

# A Time to Celebrate the Students! Wisconsin Virtual Academy, Insight School of Wisconsin & Destinations Career Academy of Wisconsin Class of 2021 Move Forward

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MCFARLAND, Wis.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- After a school year like no other, the Wisconsin Virtual Academy (**WIVA**), Insight School of Wisconsin (**ISWI**), and Destinations Career Academy of Wisconsin (**DCAWI**), three online public school serving students throughout the state, will celebrate its graduates online with a combined online commencement ceremony on June 9th at 6 pm.

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"This year our student body grew to over 4,000 students with over 4,000 different reasons to be a part of our learning community. Our school's personalized learning approach allows students to get their individual needs met," shared Dr. Sara R. Cutler, Head of Schools. "At WIVA/ISWI/DCAWI, we are building the citizens of the 21st century. During the world pandemic, our highly trained, certified teachers kept our students motivated, excited and moving toward their goals. The achievements of our faculty, families and scholars should be celebrated across our beautiful state. Congratulations graduates!"

This year, WIVA will graduate nearly 300 students, ISWI will graduate at least 44, and DCAWI will graduate 36. Approximately 45 seniors will graduate with at least a 3.5 weighted GPA, and the Class of 2021 has earned over \$100,500 dollars in combined scholarships already.

Collectively, the graduating class reports it has been accepted to colleges and universities across Wisconsin and

beyond, including Milwaukee Area Technical College, UW-Green Bay, Marquette, and University of North Florida.

Amina Waheed is WIVA's Valedictorian and DCAWI will feature Ian Santin. Amina plans to attend UW-Madison in the fall and major in biology on a path to attend medical school and become a doctor. Ian plans to attend Davenport University studying computer science and eventually become a self-employed software engineer. The Salutatorian for DCAWI is Lamech Kealiher and he will be attending University of Advancing Technology in Arizona. WIVA has two Salutatorians, Ellen Gresbach and Janna Johnson. They will be attending Waukesha County Technical College and UW-Eau Claire respectively.

"This year was a whole new kind of struggle and we all couldn't have gone through it without the continued support of our teachers," said Amina Waheed. "I'll forever be grateful that they helped me move onto the next level of my education."

Prior to the pandemic, students enrolled in virtual school for a number of reasons—some were looking to escape bullying, some may have fallen academically off track, and others were looking for an alternative to the traditional classroom setting.

WIVA, ISWI, and DCAWI students access a robust online curriculum in the core subjects and a host of electives and attend live virtual classes taught by state-certified teachers.

Details of the graduation ceremonies are as follows:

**WHAT:** Wisconsin Virtual Academy 2021 Graduation Ceremony

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 9th, 2021, 6:00 PM, info can be **found here**

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Additionally, students will have the opportunity to attend a diploma pick up. They will be able to walk the stage and receive their diploma from administration on June 9th at an outdoor, socially distance event prior to the virtual ceremony.

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## About Wisconsin Virtual Academy

Wisconsin Virtual Academy (WIVA), a charter school authorized by the McFarland School District, is the largest full-time online public-school serving students in grades K through 12 in the state. As part of the Wisconsin public school system, WIVA is tuition-free, giving families the choice to access the curriculum and tools provided by K12, a Stride Company (NYSE: LRN), the nation's leading provider of K-12 proprietary curriculum and online education programs. For more information about WIVA, visit <http://wiva.k12.com/>.

## About Destinations Career Academy of Wisconsin

Destinations Career Academy of Wisconsin, a charter school authorized by the McFarland School District, is the first-ever career and technical education-focused online high school in Wisconsin using the curriculum and tools provided by K12, a Stride Company (NYSE: LRN). It is also the first online career readiness program in Wisconsin to offer a construction pre-apprenticeship program in partnership with industry leaders. As part of the Wisconsin public school system, Destinations Career Academy is tuition-free and serves students statewide in grades 9-12. For more information about Destinations Career Academy of Wisconsin, visit [DCAWI.k12.com](http://DCAWI.k12.com).

## About Insight School of Wisconsin

Insight School of Wisconsin (ISWI), a charter school authorized by McFarland School District, provides a learning alternative for students in grades 9-12 who meet the statutory definition of 'at-risk.' Utilizing a growth mindset that all students have the capacity to learn and grow, ISWI collaborates with school services, the student, and their family in finding a pathway toward graduation and student success. As part of the Wisconsin public school system, ISWI is tuition-free and provides students across the state with the curriculum and tools provided by K12, a Stride Company (NYSE: LRN), the nation's leading provider of K-12 proprietary curriculum and online education programs. For more information about ISWI, visit [here](#).

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