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**“What works for your child is what makes the choice right”**



## Member's Corner /

### So Proud!

Contributed by Denise Pauley

Jordan Pauley from Eau Claire will begin a new chapter of life this fall. She will attend Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. Her journey to this point has been nothing short of incredible. At three years old Jordan was diagnosed with hearing loss that is mild to severe in her right ear and mild to profound in her left ear. From the moment her hearing aids were fitted, her love of reading and learning grew exponentially.



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Along with her love of learning, Jordan participated in many sports through the years including high school varsity tennis and cross country skiing. She also discovered her love of music. When she was young, she began piano lessons. She could be found many days sitting at the piano playing. When she entered middle school, she learned to play the flute. She continued with flute and piano throughout high school and also taught herself to play the tenor saxophone. During her junior and senior year at Memorial High School Jordan was chosen to play and march in the Macy's Great American Marching Band during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Along with athletics and music, her academics also excelled. She graduated from high school with a 4.0 grade point average

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**Parents, Kids, and Professionals  
Contribute to The Wisconsin Communicator**

*Share your successes in the world of families with deaf, hard of hearing, and deafplus kids in The Wisconsin Communicator and on WI H&V social media.*

*What **great** thing happened? What made you **happy, proud, grateful**? What have you **overcome**?*

**In words. In pictures. Or both.**

- Show your child's proud artwork! Share your child's most memorable signs or spoken words!
- Show or tell about a success! Big or small. Child or adult.
- Tell us what gives you joy as a professional who works with our children?

**Email** a text document, photo, scan, or file to:

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while taking many Advanced Placement classes. Her joy of learning and being involved was evident in her extra-curricular activities, including being the Vice President of the National Honor Society.

Jordan recognizes she may have to work a little harder to achieve her goals due to her hearing loss, but she has proven she is capable of this challenge. She will utilize an interpreter during college and discover what other accommodations are needed for her to succeed. She plans to study Chemistry and either pursue a career in medicine or research. She is ready and excited for this next chapter in her life to begin.

Thanks to proud mom, Denise, for sharing Jordan's story with us!

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## Come join our next **WI H&V Moms Brunch**

For Moms of children who are  
Hard of Hearing, Deaf, & Deafblind

**Sunday, October 13, 2019 / 12 pm to 2 pm**  
**6259 Dusty Drive, Lancaster, WI 53813**

Relax with moms (and grandmas!) like yourself. Share  
the joys and challenges of raising our incredible children!

**Please bring a favorite food or drink to share.**

**Interpreter available with advance request.**

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or call/text 608/347-8457



### **What did WI Families for Hands & Voices do this summer?**

Summer fun at two WI June Family Picnics co-sponsored by *Parents Reaching Out*. Lovely days and great families in West Allis and Verona!

We joined the Milwaukee *Walk4Hearing* in May. A little bit of chilly spring weather didn't stop anybody!



We spoke to members of the *Deaf Professional Social Service (DSSP)* organization in Milwaukee in June about WI Families for Hands & Voices.

We had an informational booth at the *Waisman Center Day with the Experts: Cochlear Implants* in June on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus.





Families and Members have the  
**Power**  
to make it happen!

### The H&V Family Empowerment Micro-Grant

**Positively Impact Deaf, Hard of Hearing and  
DeafPlus Youth Where You Live.**

*Want to organize a fun social event for your child  
and others?*

*Access some technology?*

*Help a child take that special ASL class?*

*Provide equipment or snacks for an after-school  
club?*

*What else??*

**Share your idea with us. We want to help.**

**Micro Grant awards: up to \$500**

**Application deadlines: March 30 & September 30**

For more info and an application go to the WI H&V  
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