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Lou Kindschi to receive Global Educator of the Year award

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers will announce the first Global Educator of the Year award during Friday’s general session for the State Education Convention in Milwaukee.

Lou Kindschi, a social studies teacher at Oregon High School, will receive the award from Evers and David Warren of Milton, a Past District Governor of Rotary International. Kindschi was chosen for the award based on her efforts to infuse global studies across all of her classes, her work as coordinator for her school’s Global Education Achievement Certificate, and her outreach to make global studies a part of every student’s education.

“With international travel easier than ever, our economy continues to become more globally connected,” Evers said. “Those students who have learned other languages, completed coursework with global themes, and engaged in international activities will be ready for college, careers, and their global future. Through her dedication to global learning, Lou is a great representative for our first Global Educator of the Year award.”

Kindschi organized a regional Global Education Summit for administrators, educators, and students and developed a [global education webpage](#) to provide resources and assistance for other educators to include an international perspective in their classes. Outside the classroom, Kindschi advises the Diversity Club that provides students with opportunities to experience other cultures through a variety of activities, including a global speakers forum, foreign film nights, field trips to international fairs and ethnic dinners, and a new WorldLens project that has students creating films about topics of importance and sharing them with teens from around the world.

Kindschi has an extensive personal background in global learning. She interned in Bangkok for her law degree and secured multiple Fulbright scholarships for summer study tours in India, Thailand, and Germany. Further studies in Indonesia were funded by Teachers for Global Classrooms. Lou’s business card describes her as a teacher, global education coordinator, and lifelong learner. In her application materials, she said she is “a passionate student of the world.” She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison with bachelor’s degrees in Spanish and sociology and a juris doctorate from the Law School. She earned a teaching certificate from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

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The Global Educator of the Year award is sponsored by the Statewide International Education Council, chaired by Gilles Bousquet, UW-Madison French professor, and comes with a \$1,000 prize supported by Dane County Rotary Clubs from DeForest, Madison East and West, and Sun Prairie. Dean Bowles, UW-Madison emeritus professor, and Sue Borden, DeForest Area School District administrator, represented the Statewide International Education Council at the awards ceremony.

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