem ich meine Hausaufgaben gemacht habe, schalte ich mein Radio an und höre die Musik an.

Meine Lieblingsfreizeitaktivität is Lesen. Es past mir besser zu allein zu sein....Jedes Buch ist seine eigene Welt, und es gibt für jedes Buch ein bisschen Zauber.

Als ich ein kleines Kind war liebte ich das Wasser. Ich wollte immer schwimmen gehen.

Alle Leute, die mich kennen, wissen was meine Lieblingsfreizeitaktivität ist. Seit bevor ich mich erinnern kann war Lesen mein Liebingshobby. .... weil es so viele Arten von Büchern gibt.

Der Wind, das Wasser, die Ruhe. Wenn man in Nature ist, kann man wirklich relaxen. Meine Lieblingsfreizeitaktivität ist Campen. ...mit Familie bleiben für eine wunderbare Zeit.

Ausserhalf der Schule treibe ich keinen Sport. Ich spiele keine Instrumente. Ich lese und spiele Computerspiele gern, aber ich habe am liebsten den Robotik Klub.

Ich bin gut in der Schule, deshalb kann ich mein Hausaufgaben schnell machen. Auch arbeite ich nicht. Dafür habe ich viele Freizeit und nicht viel zu tun. Abe res gibt ein paar Aktivitäten, die ich liebe. Ich liebe lessen. Fast jeden Tag lese ich ein Buch.

Kommen Sie bitte für ein Moment in meines Haus. Heir, direct im Wohnzimmer steht es alle – meine Gitarre, die Klavier meiner Familie, meine Waldhorn. ....Musik ist immer in meine Gedanken.

# 2013 DSSV Award Winners and their Teachers by School

## Arrowhead HS, Hartland *Elizabeth Schueth*

Charles Boyer Monica Fuentes Ryan Rice Elizabeth Schmeling Nathan Schneider Christina Sorenson Kaitlin Stoner Annika Van Ryzin Jonathan Zabel

## Brookfield Academy Klemens Graf

Hannah Doyle Maximilian Drescher Emily Esser Peter Gardner Joseph Geenen Arek Kashian Abby Marino Samuel Meier Sabrina Sawall Simona Sawall

## Brookfield East HS Elke Sommers-Johnson

Hayley Griffin Sean McCall Aurora Ross Jessica Stephens Melinda Szabo

## Eau Claire Memorial HS Kerri Patton

Kelsey Beuning Rebecca Tibbetts

#### Greendale HS Linda Havas

Katelyn Klieve

## Greenfield HS Carley Goodkind

Natalia Coralic Molly Hetzel Rebecca Kiernan-Reilly

## Lakeside Lutheran HS Gerald Walta

Troy Moench Mason Mortensen Sarah Peters Jason Werre

## Marquette University HS Dr. Sy Kreilein

Ernst Arnhold Brennan McGinn Jacob Stoeckl Joseph Vanderheyden

## MKE School of Languages Janelle Morgan and Richard Wiegand

Karl Arnhold **Terran Brockway** Julianna Carroll Katherine Denny Angelisa Dickey Alex Erickson Forrest Fink Carly Floyd Gilbert Graf Mayaserena Her Christopher Huhta David Koehler Rebecca Lork Calvin Mattheis Andrew McKee Alaric Muell Jonathon Roecklein Jessica Schweizer Emily Skorik

### Mukwonago HS <u>Stephanie Krenz and</u> Jasonn Weber

Annalise Anspach Nicholas Janovetz Connor Terry Cassidy Tieman Laurel Tieman

### Nicolet HS Mark Wagner

Thomas Driscoll William Jen Natalie Muenster Emily Perez John Sherman Ava Crawford Vukicevic

## Rufus King HS Sabine Beirold

Elizabeth Anderson Daniel Anker Madeleine Carroll Anni Beamish Crouthamel Daniel Fullmer Madeline Griffith Darlene Johns Aubrey Krzynski Chelsea Mattheis Moriah Mucha Kimberly Phillip Lauren Saindon Pauline Scharping Paige Taft Emily Trific

## Wauwatosa East HS <u>Eva Tuinstra</u>

Megan Armstrong Madyson Cossentino Hannah Dion Kirschner Sophie Dion Kirschner Annika Madler Maria Pelletta Daniel Raebel Cole Pfaltz Raff Sara Spry

## Wauwatosa West HS Karin Awve

Sabrina Black Sam Frederick Dana Kautzer Alec Lau Henry Morgan Gina Richter Melanie Smith Kayla Thao Sean Van Zeeland Lydia Wehrley

### Wayland Academy James Borrud

Jeffrey Benes Leani De Vries Olivia Tambling Ekin Tufan Savannah Warren

## Xavier High School Jim Pfefferle

Allison Eaton Cheyenne Quandtwalle

## Is the Study of German Still Relevant in

## **Today's American Culture and Society?**

In this age of globalization, the study of a foreign language is more important for our students than ever. With cost constrained education budgets, many school districts are unfortunately cutting their foreign language programs. One question sometimes posed is whether the study of German is still relevant in Wisconsin.

Many Wisconsin high schools have excellent German programs, outstanding teachers and strong enrollments that deserve to be continued. Yet, even some of the schools from which today's prize winners come are considering reductions in their German programs.

If we want to see the study of the German language continue in Wisconsin, it will take a concerted effort on the part of students, parents, teachers and organizations such as the DSSV and the AATG. We all need to do our part to successfully retain the German programs in our schools. What can we as individuals do? Stay informed as to the programs your school is planning to retain and which are being considered for reduction. Don't wait until after a decision is announced. Talk to your students' German teacher. Get involved and make your voice heard with your school principals and school boards.

The DSSV is committed to furthering the study of German in Wisconsin, as it has been since 1956. But it will require local action from concerned students, prospective German students, parents, teachers, and community members. This has made the difference in numerous communities and schools throughout the state.

Please watch the DSSV's website <u>www.dssvwi.org</u> for more information on this topic. Parents and teachers, please keep the DSSV apprised of what's happening at your schools by emailing us through the web site. We will share information, access to resources, and success stories related to keeping the study of German alive in Wisconsin.

The following is an article entitled "Ten reasons to Learn German from Goethe Institute web site <u>www.goethe.de</u>

We are sharing it with you here as just one of many fine examples as to why the German language is still so very interesting, fun and advantageous to those who can speak it.



## Ten Reasons to Learn German

10 great reasons why you should start learning German today

Whatever plans you may have for the future,

and success.

knowledge of German will increase your options.



Science and Research: German is the second most commonly used scientific language. Germany is the third largest contributor to research and development and offers research fellowships to scientists from abroad.



Communication: Developments in media, information and communication technology require multilingual communicators. A wide range of important websites are in German and worldwide, Germany is ranked number 5 in terms of annual publication of new books. Knowledge of German therefore offers you extended access to information. [ Wikipedia, 2010]



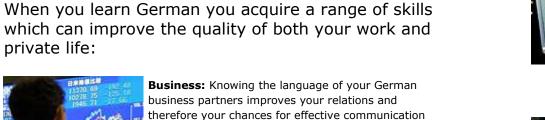
Cultural understanding: Learning German provides you with an insight into the way of life, and the hopes and dreams of people in German speaking countries, broadening your horizon.



Travel: Make the most of your travels not only in German-speaking countries, but in many other European countries where German is widely spoken, especially in Eastern Europe.



Enjoyment of literature, music, art and philosophy: German is the language of Goethe, Kafka, Mozart, Bach and Beethoven. Indulge in reading and/or listening to their works in their original language.





private life:

The global career: Knowledge of German increases your job opportunities with German and foreign companies in your own country and abroad. Proficiency in German helps you to function productively for an employer with global business connections.



Tourism and hospitality industry: Tourists from German-speaking countries travel wide and far, and are the world's biggest spenders when on holiday. They appreciate to be looked after by Germanspeaking staff and tour guides.



## **Opportunities to study/work in Germany:** Germany awards a generous number of scholarships and other support to study in Germany. Working

holiday visas are available for young foreigners from a range of countries, and special visas are offered to skilled workers and professionals.



**Opportunities for exchange:** A wide range of exchange programs exists for both school and university students between Germany and many countries in the world.

## Informative links regarding the study of German:

www.goethe.de/lrn/prj/zgd/en867247.htm

Goethe Institute - Ten Reasons to Learn German

www.bu.edu/mlcl/home/why-study-german

Boston University - 15 reasons for learning German

www.fll.vt.edu/German/whygerman.html

University of Virginia - Top Reasons to Study /German

www.vistawide.com/german/why german.htm

Vistawide - 12 great reasons why you should start learning German today

Google "why study German" and you'll find many additional resources.

# Interested in Adult German Language Classes and Cultural Events?

The Goethe House Wisconsin's mission is to serve as a resource for information about the past and present culture of all German-speaking people.

Through cultural and educational programs Goethe House seeks to provide people of all ages with a greater awareness of evolving Germanic societies and, in so doing, promote strong relations, friendship and understanding.

## Please visit their website: www.ghwisconsin.org



## Help Us Promote the Study of German in Wisconsin!

The German language and School Society (Deutscher Sprach und Schulverein) is looking for people interested in promoting Study of the German Language in Wisconsin. Are you interested in helping in the planning, organization and administration of the annual contest and award ceremony? Not only teachers are needed. Your particular skill or talent is welcome and needed. You don't need to be a German expert to help!

## Please let us know where you would like to help:

- **D** Communications and Publicity
- **G** Fund Raising or Award Sponsorship
- □ Coordination and Distribution of Awards
- □ Award Ceremony

Other Special Interests

I am unable to help, but I would like to lend my financial support. (My Check Is Enclosed). Our scholarships and awards are funded totally by memberships, donations and bequests. We encourage families of award winners to join and support our organization so that we may continue our work for other students.

- Annual Membership Individual \$15, Family \$25, Students and Seniors \$10
- Other Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

The DSSV welcomes your tax exempt donations or please consider planning a contribution to the DSSV through your estate. For information about tax exempt contributions or sponsorships, please email: <u>donors@dssvwi.org</u>

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