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Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Announces 2024 Scholarship and Award Recipients

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation recently announced the 2024 Award recipients, and the Sparta Area School District is very proud to announce two members of our learning community being recognized. The Sparta Area School District is pleased to announce that **Christian Perez-Santiago** is a Student Initiative Scholarship recipient. "Christian is a fantastic student leader who is very deserving of this honor as he always gives his best effort in everything that he does academically and in extracurriculars," said High School Principal, Mr. Forde.

Additionally, Southside Early Learning Center Special Education Teacher, **Kristina June**, is an Educational Foundation Teacher Fellows recipient. Ms. Everson-Riley, Southside Principal, says "Kristina's dedication to the students are second to none. Everyday Mrs. June lives out the belief in building on the students' abilities, rather than seeing a disability. She does this all with love in her heart and a smile on her face that inspires all."

Student Excellence Scholarships of \$10,000 were awarded to 187 graduating high school students who have demonstrated academic excellence and initiative and have displayed a broad range of activity and leadership in their community. Teacher Fellowship awards of \$6,000 were presented to 100 teachers who were nominated for their leadership and service in and outside the classroom, their ability to inspire a love of learning and to motivate their students.

The Kohl Foundation award program was established by Herb Kohl, former U.S. senator, philanthropist, and businessman who died December 27, 2023. Since 1990, the foundation has awarded nearly \$38 million to Wisconsin educators, principals, students, and schools.

Read the full announcement here:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/news/dpi-connected/herb-kohl-educational-foundation-announces-2024-scholarship-and-award-recipients#msdyntrid=mXWF3xtPriG39reTtprKIKs0PTiXZGJ9vUDrpo0YtE8>

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