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# PRESS RELEASE

## Three Lakes Seniors Gus Fink and Kallie Volk Chosen as WIAA Scholar Athletes

**Three Lakes, Wisconsin** — Three Lakes seniors Gus Fink and Kallie Volk have been selected to receive the prestigious 2023 WIAA Scholar Athletes award. Each year, 16 boys and 16 girls from private and public schools around the state are chosen for the recognition.

“Each of these remarkable student athletes excelled in academics and athletics,” said WIAA Assistant Director Tom Shafranski in a WIAA press release. “Fifteen of this year’s 32 WIAA Scholar Athlete finalists have a grade point average of 4.0 to date.”

Fink has participated in football, wrestling and track and field during his years at Three Lakes High School. His wrestling career peaked this past winter when Fink earned all-conference honors and made an appearance at the WIAA individual state wrestling tournament in the 285 weight class. In track, Fink excels in shot and discus. In 2022, he made an appearance at state, where he finished 10th in discus with a distance of 138’8”.

“I have wrestled since second grade, and it has been one of the most influential things on my character and personality,” Fink said. “Wrestling is a sport where you must persevere and continue to work hard to ensure victory. To be good at any sport, including wrestling, you have to put the time in at the weight room and outside of practice, and I will continue to do so in college athletics.”

Fink is also involved in the National Honors Society, the Three Lakes Fire Department and Student Council. He plans to attend South Dakota School of Mines where he will major in industrial engineering and compete on the track and field team.

While at Three Lakes, Volk has participated in cross country, volleyball, basketball and track and field. She has received 10 varsity letters, all-conference honors in cross country for four years, team MVP in cross country for three years, basketball all-conference for two years and track and field honors for three years. She was also the 2022 state champion in high jump and runner-up in the triple jump and the long jump.

“The Scholar Athlete award has been an honor that I have strived for ever since my freshman year,” Volk said. “This award is something I do not take lightly, as I have worked hard every day to better myself to get where I am today. I have been surrounded by people who have pushed me and inspired me to become the best possible version of myself.”

Volk is involved in student council, forensics and National Honor Society. She is also one of the valedictorians for the Three Lakes Class of 2023. She plans to attend UW-Milwaukee to major in kinesiology where she’ll also compete as a UW-Milwaukee Panther heptathlete alongside her sister, Kortnie.

Fink and Volk are the fifth and sixth WIAA Scholar Athletes from Three Lakes. In 2020, Kortnie Volk was honored. In 1995, Eli Kelley received the award; in 1999, Breehan Kelley was recognized; and in 2018, Eli Ribbe was honored.

For more information, visit the WIAA website at [www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org).