

NEWS RELEASE

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2022 Herb Kohl Foundation Excellence Scholarship, Initiative Scholarship, Fellowship, Leadership Award Recipients Announced

Organization has impacted more than 8,600 people, 3,200 schools since 1990

MILWAUKEE — The selection committee for the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Student Scholarship, Teacher Fellowship and Principal Leadership program has announced recipients of the 291 Herb Kohl Foundation awards for Wisconsin students, teachers, and principals. Awards of \$6,000 are being made to 100 teachers, 17 principals, and their schools, and \$10,000 scholarship will be given to 174 graduating high school students.

The Kohl Foundation award program was established by Herb Kohl, philanthropist, and businessman. Since 1990, the foundation has awarded more than \$28.3 million to Wisconsin educators, principals, students, and schools. “Education is the key to the future of Wisconsin and our nation,” Kohl said. “I am very proud of the accomplishments of these students, teachers, and principals and look forward to the great contributions they will make in the future.”

Student Excellence Scholarship recipients have demonstrated excellence in the academic arena and high motivation to achieve, have displayed a broad range of activity and leadership outside the academic setting, and have shown strong promise for succeeding in college and beyond. **Teacher Fellowship** recipients are educators who have been chosen for their superior ability to inspire a love of learning in their students, their ability to motivate others, and their leadership and service within and outside the classroom. **Principal Leadership Award** recipients are school principals who are being recognized for setting high standards for instruction, achievement and character, and creating a climate to best serve students, families, staff and community. **Excellence Scholarship, Fellowship and Leadership Award** recipients are selected by a statewide committee composed of civic leaders, and representatives of education-related associations and the program’s co-sponsors: The Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, regional Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESA), the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, and the Wisconsin Homeschooling Parents Association. **Initiative Scholarship** recipients, chosen by their schools, have overcome significant obstacles or adversity, have demonstrated exceptional initiative in the classroom, and have shown strong promise for succeeding in college and beyond, but have not yet received other academic-based scholarships.

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Note: Award recipients were notified of their awards on April 6, 2022. A list of award recipients by category and CESA follows this news release.

2022 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Principal Leaders

CESA 1

Albert Amling IV, Menomonee Falls
Immanuel Lutheran Church, School & Child Care, Brookfield

Mark Joerres, New Berlin
Saint Mary Parish School, Hales Corners

Shannon McCaffery, Waukesha
Greenland Elementary, Oconomowoc

Laura Shanahan, Elm Grove
Lakeview Elementary, Wind Lake

Curt Shircel, Racine
The REAL School, Sturtevant

Michael Yurk, Grafton
Saint Paul Lutheran School, Grafton

CESA 2

Anuradha Ebbe, Madison
Cherokee Heights Middle School, Madison

Stephanie Filter, Janesville
Madison Elementary, Janesville

Ryan McBurney, East Troy
Elkhorn Area Middle School, Elkhorn

Heather Schmitz, Barneveld
Belleville High School, Belleville

CESA 5

Chad Harnisch, Middleton
Sauk Prairie High School, Prairie du Sac

CESA 6

Mike Gonzalez, Fond du Lac
Bessie Allen Middle School, North Fond du Lac

Amy Jahn, Fond du Lac
Pier Elementary, Fond du Lac

Mark McQuade, Appleton
Appleton West High School, Appleton

CESA 7

Crystal Blahnik, Green Bay
Saint Bernard Catholic School, Green Bay

CESA 10

Sara Denure, Fall Creek
Southview Elementary, Chippewa Falls

CESA 11

Kurt Soderberg, Woodville
Saint Croix Central High School, Hammond

2022 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Excellence Scholars

CESA 1

Sriram Arvind, Brookfield
Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield

Anvita Bansal, Pewaukee
Arrowhead High School, Hartland

Jordyn Czyzewski, Milwaukee
Reagan High School, Milwaukee

Gregory Dempsey, Grafton
Grafton High School, Grafton

Rami Elsayed, Greenfield
Salam School, Milwaukee

Nathan Foley, Wauwatosa
Wauwatosa East High School, Wauwatosa

Haasa Gaddipati, Waukesha
Waukesha Engineering Preparatory Academy, Waukesha

Anna Huang, Brookfield
Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield

Aayush Iyengar, Menomonee Falls
Hamilton High School, Sussex

Prathmesh Konda Gopinath, Lannon
Hamilton High School, Sussex

Keleous Lange, Waukesha
Waukesha South High School, Waukesha

Owen Ledger, Germantown
Marquette University High School, Milwaukee

Cynthia Lu, Brookfield
Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield

Siya Mahajan, Menomonee Falls
Menomonee Falls High School, Menomonee Falls

Delaney McElvain, West Allis
Whitnall High School, Greenfield

Kevin Niu, Brookfield
Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield

Stella Richards, Milwaukee
King International High School, Milwaukee

Savannah Santos, Muskego
Muskego High School, Muskego

Harshman Sihra, Brookfield
Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield

Ellie Sprinkmann, Mequon
Homestead High School, Mequon

Ainsley Taipala, Brookfield
Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield

Ignacio Vega Rivera, Milwaukee
Reagan High School, Milwaukee

CESA 2

Sorin Caldararu, Madison
Madison West High School, Madison

Samuel Cann, Madison
Madison East High School, Madison

Makanaka Chikowero, Madison
Madison West High School, Madison

Emma Clark, Mount Horeb
Mount Horeb High School, Mount Horeb

Lydia Hanson, Middleton
Middleton High School, Middleton

Owen Harris, Watertown
Watertown High School, Watertown

Anthony Kaseman, Madison
Homeschool, Madison

Sara Kronberg, Milton
Milton High School, Milton

Madyson Nettesheim, Eagle
Palmyra-Eagle High School, Palmyra

Amira Oser, Madison
Homeschool, Madison

Summer Peterson, Burlington
Catholic Central High School, Burlington

Anna Rolfs, Williams Bay
Williams Bay High School, Williams Bay

Marissa Vosberg, Monroe
Monroe High School, Monroe

Sophia Walton, Elkhorn
Whitewater High School, Whitewater

Anna Wang, Middleton
Middleton West High School, Madison

Danika Wanish, Madison
Madison West High School, Madison

Emma Zimmermann, Lake Mills
Lake Mills High School, Lake Mills

CESA 3

Callie Pierce, Dodgeville

Mineral Point High School, Mineral Point
Emma Schoen, Plain
Ithaca High School, Richland Center
Margaret Tarrell, Highland
Highland Community High School, Highland
Siri Thronson, Hollandale
Pecatonica High School, Blanchardville

CESA 4

Madelyn Frank, Whitehall
Whitehall Memorial Junior/Senior High School, Whitehall
Kelly Herness, Whitehall
Whitehall Memorial Junior/Senior High School, Whitehall
Mackenzie Krajco, Hillsboro
Hillsboro High School, Hillsboro

CESA 5

Trista Drew, Westfield
Westfield Area High School, Westfield
Madelyn Hepp, Port Edwards
Lincoln High School, Wisconsin Rapids
Faith Holler, Prairie du Sac
Sauk Prairie High School, Prairie du Sac
Avery Leigh, Sauk City
Sauk Prairie High School, Prairie du Sac
Hanna Merkel, Marshfield
Marshfield High School, Marshfield
Grace Murray, Plainfield
Tri-County High School, Plainfield

Evelyn "Eva" Schiferl, Marshfield
Columbus Catholic High School, Marshfield
Katelyn Wilhelm, Reedsburg
Reedsburg Area High School, Reedsburg

CESA 6

Sydney Butz, Oshkosh
Oshkosh West High School, Oshkosh
Colin Duren, Kewaskum
Kewaskum High School, Kewaskum
Emily Heider, Oshkosh
Oshkosh North High School, Oshkosh
Sierra Heipp, Kewaskum
Kewaskum High School, Kewaskum
Marshall Koch, Omro
Lourdes Academy High School, Oshkosh
Anika Larson, Oshkosh
Oshkosh West High School, Oshkosh

Allison Matzek, Appleton
Xavier High School, Appleton
Patrick McGreevey, Appleton
Xavier High School, Appleton
Benjamin McMeeken, West Bend
Slinger High School, Slinger
Elise Nolte, Appleton
Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton
Ellah Olson, Allenton
Slinger High School, Slinger
Cameron Pokorny, Waupun
Waupun Area Senior High School, Waupun
Olivia Ruis, Beaver Dam
Central Wisconsin Christian School, Waupun
Lauren Sturgell, Neenah
Neenah High School, Neenah
Angelina Wang, Oshkosh
Oshkosh West High School, Oshkosh
Cecelia Wasco, Neenah
Xavier High School, Appleton
Isaac Whitrock, Ripon
Ripon High School, Ripon
Alaena Wolf, New London
New London High School, New London

CESA 7

Emma Baierl, Howards Grove
Howards Grove High School, Howards Grove
Madeline Brashaw, Sheboygan
Sheboygan North High School, Sheboygan
William Dwyer, De Pere
De Pere High School, De Pere
Sylvia Green, Sheboygan
Sheboygan North High School, Sheboygan
Lia Haile, Manitowoc
Lincoln High School, Manitowoc
Emma Holsen, Manitowoc
Roncalli Catholic High School, Manitowoc
Marcus Larsen, Sheboygan
Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School, Sheboygan
Lakshman Mallela, Howard
Ashwaubenon High School, Green Bay
Meghan Morgan, Pulaski
Pulaski High School, Pulaski
Madeline Oswald, Manitowoc
Lincoln High School, Manitowoc

Elizabeth Phipps, Chilton
Brillion High School, Brillion
Everett Poth, Plymouth
Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School, Sheboygan
Stella Revelis, Sheboygan
Sheboygan North High School, Sheboygan
Giselle Rottier, Pulaski
Pulaski High School, Pulaski
Janani Sampath, De Pere
De Pere High School, De Pere
Samuel Stumo, Sherwood
Hilbert High School, Hilbert

Clarissa Ulness, Valders
Valders High School, Valders
Emmery Wiese, Hilbert
Hilbert High School, Hilbert

CESA 8

Karson Casper, Coleman
Coleman High School, Coleman

CESA 9

Amanda Rieck, Eagle River
Three Lakes High School, Three Lakes
Elizabeth Wenzel, Edgar
Stratford High School, Stratford

CESA 10

Kristen Lawton, Glen Flora
Homeschool, Glen Flora
Rebecca Mlsna, Spencer
Spencer Junior High/High School, Spencer
Emma Sandberg, Durand
Mondovi High School, Mondovi
Gregory Sokup, Altoona
Regis High School, Eau Claire

CESA 11

Isaac Hopke, Shell Lake
Spooner High School, Spooner
Hanne Johnson, Grantsburg
Grantsburg High School, Grantsburg
Rylee Ladd, Chetek
Cameron High School, Cameron
Evan Luedtke, Hudson
River Falls High School, River Falls
Henry Pike, Cameron
Cameron High School, Cameron

Alaina Rivard, Turtle Lake
Amery High School, Amery

NO CESA 12 Students

2022 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Initiative Scholars

CESA 1

Jose Argueta, Waukegan
Shoreland Lutheran High School, Kenosha

Ernest Blackshire, Milwaukee
Transition High School, Milwaukee

Deisha Brown, Milwaukee
Assata High School, Milwaukee

Xavier Buchert, North Prairie
KM Perform - School for Arts and Performance, Wales

Sage Buser, Shorewood
Shorewood High School/New Horizons, Shorewood

Samir Kebir, Shorewood
Dominican High School, Whitefish Bay

Lola Langlois OBrien, Wind Lake
Muskego High School, Muskego

Alyssa Lopez, West Allis
Carmen HS of Science and Technology, Milwaukee

Roberta Luna, West Allis
Shared Journeys, West Allis

Malikai Mitchell, Milwaukee
Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee

Debora Motta, Kenosha
Harborside Academy, Kenosha

Treveon Nellum, Milwaukee
Vincent High School, Milwaukee

Sophia Rifelj-Hammernik, New Berlin
Divine Savior Holy Angels High School, Milwaukee

Jose Rojo, Brown Deer
Tenor High School, Milwaukee

Jacob Salfer, Milwaukee
Lad Lake Synergy, Milwaukee

Adelle Sardina, Germantown
Brookfield East High School, Brookfield

Jada Stephenson, Milwaukee
South Accelerated Academy, Milwaukee

Tenzin Tsagong, Dousman
High School of Health Sciences, Wales

Keanu Vang, Milwaukee
Golda Meir High School, Milwaukee

Nakiya Williams, Milwaukee
Shalom High School, Milwaukee

CESA 2

Phillip Fabian, Madison
Edgewood High School, Madison

Nia Garcia, East Troy
East Troy High School, East Troy

Lily Hess, Elkhorn
Faith Christian School, Williams Bay

Carter Hesse, Watertown
Endeavor Charter School, Watertown

Olivia Milhoan, Monona
Monona Grove Liberal Arts Charter School, Monona

Meghan Rule, Janesville
Rock University High School, Janesville

Eion Sullivan, Deerfield
Cambridge High School, Cambridge

Isabel Tadlock, Elkhorn
Career and College Academy, Elkhorn

CESA 4

Ena Peterson, Viroqua
Laurel High School, Viroqua

Boe Risch, Humbird
Lincoln Jr./Sr. High School, Alma Center

Jade Smith, Rockland
SAILS - Sparta Alternative Independent Learning School,
Sparta

CESA 5

Zander Barr, Mauston
iLEAD Charter School, Mauston

Miquel Chavez, Plover
Charles F. Fernandez Center for Alternative Learning,
Stevens Point

Jaiden Hamus, Portage
Portage Academy of Achievement, Portage

Paris Przybylski, Montello
High Marq Environmental Charter School, Montello

CESA 6

Madisyn Christensen, Fond du Lac
St. Mary's Springs Academy, Fond Du Lac
Madyson Friese, Waupun
Central Wisconsin Christian School, Waupun
Maxwell Hartman, Green Lake
Green Lake School, Green Lake
Karli Huss, Kimberly
Little Chute Career Pathways Academy, Little Chute
Cynthia Magana, New London
Catalyst Academy, New London
Avrie Muskevitsch, New London
Next Generation Academy, New London
Celaisha Pipes, Oshkosh
Fox Cities Leadership Academy, Appleton
Owen Sahli, Appleton
Appleton Technical Academy, Appleton
Kisie-Jean Temu, Appleton
Fox Valley Lutheran, Appleton
Henry Zignego, Hartford
Saint Augustine School, Colgate

CESA 7

Maximus Christenson, Green Bay
Dr. Rosa Minoka-Hill School, Green Bay
Cadence Hembrook, Sheboygan
Oostburg High School, Oostburg
Paul Johnson, Suamico
Bay City Christian School, Green Bay
Josey Puzen, Greenleaf
Wrightstown High School, Wrightstown
Ava Remitz, Green Bay
John Dewey Academy of Learning, Green Bay
Benjamin Thao, Sheboygan
Central High School, Sheboygan

CESA 8

Kaytlyn Rhodes, Suring
F.A.L.S. (Falls Alternative Learning Site), Oconto Falls

CESA 9

Emilee Bartlein, Schofield
Idea School, Weston
Grace Martin, Schofield
Newman Catholic High School, Wausau
Casey Sturzenegger, Wausau
Enrich, Excel, Achieve Learning Academy, Wausau

Anika Wilkins, Mosinee
Mosinee High School, Mosinee

CESA 10

Payton Bracht, Sarona
Second Avenue School, Eau Claire
Benjamin Goebel, Menomonie
McDonell Central Catholic HS, Chippewa Falls
Zander Harris, Eau Claire
Wildlands School, Augusta
Khoa Nguyen, Ladysmith
North Cedar Academy, Ladysmith

CESA 11

Dani Harlow, Racine
The R.E.A.L. School, Sturtevant
Tristan Hoepner, Dousman
KM Global, Wales
Haylee Hutzler, Chetek
Link2Learn Virtual Charter School, Chetek
Mia Sweeney, Comstock
Cumberland High/Middle School, Cumberland
Anjel Waroff, Rice Lake
Cameron Academy of Virtual Education, Cameron
Olivia Weideman, River Falls
Renaissance Charter Academy, River Falls

CESA 12

Kayden Augustine, Park Falls
Class ACT Charter School, Park Falls
Emily Berg, Gordon
Northwood School, Minong
Brooklyn Pederson, Hayward
Hayward High School, Hayward
Chloe Schutte, Highbridge
Mellen High School, Mellen
Forrest Stroede, Spooner
HACIL, Hayward

2022 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellows

CESA 1

Lorri Adriano-Amin, Milwaukee
Salam School, Milwaukee

Adam Beyer, Racine
Racine Alternative Learning, Racine

Anthony Braun, Hartford
eAchieve Academy Wisconsin, Waukesha

Bridget Brown, Wauwatosa
Greendale Middle School, Greendale

Willie Bynum, Milwaukee
Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee

Candace Costa, Glendale
Whitefish Bay High School, Whitefish Bay

Jennifer Cullen, Nashotah
Pewaukee Lake Elementary, Pewaukee

Hillary Czernicki, Muskego
Hales Corners Lutheran Schools, Hales Corners

Patrick Detmer, Waukesha
New Berlin Middle/High School, New Berlin

Patrick Doherty, Muskego
Hales Corners Lutheran Schools, Hales Corners

David Dolnick, Milwaukee
West Allis Central High School, West Allis

Erin Dreske, New Berlin
Irving Elementary, West Allis

April Ellery, Wauwatosa
Nathan Hale High School, West Allis

Angie Gehred, Whitefish Bay
Holy Family Parish School, Whitefish Bay

Jaclyn Hagenow, Sussex
Swallow Elementary, Hartland

Julie Hahm, Wauwatosa
Greendale High School, Greendale

Katie Herrmann, Pewaukee
Arrowhead High School, Hartland

Brian Hirtz, Waukesha
Muskego High School, Muskego

Shlomi Ishak, Fox Point
Milwaukee Jewish Day School, Milwaukee

Bridget Jimmerson, West Bend
Marcy Elementary, Menomonee Falls

Kristin Kamenar, Mukwonago
Waukesha North High School, Waukesha

Jennie Katrichis, Brookfield
Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield

Victoria Kopidlansky, Sussex
High School of Health, Wales

Sarah Kopplin, Shorewood
Shorewood Intermediate, Shorewood

Margaret Lannoye, Wauwatosa
Orchard Lane Elementary, New Berlin

Suzanne Loosen, Wauwatosa
Milwaukee School of Languages, Milwaukee

Rachel Lustig, Milwaukee
Saint Coletta Day School, Milwaukee

Gina Martinelli, Milwaukee
Oak Creek West Middle School, Oak Creek

Anne Mass, Muskego
University Lake School, Hartland

Lisa Merritt, Greenfield
Silver Spring Intermediate School, Sussex

Katy Morrow, Wauwatosa
Oak Creek West Middle School, Oak Creek

Brittany Nohl, Milwaukee
Reagan High School, Milwaukee

Cindy Nolette, Milwaukee
Washington Elementary, Wauwatosa

Michelle Pingel, Port Washington
Saint Paul Lutheran School, Grafton

Elizabeth Siewert, Milwaukee
Nativity Jesuit Academy, Milwaukee

Jacki Thering, New Berlin
Elmwood Elementary, New Berlin

Lisa Vega, Waukesha
Eisenhower Middle/High School, New Berlin

Barry Weber, Milwaukee
Highland Community School, Milwaukee

CESA 2

Tressa Bauer, De Forest
De Forest Area Middle School, De Forest

Emma Becher, Madison
Middleton High School, Middleton

Candice Franks, Whitewater
Badger High School, Lake Geneva

Sarah Heatwole, Sun Prairie
De Forest High School, De Forest

Ashley Ingish, Mukwonago
Waterford High School, Waterford

Brenda Kallies, Madison
Hawthorne Elementary, Madison

Jessica Martins, Madison
Windsor Elementary, Windsor

Matt Nie, Burlington
Burlington High School, Burlington

Kyle Oksiuta, Fitchburg
Oregon High School, Oregon

Whitney Updike, Janesville
Washington Elementary, Whitewater

Heidi Wisniewski, Madison
Conrad Elvehjem Primary, McFarland

Penny Yanke, Burlington
Burlington High School, Burlington

CESA 3

Alexa Chiefari, Fennimore
Fennimore High School, Fennimore

Kirby Kohler, Eastman
Bluff View Middle School, Prairie du Chien

Cynthia Nothem, Mineral Point
Mineral Point High School, Mineral Point

CESA 4

Merranda Boardman, Stoddard
De Soto Area District Office, De Soto

Jennifer Friedman, La Crosse
Southern Bluffs Elementary, La Crosse

Melissa Haas, West Salem
West Salem High School, West Salem

Amber Hackman, Holmen
Arcadia High School, Arcadia

CESA 5

Dustin Anderson, Wisconsin Rapids
Grant Elementary, Wisconsin Rapids

Joshua Capodarco, Lake Mills
Portage Community District Office, Portage

Traci Crouse, Baraboo
Al Behrman Elementary, Baraboo

Laura D'Agostino, Columbus
Lodi Elementary, Lodi

Amanda Levzow Seichter, Pardeeville
Pardeeville High School, Pardeeville

Kelly Look, Wisconsin Rapids
Washington Elementary, Wisconsin Rapids

Paula Tonn, Lodi
Lodi Middle School, Lodi

Connie Wampler, Portage
Portage High School, Portage

CESA 6

Alicia Armstrong, Little Chute
Little Chute Middle School, Little Chute

Mary Beth Connors, Oshkosh
Oshkosh West High School, Oshkosh

Anne Ferge, New London
New London High School, New London

Kaelee Heideman, Oshkosh
Traeger Elementary, Oshkosh

Gillian Pakula, Oshkosh
Oshkosh West High School, Oshkosh

Heather Schaefer, Combined Locks
Kimberly High School, Kimberly

Annie Stanton, Appleton
Gegan Elementary, Menasha

Jayne Vosters, Freedom
Kimberly High School, Kimberly

CESA 7

Pamela Carlson-Gugel, Sheboygan
Bethlehem Lutheran Grade School, Sheboygan

Addie Degenhardt, Port Washington
Etude High School, Sheboygan

Jennifer Hahn, Howards Grove
Sheboygan Area Lutheran High, Sheboygan

Tracy Heinbuch, Kiel
Plymouth High School, Plymouth

Lindsay Ohlfs, Sheboygan Falls
Sheboygan Area District Office, Sheboygan

Melanie Shimek, Manitowoc
Lincoln High School, Manitowoc
Ruth Stenz, Sheboygan
Sheboygan North High School, Sheboygan
Crystal Trejo, New Franken
Luxemburg-Casco High School, Luxemburg
Natalie Weeks, West Bend
Random Lake High School, Random Lake
Tara Wildenberg, Green Bay
Holy Cross Catholic School, Green Bay

CESA 8

Suzzann Bessette, Shawano
Longfellow Elementary, Clintonville
Jessica Brown, Waukesha
Saint Dominic Catholic School, Brookfield
Michele DeBauch, Coleman
Gillett District Office, Gillett
Jessica Keao, Argonne
Crandon High School, Crandon
Mary Seils, Argonne
Crandon Elementary, Crandon
Tressa Votis, Argonne
Crandon High School, Crandon

CESA 9

Peggy Billing, Minocqua
Lakeland High School, Minocqua
Jennifer Leis, Eagle River
Northland Pines High School, Eagle River
Adam Matyska, Harshaw
Northland Pines Middle School, Eagle River
Paula Norman, Tomahawk
Tomahawk District Office, Tomahawk

CESA 10

Paul Richards, Eau Claire
Mondovi District Office, Mondovi
Celena Smith Reuter, Eau Claire
Memorial High School, Eau Claire

CESA 11

Maria Gjovig, Dresser
Saint Croix Falls Elementary, Saint Croix Falls
Ralph Haas, Menomonie
Menomonie Middle School, Menomonie
Chandra Stafford, Spooner
Spooner Elementary, Spooner

CESA 12

Lori Danz, Solon Springs
Superior High School, Superior
Zach Larson, Cable
Bayfield Elementary, Bayfield