



All high schools in the Iowa and Illinois counties served by the Quad-City Times were invited to nominate graduating seniors for Salute to Academics & Achievements recognition. Students were selected for each category by

their schools. Information was submitted by high school counselors.

Students also were asked to write short essays about the changes they expect to see in the world in the next 10 years.

# Geneseo High School

**GENESEO** (Ill.) High School has selected these outstanding seniors from its class of 213 students:

## Academics

**ERIC JEPSEN**, son of Mary J. Jepsen of Geneseo and the late Eric Jepsen, plans to major in electrical engineering and computer science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

- Top achievements:**
- Understood the value of learning for the sake of knowledge
  - Accepted to MIT
  - QuestBridge National College Match finalist

"With regard to education, plain vanilla textbooks are still the way of the future — electronics have little place in the classroom. I look forward to advancements in quantum computing, neuroscience and wireless electricity (perhaps more than 10 years)."

**ANNA MASON**, daughter of Jim Mason of Geneseo and the late Julie Mason, plans to major in nursing at the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

- Top achievements:**
- Top 1 percent of class
  - ACT score of 35; super score of 36
  - National Merit finalist

"In the years to come, I anticipate that our generation will see a higher expected level of education due to increased competition in the work force; a greater push for globalization; and increased dependence on technology and the ability to create, integrate, and master new technologies in every aspect of life."

## The Arts

**HANNAH LOHMAN**, daughter of Mark and Nancy Lohman of Geneseo, plans to major in civil engineering at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

- Top achievements:**
- Illinois State Scholar
  - Top 2 percent of class
  - National Honor Society secretary

"I believe society will become more efficient and even more technology-oriented. Our most successful individuals will be able to adapt to the rapidly changing technologies and be able to create new ideas."

**JACK SCHERER**, son of Steve and Jane Scherer of Geneseo, plans to major in vocal music education at Western Illinois University, Macomb.

- Top achievements:**
- IMEA All-State honors chorus
  - All-State national anthem finalist
  - Choir president

"Technology has definitely taken hold of everyday life in America. Even in music, there are technological advances being made every day. I would expect to see more technology in 10 years that we don't think about right now."

## Humanities

**JOSLYN (JOSI) LILLION**, daughter of Rochele Lillion and Joseph Lillion of Geneseo, plans to major in business and English at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

- Top achievements:**
- Top 6 percent of class
  - National Honor Society
  - National Society of High School



**Eric Jepsen**



**Anna Mason**



**Hannah Lohman**



**Jack Scherer**



**Joslyn Lillion**



**Dan Reyburn**



**Maria Fassett**



**Landon Hoon**



**George Daniel**



**Lydia Flynn**



**Hayley Henderson**



**Ryan Williams**



**Gabrielle Esparza**



**Warren Lamb**

## CLASS OF 2012

Shelby Addis, Rhiannon Anast, Kassandra Anderson, Kimberly Anderson, Brooke Ashley, Courtney Atkisson, Colton Atkisson, Joseph Ballegeer, Jennifer Barks, Rebecca Barnhart, Caitlin Beber, David Behrens, William Berry, Kaitlin Bideaux, Stephanie Bollinger, Marcus Bowles, Emily Bozzer, Allison Brasche, Alissa Bravata, Kyle Brown, Taylor Brown, Ashley Buck, Hannah Burmah, Jared Burton, Andrea Bush, Britany Butcher, Travis Byrne, Joshua Cain, Darian Callear, Craig Capps, Jessica Cassteel, Haley Cathcart, Justine Chavez, Alec Cheek, Karla Chrisop, Mickey Christensen, Samantha Christie, Joshua Cocquitt, Kyle Collis, Britta Conrad, Tyler Craig, George Daniel, Seth Daniels, Demi DeBarre, Katherine DeBrook, Drew DeCap, Jacqueline DeFauw, Destiny Denney, August Denys, Emily DeYoung, Brandon Diericks, Samantha Drapeaux, Joshua DuBois, Cydney Duff, Paige Dwyer, Anastasia Erwin, Gabrielle Esparza, Logan Farber, Allison Farrell, Justin Farrier, Maria Fassett, Lydia Flynn, Jennifer Ford, Kelsi Ford, Andrew Fuller, Paige Gatter, Brandon Gehn, Jordyn Gerhardt, Paul

Gerlich, Steven Gernant, Kyle Goldsmith, Jakob Grader, Zachery Grader, Tyler Grader, Emilee Green, Devan Griffin, Emily Gustafson, Haylee Gustafson, Kasey Haars, Jacob Hancock, Daniel Hanford, Seth Hankins, Katlyn Hansen, Ashlynn Hanshew, Caylie Harned, Darrian Hartman, Tyler Henander-Ford, Hayley Henderson, Karissa Herrman, Katherine Hiebert, Sarah Hiebert, Marissa Hitzler, Christopher Hogue, Aletta Holloway, Landon Hoon, Joseph Huffman, Maximilian Hurliman, Kurt Huseman, Drew Hutchinson, Eric Jepsen, Brian Johnson, Carley Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Evan Johnson, Kyle Jones, Bailee Kain, Marissa Kelley, Caitlyn Kofron, Jacob Koster, Sierra LaChance, Warren Lamb, Marina Larimer, Nicole Lassman, Meghanne LeBlanc, Ryan Lee, Joslyn Lillion, Sean Lillis, Kara Loebach, Hannah Lohman, Edie Lucas, Nicholas Luciani, Jeffrey Lutz, Connor Luxmore, Alan Mannon, Jade Mariman, Anna Mason, Thomas McKee, Douglas Menozzi, Brittany Mielke, Derek Mitchell, Jesse Mohr, Alexander Moore, John Morris, Dylan Murray, George Murray, Cody Murzyn, Catherine Nelson, Jacelyn Neuleib, Oliver Newton, Samantha Noble, Nicholas Norris, Anastasia

Norville, Shannon Nowland, Kelsey Nystrom, Morgan O'Mara, Alexis Painter, Elizabeth Peterson, Bruce Petty, Brandon Phlypo, Sabrina Popp, Kristian Poston, Tyler Puls, Alexandria Radue, Chelsea Rahmus, Amber Rahn, Jordan Rahn, Kyle Reiling, Daniel Reyburn, Nicole Riccal, Brandon Rice, Amanda Ritter, Jeremiah Rivera, Amelia Rizzo, Cody Robertson, Daniel Rowley, James Rudy, Alanna Rumlir, Blake Flusk, Tyler Rusk, Jack Scherer, Joseph Schilling, Hailey Schnowske, Bradley Schulte, Amber Setser, Hannah Sheley, Ashley Simmon, Mark Sliz, Kelsie Smith, Trevor Specht, Charles Springer, Ali Stevens, Jessica Stoneking, Bethany Storm, Kaci-ann Storm, Joseph Straat, Lindsey Swain, Zachary Taber, Seana Talbert, Zachary Talbot, Steven Timbrook, Christoph Tschanz, Madeline Vandaele, Sarah VandeWoestyne, Taelor Vantiegheem, Pearl Viane, Amanda Waldo, Mitchell Walker, Paige Wates, Dakota Watson, Olivia Weathers-Goethals, Monique Welch, Nathan Wheeler, Keegan Wigant, Kelli Wilebski, Loren Williams, Ryan Williams, Taylor Wise, Evan Wolfe, Leeland Woods, Kelsey Woolam, Taylor Wright, Adam Wyffels and Bryce Zanfes.

## Scholars

"Within the next decade, I expect all new vehicles to run on electricity or ethanol only. I also expect computers to become so essential that handwriting will become almost obsolete. I will tell my nieces and nephews, 'When I was your age, I learned how to write in cursive!'"

**DAN REYBURN**, son of Jerry and LaNae Reyburn of Geneseo, plans to major in international business at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society president
  - Top 3 percent of class
  - Varsity Scholastic Bowl Team captain

"In 10 years, I expect the world to be more connected culturally, politically and economically. Advances in technology will make these things possible. Also, many countries will have recovered or started to recover from the economic recession in 2008."

## Leadership

**MARIA FASSETT**, daughter of Roger and Cathleen Fassett of Geneseo, plans to major in elementary education/reading specialist at Monmouth (Ill.) College.

## Top achievements:

- National Technical Honor Society
- Academic Excellence
- FFA chapter scholarship pin

"I hope quality leaders are developed in school systems. Technology will take a large role in teaching; however, reading and communication skills should still be taught. Schools must come together to eliminate bullying and have students join hands for understanding of each other in the classroom and in the world."

**LANDON HOON**, son of Brent and Jeni Hoon of Geneseo, plans to major in business and finance at Illinois State University, Normal.

- Top achievements:**
- Top 9 percent of class
  - National Honor Society
  - Academic All-State, football

"Technology in our schools will most likely be one of the biggest changes we will see 10 years from now. We will advance in the medical field and will hopefully come closer to finding a cure for cancer. I would also like to see people less judgmental of one another."

## Math/The Sciences

**GEORGE DANIEL**, son of Karen Daniel and Bryan Daniel of Geneseo, plans

to major in biomedical engineering and music at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

- Top achievements:**
- Top 9 percent of class
  - National Honor Society
  - 1st place, NIB-12 Mathletes Competition for Optimization

"In 10 years, I expect the world will inherently advance, particularly technologically, medically and economically. At the agile rate at which modern technology is progressing, our present-day technology will seem antediluvian. There have been many enthralling breakthroughs in the field of medicine as of late, so I expect great things in the near future. Lastly, as globalization manifests itself throughout the earth, we all will become much more interdependent, resulting in a higher quality of life."

**LYDIA FLYNN**, daughter of Diane and Paul Flynn of Geneseo, plans to major in international relations and mathematics at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion.

- Top achievements:**
- National Merit finalist
  - State-level mathematics competition qualifier
  - AP Scholar with Distinction
- "Technology will be the greatest cause of future change. It will become

even more integrated into daily tasks at school, work and home. While this process brings faster communication, easier access to information, and a more connected global community, it may harm face-to-face communication skills while increasing dependence on devices."

## Vocational Education

**HAYLEY HENDERSON**, daughter of Eric and Melanie Henderson of Geneseo, plans to major in dietetics at Iowa State University, Ames.

- Top achievements:**
- National Technical Honor Society
  - Academic All-Conference, cheer-leading, gymnastics
  - Honor Roll

"In the next 10 years I believe that curriculum will become more advanced at a younger grade level. A high school student starting to take college courses is only the beginning of this concept. As advanced curriculum begins to force itself into the earlier stages of our learning, higher levels of education will be more attainable."

**RYAN WILLIAMS**, son of Rodney and Janice Williams of Geneseo, plans to major in finance at Bradley University, Peoria.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society
  - Academic Letter

"In 10 years, I expect the world to have changed greatly compared to how it is now. Hopefully by then the economy will be going at full strength and the country will be running smoothly. I also think that technology will continue to advance greatly."

## Young Journalist

**GABRIELLE ESPARZA**, daughter of Jennifer and Daniel Erickson and Michael Esparza of Geneseo, plans to major in history and Spanish at Illinois College, Jacksonville.

- Top achievements:**
- Illinois State Scholar
  - National Honor Society
  - First underclassman to serve as yearbook editor

"Beyond the vast technological advancements that the future promises, I envision a more politically active world in 10 years. Events in the Middle East demonstrated technology's impact on current events — today, ordinary people help shape politics. We live in an increasingly global community, creating greater awareness and inspiring action."

**WARREN LAMB**, son of Doug and Donna Lamb of Colona, plans to major in arts technology at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

- Top achievements:**
- Illinois State Scholar
  - Northern Illinois University School of Art tuition scholarship
  - Northern Illinois University merit scholarship

"Over the next 10 years, we will undoubtedly witness the birth of an enormous range of new ideas and innovations: everything from science and technology to culture and art. There's really no telling what the future has in store for us, but I, for one, can't wait to find out."

# Maquoketa High School

**MAQUOKETA** (Iowa) High School has selected these outstanding seniors from its class of 155 students:

## Academics

**BRADLEY WALLER**, son of Dr. Roger and Tracy Waller of Maquoketa, plans to major in biochemistry (pre-med) at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa.

- Top achievements:**
- Iowa Governor's Scholar
  - Class 3A Iowa Football Student Achievement Award
  - Valedictorian

"You can count on technology changing the way schools run. However, school will still be school in 10 years. Teachers will teach, students will learn and the world will still turn."

## The Arts

**EMMA MANNING**, daughter of Sarah Hobbs and David Manning of Maquoketa, plans to major in East Asian studies at Oberlin (Ohio) College.

- Top achievements:**
- National Merit scholar
  - All-Stater
  - SAT score of 2150

"I expect the world to be even more interconnected than it is now. As it is, the world is becoming increasingly globalized, and with technology advancing at exponential rates, I expect economies and cultures to be closer than ever in 10 years."

## Humanities

**BAILEY MILLER**, daughter of Brian and Carol Miller of Maquoketa, plans to major in psychology and Spanish at Iowa State University, Ames.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society



**Bradley Waller**



**Emma Manning**



**Bailey Miller**



**Laura Osterhaus**



**Ashley Quinlan**



**William Gomez II**



**Morgan Budde**

## CLASS OF 2012

Nina Aarvik, Samuel Adler, Samantha Ahrens, Alexa Aise, Drew Andersen, Christina Anderson, Emma Anderson, Matthew Armbruster, Kayla Bennett, Cassie Berggren, Luke Berner, Brittany Bettag, Erick Billmeyer, Derek Block, Jonathan Bopes, Chelsea Bormann, Rosalynn Bormann, Domanique Brady, Tyler Brady, Alecia Bramer, Mercedes Browne, Morgan Budde, Elizabeth Bullock, Ben Butt, Isabel Caminal, Vanessa Carlson, Shawna Christiansen, Dustin Clark, Nicholas Clasen, Chase Coakley, Quinn Coates, Raina Costello, Kayla Cox, Trevin Crouch, Sara Cubbage, Alyssa Current, Haleigh Daurelle, Eric Del Prado, Emily Denger, Emily Donahue, Alyssa Duhme, Matthew Duhme, Sarah Eckelberg, Carlos Eggers, Gilberto Eggers, Destiny Evans, Kelly Elliott, Jordan Ewaldt, Kyle Flatness, Quennel Fowler,

- Top achievements:**
- 1st place, FFA conduct of meetings contest; 2nd place, agricultural marketing
  - Featured in May 2011 issue of Seventeen magazine

"I predict that technology will be the greatest change in the next 10 years because every day something new and advanced is discovered. I also believe that there will be greater change in the attitudes toward health and environment. People will make themselves and society much greater and stronger."

Joshua Francois, Kayla Gerardy, Kolton Gerischer, Allen Goodenow, William Gomez, Brianna Green, Amanda Griffin, Kayla Grimm, Garrett Grosskruger, Matthew Hansen, Haley Harding, Shelby Hardison, Andrew Harland, Perry Hawks, Tre Hayes, Sebastian Heister, Ryan Helton, Courtney Hickson, Tyler Hoffman Jacob Holst, Derek Hopson, Ryan Horcher, Katharine Hotvedt, Jannell Huebbe, Renee Jimmy, Craig Johnson, Paige Johnson, Travis Johnson, Tequila Jones, Kayla Jones-Fultner, Brandon Keating, Ty Keeney, Matthew Keitel, Anthony Kelly, Matthew Kilburg, Nathanael Kilburg, Tad Kinyon, Brittny Kloft, Chelsey Kloft, Taylor Kopp, Matthew Koppes, Emily Kutsch, Wyatt Kyarsgaard, Ali Lai, Grant Lapke, Chantelle LeRette, Sarah Lichter, Elizabeth Linhart, Alexander Lippens, Andrew Long, Dakota Manning, Emma Manning, Skyler McCreedy, Roxanne McCullough, Dominick

## Leadership

**LAURA OSTERHAUS**, daughter of Matt and Marilyn Osterhaus of Maquoketa, plans to major in dance at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

- Top achievements:**
- Student Senate historian, secretary and president
  - Choreographer, high school musical, 3 years
  - National Honor Society
- "Technology has drastically changed since I started high school. I can't imag-

ine where our world would be without it. Ten years from now, I expect to see continued advances in technology— hopefully in areas less recreational and more productive, such as medicine."

## Math/The Sciences

**ASHLEY QUINLAN**, daughter of Tom and Kathy Quinlan of Delmar, plans to major in environmental science at Loyola University, Chicago.

- Top achievements:**
- Competed in National Envirothon

## in Canada

- ACT score of 33
  - DAR Good Citizen Award
- "In 10 years, I believe that the world will be spending more time and money on protecting the environment and we will depend less on fossil fuels. Schools will use even more technology than they already do, and will eventually become paperless."

## Vocational Education

**WILLIAM GOMEZ II**, son of William Gomez and Rachael Faulkner of Maquoketa.

- Top achievements:**
- Overcoming all the doubts people thought about me
  - Honor Roll
  - 4th place, Health Occupations Students Of America knowledge test

"I expect to see many advancements in the health field and to see many new treatments and cures for deadly diseases."

## Young Journalist

**MORGAN BUDDÉ**, daughter of Bill and Renee Budde of Maquoketa, plans to major in communications/public relations at University of Wisconsin, Platteville.

- Top achievements:**
- Honor Roll
  - 1st chair, clarinet
  - Writing a editorial against high school parties and receiving notice
- "The world is an ever-changing place, but I see the most dramatic change in our technological abilities. I remember growing up without Internet and having to go outside and play. Today's children are being brought up on technology and it's sad to say that one day, my children probably won't even know what a phone book is."

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