SAUK CITY, WIS. - The agricultural education program at Wisconsin Heights High School has received the Outstanding Agricultural Education Program Award from the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE). This award was presented to the educator, Ms. Kim Houser, at the 2023 WAAE Professional Development Conference held June 25-29, 2023 in Oshkosh at the Best Western Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center.

The Outstanding Secondary/Middle School Program Award is bestowed upon an agricultural education program and its instructor(s) who have excelled in membership, participation in WAAE and other professional associations, classroom instruction, FFA involvement, and community service.

This year’s winner, Kim Houser of Wisconsin Heights High School, has devoted over two decades to developing the program. Kim’s philosophy is to provide all students a positive, interactive learning environment. She is a highly visible role model that believes learning doesn’t end at the school setting and continues throughout their life. She provides many hands-on activities in her program including her most popular how-to days such as tying a tie, giving an elevator speech, writing a thank you note to basic dinner etiquette. Kim keeps up with her officers with many monthly activities as well as three retreats throughout the year. She has supported five state officers, 66 State FFA Degrees, and 17 American FFA Degrees. Over the years she has partnered with many local services, non-profit organizations and the Wisconsin Heights alumni chapter. To round out her many accomplishments Kim has given numerous hours of service to this organization and is very active on the national level.

WAAE is the professional association for agricultural educators in Wisconsin. Members include 410 middle school, high school, technical college and university educators. The association’s focus is to provide professional development, legislative support and educational resources for teachers to enhance their local agriculture education programs.
For more information about your local agriculture education program and to find out how you can support agriculture in your community, please contact your local agriculture education instructor or call WAAE at www.waae.com.

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