



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.

# Assumption High School

**ASSUMPTION** High School, Davenport, has selected these outstanding seniors from its class of 105 students:

## Academics

**EMILY MILKE**, daughter of Chris and Barb Milke of Davenport, plans to major in math, accounting or pre-law at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

- Top achievements:**
- 4.24 GPA
  - National Honor Society
  - '5' on AP Biology exam

"Between an increasingly connected world and technological advances, education reform and the need for mutual respect for one another in our own country and between countries, problem solvers will be essential in changing the world in the next 10 years."

**CAITLIN POSTER**, daughter of Mike and Kelly Poster of Eldridge, plans to major in nursing at St. Mary's College, South Bend, Ind.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society
  - Governor's Scholar Recognition
  - First Honors

"In 10 years, the importance of a strong education will become more evident. As technology advances, people will need better educations to succeed in aspects of the work force. People will also need a broader knowledge of math, science and world relations in order to solve the issues affecting the world."

## The Arts

**JACOB NEFF**, son of Kim Neff and Matt Neff of Davenport, plans to major in chemical engineering at Iowa State University, Ames.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society
  - Thespians president
  - International Honor Thespian

"In 10 years, I expect to see major developments in medicine due to the advancements in the molecular biology of angiogenesis. These advances will greatly assist doctors with tissue remodeling and will reduce the mortality from cardiovascular disease."

**A.J. SKINNER**, son of Janet Gleason and Shawn Skinner of Davenport, plans to major in physics at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa.

- Top achievements:**
- All-State band
  - Varsity golf
  - National Honor Society

"Because of the increasing involvement of technology in our everyday lives, people will have a greater ability to receive instruction, entertainment, and resources at a moment's notice. We must work hard to promote human interaction and make sure that our advancements aim to help people, not take their place."



## CLASS OF 2012

Sean Adams, Rachel Alger, Trai Anderson, Ellen Argo, Jeffrey Artioli, Melissa August, Michael Becker, Harrison Bell, Jerome Berghold, Jasmine Binion, Joseph Bush, Porfirio Cadena IV, Matthew Carlin, Christopher Carton, Cole Clements, Allison Courville, Alec Dalton, Thomas Day, Bryony Dodsworth, Freya Dodsworth, Courtney Dooley, Jordan Elizondo, Ginger Erb-stroesser, Grace Fennelly, Peter Finn, Cameron Fox, Steven Froeschle, Kee Fryxell, Ryan Fuller, Derek Fulton, Ben Gaboury, Kyle Gacke, Tabitha Garlough-

Jones, Ian Gradert, Bradley Grothus, Erica Grubbs, Jacob Guise, Bailey Hager, Jacob Hannon, Clarissa Harrison, Catherine Her-rig, Katherine Huiskamp, Leticia Huizar, Tyler Irwin, Maxwell Johannsen, Patrick Kakert, Rikki Kephart, Dylan Kester, Leo Kilfoy, Kelsey Klein, Michelle Kostelney, Jonathan LaGrange, Eric Lammers, Kathleen Lane, Christina Laubenthal, Sean Long, Rebecca Mallon, Kathryn Matson, Alexander Matthys, Andrew McCabe, Kevin McCabe, Morgan McDermott, Jordan McIn-tosh, Nicole McIntosh, Gina Meier, Jacob Menster, Martin Merceri, Emily Milke, Sarah Moon, Zachary Mumm, Jacob Neff, Thien-

Ly Nguyen, Kylie Nickels, Megan O'Day, Max Okland, Cindy Phan, Caitlin Poster, Jake Powers, Lucas Powers, Reminton Ricci-uti, Catherine Rodi, Matthew Rohlf, Elizabeth Rolf, Drew Sandoval, Kyle Sandry, Elliott Schaefer, James Schlichting, Margaret Schnell, Katelyn Schultz, Matthew Shofroth, Ellie Simpson, Anthony Skinner, Benjamin Skinner, Patrick Smith, Luke Stahr, Matthew Steinhauer, Quinn Stevens, Travis Talbot, Andrew Tjaden, Krysta Tutsch, Carley Wescom, Victoria Yarber, Emma Young, Jeremy Zettel and Hannah Zinger.

## Humanities

**CHRISTINA LAUBENTHAL**, daughter of Beth and Dan Laubenthal of Davenport, plans to major in international business and writing, rhetoric and dis-course at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.

- Top achievements:**
- Academic All-State, cross country
  - United States Achievement Academy national language arts award
  - President's Volunteer Service Award

"Polarization will mark the next 10 years. On one side, more and more people will return to traditional Judeo-Christian ethics. Progressives will become more radical as their base erodes with the retirement and death of baby boomers. This year's election promises to be the spark."

**ELLIE SIMPSON**, daughter of Dave and Carol Simpson of Davenport, plans to major in nursing at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society
  - Honor Thespian
  - Ignatius of Loyola Scholarship, Creighton University

"There have been many advances in the medical field over the past years such as artificial heart transplants and LASIK eye surgery. I expect to see new technology and sci-

entific breakthroughs that move us closer to a cure for a variety of diseases that health care professionals struggle with today."

## Leadership

**DEREK FULTON**, son of Keith and Julie Fulton of Bettendorf, plans to major in business management at Grandview University, Des Moines.

- Top achievements:**
- Academic All-State, football
  - National Honor Society
  - High Honor Roll

"Ten years from now, I expect the world to have exponentially advanced in technology compared to the progres-sion over the past decade. Our chal-lenge as future leaders is to embrace this technology to solve global con-cerns such as political, environmental, biomedical and social justice issues."

**ERICA GRUBBS**, daughter of Steve and Kelli Grubbs of Davenport, plans to major in economics at North-western University, Evanston, Ill.

- Top achievements:**
- Academic All-State, cross country
  - NFL Speech and Debate National Tournament qualifier
  - National Honor Society

"In the next 10 years the ability to share information via the Internet will dramatically change the representa-tion people will have in their govern-ment. Twitter and Facebook have already played an integral role in the

democratic revolutions throughout the Middle East. The Internet is the mega-phone for grassroots movements."

## Math/The Sciences

**JACOB GUISE**, son of Joseph and Sandra Guise of Davenport, plans to major in finance at Loyola University, Chicago.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society corre-sponding secretary
  - National Society of High School Scholars

"Due to the continuous advance-ment of technology, I expect major developments in business, education and medicine. There will be more worldly interaction in business, more online learning in education and stellar advancements in medicine, all done with more respect to the environment."

**JAKE POWERS**, son of Theresa and Bernard Powers of Davenport, plans to major in pre-pharmacy at Drake University, Des Moines.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society
  - Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference attendee
  - High Honor Roll

"In the next 10 years, I expect to see a healthier world, with better medicines for many people around the world. I see a world fighting eco-nomically, but recovering and improv-

ing. Ten years from now, there will be advancements not just in science, but also in energy and world policy."

## Vocational Education

**MEGAN O'DAY**, daughter of Tammy O'Day of Davenport, plans to major in accounting at AIB College of Busi-ness, Des Moines.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society
  - Honor Roll
  - AIB Founder's Scholarship

"In my four years of high school, there have been numerous enhance-ments in technology. It's something that's always improving. Ten years from now, I expect to see all electronics smaller and capable of doing more, and I hope some of these enhancements are also happening in the medical field."

**PATRICK SMITH**, son of Vinnie and Mark Smith of Bettendorf, plans to major in bio-chemical engineering/-genetics at Iowa State University, Ames.

- Top achievements:**
- Academic All-State, football
  - First Honors
  - Named to 20 People Making a Difference in Bettendorf for 2011

"I believe my generation has the potential to combine technological advancements and creative problem solving skills to improve the quality of life for those who endure a lifetime of challenge. The ability to make a differ-ence in the lives of others can be a hallmark of our generation."

## Young Journalist

**ALLISON COURVILLE**, daughter of Dar-ren and Barb Courville of Davenport, plans to major in graphic communica-tions and business administration at Carroll University, Waukesha, Wis.

- Top achievements:**
- High Honor Roll
  - MAC All-Academic, volleyball
  - National Honor Society

"In 10 years, I envision that the power of the written word will be less-ened due to the magnitude of technol-ogy. Unfortunately, students will become dependent on technology and lose the type of education pro-vided by textbooks and newspapers."

**REBECCA MALLON**, daughter of Michael Mallon and Mary Toohill of Davenport, plans to major in dietetics at Bradley University, Peoria.

- Top achievements:**
- Academic All-State, cross country
  - National Honor Society
  - Honor Roll

"In the next 10 years, I hope to see more people become aware of their health and take the initiative to live healthier lifestyles. I also hope to see advances in medicine that will help cure diseases people face today."

# Cambridge High School

**CAMBRIDGE** (Ill.) High School has selected these outstanding seniors from its class of 29 students:

## Academics

**ASHLEY KRUGER**, daughter of Brad and Jennifer Kruger of Cambridge, plans to major in elementary educa-tion at Black Hawk College, Moline.

- Top achievements:**
- Illinois State Scholar
  - National Honor Society
  - High Honors

"Technology will be so far advanced. Our kids will be learning with nothing but technology."

## The Arts

**KELSEY LAVIN**, daughter of Larry and Kathy Lavin of Cambridge, plans to attend Illinois State University, Nor-mal.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society
  - High Honor Roll
  - Principal's List

"I hope to see many changes throughout the world within the next 10 years. By the year 2022, the United States will be out of debt. The world will never be completely peace-ful, but I am sure the nations will make progress. The next 10 years will be exciting ones, and I cannot wait to see what is ahead."



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Kevin Beuseling, Emalee Brink, Hailey Clark, Jacob Elliott, Nathan Evans, Blaize Harris, Jacquelin Imhoff, Matthew Johnson, Ashley Kruger, Kelsey Lavin, Dominic Martin, Sean McCoy, Kevin

Miller, Lindsey Myers, Skyler Rapp, Erika Roden, Curstin Samolitis, Taylor Slagel, Alyssa Smith, Austin Smith, Brendon Smith, Kane Sovey, Austin Strobbie, Brianna Swanson, Hanna Swanson, Jazmine Toribio, Kayla VanWatermeulen and Taylor Vincent.

## Humanities

**EMALEE BRINK**, daughter of Brian and Karin Brink of Cambridge plans to major in pre-med at Augustana Col-lege, Rock Island.

- Top achievements:**
- High Honors
  - National Honor Society
  - Academic All-Conference, volley-ball, basketball, softball

"I believe that technological advances are a great asset to our society, but in the next 10 years tech-nology could alter children's learn-ing ability greatly. I expect to see more classes taught over the Internet. I believe that many schools will also go paperless."

## Leadership

**HAILEY CLARK**, daughter of Randy and Rachelle Edmund and Allen Clark of Cambridge, plans to major in ele-mentary education at Illinois State University, Normal.

- Top achievements:**
- High Honor Roll
  - Principal's List
  - National Honor Society

"Entering the field of education, I believe there are many changes ahead for schools and how they func-tion. In the next 10 years, I expect to see more achievements from students at younger ages and hopefully improvements in technology through small schools such as Cambridge. I

hope that there are many benefical changes to help children grow and succeed in our economy as well."

## Math/The Sciences

**KEVIN MILLER**, son of Scott and Silke Miller of Cambridge, plans to major in pre-med at Auburn (Ala.) University.

- Top achievements:**
- Illinois State Scholar
  - National Honor Society
  - High Honors

"I believe that the world will be much more technologically advanced. The technology that we will have in the future will be unbelievable and, I hope, helpful to the environment."

## Vocational Education

**MATTHEW JOHNSON**, son of Mark and Teresa Johnson of Cambridge, plans to major in manufacturing engineering technology at Black Hawk College, Moline.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society
  - High Honor Roll
  - Principal's List

"I believe the world will become more technologically advanced. Chil-dren will be learning more on comput-ers and devices as well as learning more at an earlier age. What I learned in third grade is being taught to chil-dren in the grades below."

## Young Journalist

**ALY SMITH**, daughter of Beth and Scott Smith of Cambridge, plans to major in psychology at Black Hawk College, Moline.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society
  - High Honor Roll
  - DAR Award

"When I think about what the world is going to be like 10 years from now, I see a better place. It seems like there are more people who are trying to change the world and make it a happier environment more and more every day."

# Quad-Cities Christian School

**QUAD-CITIES CHRISTIAN** School, Moline, has selected these outstanding seniors from its class of seven students:

## Academics

**DOROTHY MUTUM**, daughter of John and Cheryl Mutum of Milan, plans to major in psychology at Augustana College, Rock Island.

- Top achievements:**
- Valedictorian
  - High Honor Roll
  - Scholar athlete awards

"The world changes so quickly that it is impos-sible to imagine where we will be in 10 years. I would like to believe that everyone will have learned to live together in peace with each per-son making positive differences in the world."

## The Arts

**MELISSA GRIFFITHS**, daughter of Michael and Gail Griffiths of Moline, plans to major in sociol-ogy/psychology at Black Hawk College, Moline.

- Top achievements:**
- High Honor Roll
  - Good grades continued through basketball, volleyball and soccer
  - Wrote a novel senior year

"I know that for me, personally, I got to see my school grow in the arts over all the years I've been here. I would like to visit high schools in the Quad-Cities in 10 years and see that the arts in school have grown and help students to focus more on their coming futures."

## Leadership

**BRITTANY COX**, daughter of Michael and Christina Cox of Rock Island, plans to major in graphic design at Judson University, Elgin, Ill.

- Top achievements:**
- National Forensics League excellence degree
  - Student Council president
  - Wrote a novel senior year

"Unfortunately, I don't see a lot of positive things happening in the next 10 years because of the way things are going now. If we are not the change that we need, I see a decrease in moral values, and an increase in global tension and famine on the Earth."



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Jette Carr, Zack Conover, Brittany Cox, Melissa Grif-fiths, Dorothy Mutum, Devin Stanley and Allea Williamson.