

Department of Public Instruction: Eight 'Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin' recipients named

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MADISON — Projects that have students learning maple syrup production and career and independent living skills, and encouraging them to consider careers in education are among eight receiving 2018 Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin Schools, Libraries, and Communities awards.

Nominated by educators throughout the state, the projects will be recognized during the 10th Annual Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance Conference Oct. 29-30 in Wisconsin Dells. The projects are:

- Bringing the Barn to School Project, Medford Agriculture Department;
- F.I.E.L.D. Corps and Youth Summit, Wisconsin Green Schools Network;
- Building a Teacher Candidate Pipeline, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh;
- Oneida Community Integrated Food System, Oneida;
- Special Need Students Building Career Skills through Small Rural School-based Businesses, New Auburn;
- Independent Living Enrichment Project, Grantsburg;
- Empty Bowls School and Community Service Project, Black River Falls; and
- Owen-Withee School Forest Maple Project.

“These programs are born from the collaboration among schools, libraries, and communities that is vital to keeping rural Wisconsin strong,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “Recognizing these efforts showcases the innovation and involvement that define vibrant communities and make them great places to

raise kids.”

The awards program begins at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the Glacier Canyon Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. Additional information about each project receiving an award follows.