

## “Celebrating 175 Years of Wisconsinites” Theme for 2023 State Capitol Holiday Tree

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***Governor invites students, families statewide to help celebrate Wisconsinites and decorate Capitol Tree.***

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced “175 Years of Wisconsinites” on Monday as the theme for the 2023 Wisconsin State Capitol Holiday Tree to celebrate the many Wisconsinites who have contributed to making Wisconsin into the state it is today as the state celebrates 175 years of statehood.

In [a letter to Wisconsin students](#), the governor encouraged kids of all ages statewide to find inspiration for their ornaments by reflecting on what Wisconsin means to them and who represents Wisconsin to them. Whether that’s the 12 Native Nations that call the state home, the early miners who burrowed into the hills and earned the state its nickname of the “Badger State,” or iconic figures from Wisconsin history books, such as artist Georgia O’Keefe, William S. Harley, the co-founder of Harley-Davidson, or Vel Phillips, the first Black woman and person elected to statewide office. The governor suggested it could also be an individual who has made a difference in a student’s life or in their community, such as a parent, grandparent, teacher, librarian, coach, or local hero. Whomever it may be, the ornaments that adorn this year’s Capitol holiday tree will serve as a reflection of the diverse communities, visionary leaders, and extraordinary Wisconsinites to whom the state owes so much as Wisconsin celebrates 175 years of statehood and its rich history and traditions.

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