



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.

Nominees will be saluted on special pages in the Q-C Area section on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

# Muscatine High School

**MUSCATINE** (Iowa) High School has selected these outstanding seniors from its class of 405 students:

## Academics

**TYLER HAGY**, son of Mark and Deb Hagy of Muscatine, plans to major in history/vocal performance at Luther College, Decora, Iowa.

**Top achievements:**  
 ■ AP Scholar with Honor  
 ■ 4.0 GPA  
 ■ ACT score of 33  
 "I expect to see greater focus on equality and the environment. As a people, we have made great strides in the past few months with the election of Barack Obama. I believe the nation will tighten its focus on 'green' projects and work to make this country safe for all."

**KEVIN TEMPLETON**, son of Dave Templeton and Renee Templeton of Muscatine, plans to major in music education at Central College, Pella, Iowa.

**Top achievements:**  
 ■ "4" on AP U.S. History exam  
 ■ National Merit commended scholar  
 ■ ACT score of 35  
 "I expect that students won't just buy computers when they go to college, but will purchase computers for high school or even earlier as their use for education continues to increase. I also expect to see the array of careers continue to expand and diversify."

## The Arts

**MORGAN OTHMER**, daughter of Dana Fuller and Perry Othmer of Muscatine, plans to attend Muscatine Community College.

■ 3.8 or higher GPA  
 ■ National Honor Society  
 ■ French and band, 4 years  
 "One major advance will be in technology — from improving medical treatments to everyday communication. I believe that we will change the way we live to help preserve the environment. No matter what the change, I hope that we can learn from our mistakes and move forward with progress."

**RYAN SWAILES**, son of Sheri Swailes and Rodney Swailes of Muscatine, plans to major in music at Luther College, Decora, Iowa.

**Top achievements:**  
 ■ All-State choir  
 ■ Varsity show choir  
 ■ Freshman choir student assistant  
 "I expect to see our lives based around new technologies, some that help us and others that are for entertainment. I also expect our towns to be more environmentally friendly. I think that our society is going to drastically change to better the lives of future generations."

## Humanities

**STEPHANIE NAGY**, daughter of Dion and Michelle Nagy of Muscatine, plans to major in biology/pre-med at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**Top achievements:**  
 ■ 4.8 GPA  
 ■ Interact Club president  
 ■ Rotary Student of the Month  
 "Ten years from now I expect people to be more environmentally conscious. Curbside recycling will be available in most places. A more efficient and environment friendly energy source will be discovered. Because of global warming, everyone do their part to save the earth."

**RACHEL PRICE**, daughter of Russ and Lisa Price of Muscatine,



**Tyler Hagy**



**Kevin Templeton**



**Morgan Othmer**



**Ryan Swailes**



**Stephanie Nagy**



**Rachel Price**



**Jasmine Brent**



**Taylor Wettach**



**Anthony Cox**



**Fredrick Galoso**



**Whitney Brauns**



**Lane Mathis**



**Trevin Hartman**



**Danielle Nau**

## CLASS OF 2009

Christina Abbott, Amber Abernathy, Magdiel Acosta, Allison Adcock, Beth Adcock, Jose Aguilar, Kristina Alcalá, Mikaela Aldridge, Cody Allen, Kyle Allgood, Omar Amaro, Brandon Amerine, Jeramie Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Edwin Arceo, Hannah Armstrong, Ryan Askren, Alex Bailey, Amber Bair, Samuel Baker, Jonathan Banko, Maria Barajas, Jose Barajas-Rios, Judith Baumgardt, Sean Bean, Joseph Beason, Colin Behymer, Misty Bennett, Nathan Berkhoudt, Ben Bierman, Joshua Bills, Kelsie Blaesing, Tyler Bodman, Nicklaus Boeyink, Jordan Bottoms, Xavier Bou, Kally Boyer, Whitney Brauns, Jasmine Brent, Sara Bright, Trevor Brockert, Courtney Brown, Tiara Bryant, David Bueno, Gavin Burns, Hillary Cale, Brittany Campbell, Tyler Campbell, Raul Canahui Artola, Brady Cannon, Victor Carдоза, Alex Carl, Keeley Carlson, Maria Carrillo Torres, Austin Castle, Gabriel Cenicerros, Joseph Chatman, Breana Chesebro Rebecca Chesling, Danny Chick, Amber Clemens, Catherine Clemens, Jamie Clevenger, Bradley Cole, Joseph Colon, Justin Conley, Vaughn Cookson, Ashley Coram, Jessica Cordrey, Lauro Cortez, Vincent Costante, Michael Costello, Kimberly Coulter, Mary Cowles, Anthony Cox, Timothy Cox, Elibeth Cruz Medina, Kayleigh Curry-Guck, Abrie Curtis, Ryan Danielson, Claude Daum, Allison Davis, Brock Davis, Zazil DeAlba, Britany Dennis, Mayra Diaz, Benjamin Dicks, Paige Dietz, Jennifer Dillon, Mirna Dillon, Richard Dilts, Cassandra Dittmer, Danielle Dolan, Elizabeth Donald, Angela Duarte, Alexander Dugan, Tara Dugan, Ashley Duggleby, Taylor Duncan, Laura Edgmond, Noah Eichelberger, Drew Elgatian, Danah Elshoff, Andrew Escalante, Oziel Esquivel, Scott Estabrook, Zachary Estabrook, Kenneth Evans, Tessa Evans, Benjamin Eversmeyer, Kayla Eversmeyer, Allison Fields, Nathan Fillmore, Darby Finnegan, Corina Flores, Amy Foor, Jennifer Ford, Bryson Foster, Ethan Frantz, Allie Fuhlman, Mackenzie Fuller, Fredrick Galoso, Nichole Ganser, Aracelly Garcia, Hector Garcia, Henry Garcia, Mirhiam Garcia, Wendy Garcia Ortiz, Devon Gardn, Kyle Gardner, Cristina Gaytan, Marivel Gaytan, Miles Gear, Joshua Gearey, Tyler

plans to major in engineering at Iowa State University, Ames.

**Top achievements:**  
 ■ National Honor Society  
 ■ Academic Letter  
 ■ MAC All-Academic Team  
 "I believe that in 10 years we will become an eco-friendly nation. We will not rely solely on fossil fuels but on renewable resources such as biomass, solar thermal and wind energy. I believe that from this transition, there will be less disease due to the lack of pollution."

## Leadership

**JASMINE BRENT**, daughter of Judy Frank and Cornelius Brent of Muscatine, plans to major in psychology at Spelman College, Atlanta, Ga.

**Top achievements:**  
 ■ National Council on Youth Leadership  
 ■ National Honor Society/Student Council executive secretary  
 ■ Acceptance to the institution

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of my dreams, Spelman College  
 "In the next 10 years, I expect to see the United States grow into a country that embodies unity, courage, loyalty and prosperity. In setting the standards high 'for healthcare, agriculture, employment' it will allow us to change lives, nations, and ultimately the condition of our world. God Bless America!"

**TAYLOR WETTACH**, son of Sandy and David Wettach of Muscatine, plans to major in political science.

**Top achievements:**  
 ■ National Merit commended scholar  
 ■ 4.0 GPA  
 ■ "5" on AP U.S. History and U.S. Government exams; "4" on comparative government exam  
 "Ten years from now I expect to see a world more united by economic and political globalism. I predict more government economic oversight internationally in an effort to limit recession.

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Asian economies will grow, the European Union's power will be cemented, and the United States' role will evolve."

## Math/The Sciences

**ANTHONY COX**, son of Robert Cox Jr. and Sue Cox of Muscatine, plans to major in kinesiology at Iowa State University, Ames.

**Top achievements:**  
 ■ 4.0 GPA  
 ■ Numerous academic scholarships  
 ■ Scoring in the top 3 of class on the ACT  
 "The world continues to advance amazingly technologically. I see nearly everything in the world being run by computers. Many more scientific and medical breakthroughs will come about, thanks to technology. Our reliance on technology will be greater than ever in 10 years, and it will only keep growing."  
**FREDRICK GALOSO**, son of Maria-Teresa and Salvador

Galoso of Muscatine, plans to major in biology (pre-medicine) and computer science at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**Top achievements:**  
 ■ President's Award for Educational Excellence  
 ■ Honor Roll  
 "Greater innovation in technology and the sciences will be spurred on by a global community working closer together to solve issues that affect all of humanity and the planet we live on."

## Vocational Education

**WHITNEY BRAUNS**, daughter of Rod and Jenny Brauns of Muscatine, plans to major in equestrian science at Muscatine Community College.

**Top achievements:**  
 ■ 3.0 GPA  
 ■ FFA treasurer  
 ■ Silver Cord  
 "In the next 10 years I expect much more technology in school, and hopefully a smaller dropout rate. Everyone has the ability to get a great education. Unfortunately, some kids don't take advantage of that. But in the next 10 years, what I hope to see the most is more affordable college."

**LANE MATHIS**, son of Mike and Lisa Mathis of Muscatine, plans to major in agricultural education at Iowa State University, Ames.

**Top achievements:**  
 ■ 3rd place individual, National Nursery Landscape  
 ■ 2nd place team, National Nursery Landscape  
 ■ FFA president  
 "The changes I see happening in the world deal mainly with the education system. I see that a lot more emphasis will be put on technology in the classroom and pushing for more students to graduate from high school with a push for a science major to move forward the research of many needed technologies."

## Young Journalist

**TREVIN HARTMAN**, son of Dave and Krista Hartman of Muscatine, plans to major in business management at Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach, Fla.

**Top achievements:**  
 ■ Outstanding Attendance Award  
 ■ Academic Grade Point Average Award  
 ■ Honor Roll  
 "Ten years from now, I expect to see great technological advances within the school system. I am expecting classroom supplies to change from paper and pencils to flash drives. Along with the changes in technology, I am hoping that medical advances will help to find a cure for complicated diseases."

**DANIELLE NAU**, daughter of Brad and Beth Nau of Muscatine, plans to major in fiction writing at Columbia College, Chicago.

**Top achievements:**  
 ■ Graduating from Muscatine Community College before graduating from high school  
 ■ Muscatine Community College president's list  
 ■ National Council on Youth Leadership  
 "In the next 10 years I think that we will go through some rough patches, but finally achieve a more accepting world where people can succeed and achieve greater things. While new technologies will be invented, I think that this concept is the most important thing to focus on."



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