

Academic Bowl 2021

Laconia Academic Bowl Advisors Beth Jenson and Jenny Pils!

On March 1, 2021, Laconia High School participated in the Flyway Conference Academic Bowl. This year, the event was hosted virtually by Lomira High School and each participating school hosted their own students in-person to administer the tests for the competition.

Academic Bowl is an academic contest in which each participant takes an individual written test, then competes as part of a team in an oral round of multiple choice questions. Before they participate on the math, science, social studies, language arts, or current events team in the oral round, students take an individual written test in one of the following subjects: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Advanced Math, General Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Grammar & Spelling, Poetry & Short Stories, American Literature, or British Literature.

The top two scorers on each individual test earn medals, and the school's team with the top combined score from all written and oral tests wins the Academic Bowl trophy for the year.

This year, Laconia earned 3rd Place in the Flyway Conference Academic Bowl! Our team also had four individual medalists: 1st Place Grammar & Spelling - Mattie Isaac; 2nd Place Geometry - Jada Jahn; 1st Place Physics - Colton Lovejoy; and 1st Place Algebra 1 - Brianna Pflum. Congratulations to the team on a job well done!



2021 Laconia Academic Bowl Team: Marcie Johnson, Kylie Lichtenwald, Brianna Pflum, Savannah Pionke, Caroline Hensel, Keely Kees, Galena Everson, Jada Jahn, Annelise Schneider, Avry Henning, Jaden Gosse, Molly Johannes, Maggie Alsum, Annyka Schnettler, George Wager, Brynn Sievert, Talia Erdmann, Mattie Isaac, Colton Lovejoy, Sammi Slonecker.



2021 Individual Academic Bowl Medalists: Colton Lovejoy, Jada Jahn, and Mattie Isaac. Not pictured: Brianna Pflum.

Trap Team Donation

Submitted by Jeff Thomas

Laconia Trap Team Club receiving a \$1500 donation from Whitetails Unlimited for the 2021 season. The money was used to help with ammunition, targets, safety equipment, and other costs related to the sport.



Front: Coach Stan Redlin, Jay Newton -Whitetails Unlimited. 2nd row: Jeff Richards - Whitetails Unlimited, Riley Zick, Ben Westphal, Lindsey Achterberg, Sam Mess, Wyatt King, Eryn VandeBerg, Coy VandeBerg. 3rd row: Josh Lalor, Ti Zacharias, Austin Bednarowski, Ian Henning, Tate Vande Slunt, Liam O’Laire, Chas Glewen.

Bookmarks for Dr. Seuss Week

Submitted by RBEA President Eric Bartelme

The Rosendale-Brandon Education Association assisted with the celebration of this year's *Read Across America Week*. Dr. Seuss bookmarks were purchased by the RBEA and distributed to all district 4K through 5th grade students as a means to promote the enjoyment of reading.

Pictured is Brandon School 5th grade student Cyrah Alsum holding up some of the bookmarks the students received.



Teacher Features

Pam Mumm

What inspired you to become a teacher?

Being a teacher wasn't the plan, but when I sort of stumbled into it as a long-term Spanish substitute in another district, I fell in love with the work we get to do every day. I strongly believe that education is the greatest tool we have to build a better, more equitable world. Working towards something I feel passionately about inspired me to become a teacher. I had some great teachers growing up who lifted me up, who challenged my thinking and who pushed me to continuously improve, and I hope to do the same for my students.



What's the most challenging part of your job?

Finding work-life balance is a struggle.

What's the most rewarding part of your job?

I love when students tell me that they loved a library book that they borrowed.

What's the most memorable moment you've had in the classroom?

My most memorable moment is probably when a student opened up about a very raw and deeply personal situation in his life during a speech for an English class assignment. I feel like our whole class just embraced him and we all grew more empathetic that day.

What's your favorite subject/class to teach and why?

This is a tough question. I like teaching project-based learning in our seventh grade STEAM class. I like the authenticity and the room for voice and choice in PBL.

Background information:

Years at the school — I've worked for the RBSD for 11 years.

Hometown — Wisconsin Rapids

Education — Ripon College (Bachelor's - Communication, Spanish), Norda, Inc.: Project Teaching (teaching certification), UW-Whitewater (Master's - Science in Education)

Family — Spouse - Brandon Mumm, 2 children - Allison, 7, and Charlie, 5