



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.

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# Davenport West High School

**DAVENPORT WEST** High School has selected these outstanding seniors from its class of 425 students:

## Academics

**HEATHER BENNETT**, daughter of Robin Bennett and Paul Bennett of Davenport, plans to attend Iowa State University, Ames.

- Top achievements:
  - Academic Excellence
  - National Honor Society vice president
  - Junior Rotarian

"Ten years from now, the world will be a very different place. I expect there to be an increase in environmental awareness and the use of alternative energy. I also believe we will see many technological advances that will allow us to end our dependence on non-biodegradable plastic products."

**ARNOLD KOMPANIYETS**, son of Olga and Joseph Cyphers of Davenport, plans to major in medicine and mathematics at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

- Top achievements:
    - 4.0 GPA
    - ACT score of 32 (35 in English section)
    - AP Calculus exam score of 5
- "Given my intended studies in medicine, I believe the world will see a magnitude of advances in this field of knowledge. As research continues, more diseases will be conquered, and medical care will be accessible to everyone; in fact, medical researchers might be on the verge of discovering immortality."

## The Arts

**MALCOLM KELLY**, son of Michael Kelly and Susan Balciulis of Davenport, plans to major in mechanical engineering at Iowa State University, Ames.

- Top achievements:
  - All-State Band
  - National Honor Society president

"The current crises of the nation will encourage a significant increase in engineering careers. I will find my niche in sound engineering. In 10 years' time, I hope to have a hand in developing and engineering the acoustics of an innovative performance venue."

**CYDNEY ROELANDT**, daughter of Bradley and Kelly Roelandt of Davenport, plans to major in theater at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

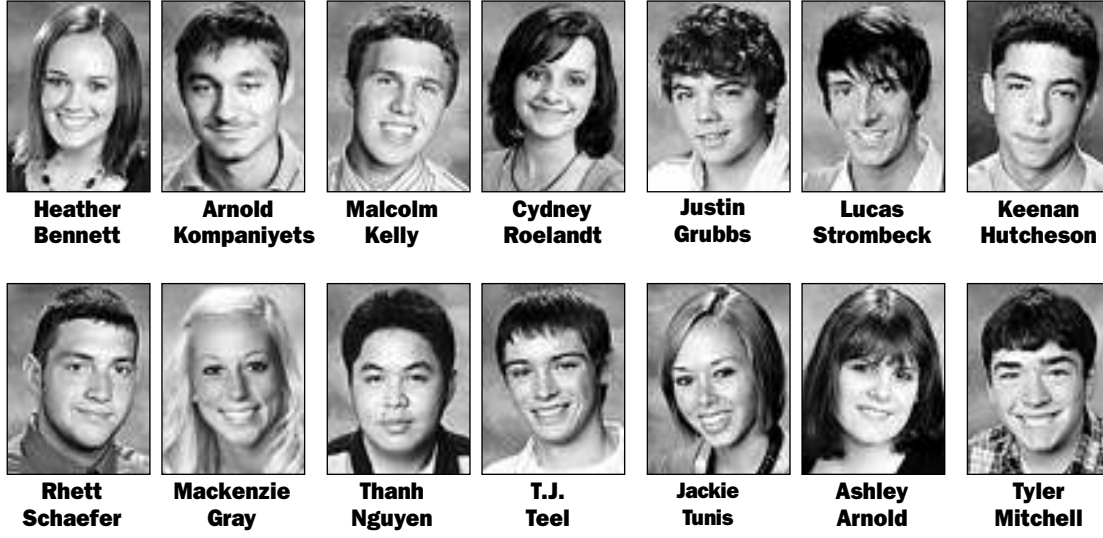
- Top achievements:
  - Honor Student
  - Academic College Scholarship
  - Falcon Award

"Society can obviously change a lot in a short matter of time. I would like to believe that the world will be a better place in 10 years. This includes better health care, defeat of poverty and hunger, a cleaner ecosystem, and acceptance of all people."

## Humanities

**JUSTIN GRUBBS**, son of Steve and Kelli Grubbs of Davenport, plans to major in theater and psychology at the University of Minnesota.

- Top achievements:
    - ACT score of 32
    - Speech and Debate district
    - Male lead in state-winning one-act play, "Fortress"
- "I see in the future an increase in individualization. With the Internet in play, it has become significantly easier to not only find personal interests, but also to find others who share those interests. It will no longer become



## CLASS OF 2010

Adriana Adamski, Robert Agan, Breanna Aguirre, Viora Ajeti, Alyssa Alcalá, Adrienne Alexander, Jeromie Allen, Kassondra Amato, Sidney Ankney, Charnette Armstrong, Ashley Arnold, Chelsea Arnold, Rebecca Badure, Carly Baguss, Cheyenne Baker, Emily Bangert, Gerardo Barron, Barbara Bartosch, Fabiola Bastida, Danielle Bayer, Emily Beard, Sean Beaudette, Devyn Beaver, Elynn Bebermeyer, Victoria Beckley, Sarah Beier, Amber Bein, Joshua Belville, Heather Bennett, Anastasia Benson, Jessica Bernauer, Zachary Beyster, Dylan Billings, Joseph Black, Justin Black, Kristal Blady, Jerramie Bohnstedt, Joseph Boone, Nicholas Bowers, Corey Box, Erin Bracey, Amber Bradley, Kara Bradley, Tyler Bradley, Victoria Branham, Kassandra Braun, Sarah Bristol, Coty Brizzolara, Ashley Broadie, Tyler Brown, Erin Brumbelow, Michelle Brus, Daniel Buckallew, Kelsey Burmeister, Christal Burton, Cassandra Byers, Alejandra Calzada, Logan Carter, Nikita Carter, Kegan Castle, Jordan Cavlovic, Kyle Chakour, Brandon Champagne, Zachary Champagne, Cody Chavez, Erika Chavez, Jennifer Claeys, Lamar Clay, Andrew Coffman, Tyllyn Cole, Sean Condon, Victoria Cook, Cody Cooley, Logan Corrigan, Adalberto Cortez, Allison Costello, Casey Cox, Emily Curtis, Mitchell Daily, Matthew Darmour-Paul, Derek Daufeldt, Megan Davis, Jarrod Delp, Drake Denger, Pierre Dennie, Lindsay Devol, Blake Diedrich, Kristin Dietz, Tyler Dirschel, Sara Dohrmann, Joseph Dorton, Laken Drapeaux, Kaitlyn Duax, Allison Duffus, Adam Dugan, Bridgette Dunkin, Candace Dunsworth, Corey Eastman, Miriah Emler, Heather Engwall, Brandon Erbst, Jacqueline Erickson, Corey Erps, Claire Ewers, Richard Faust, Mackenzie Finch, Emily Fisher, Jacob Folcik, Joseph Forari, Tyler Fowler, Cody Fry, Alicia Fugate, Akai Fuller, Robert Fulscher, Anna Garcia, Cody Geest, Dustin Gerischer, Nicholas Germain, Kayelyn Geurink, Kyle Geurtsen, James Gilkison, Megan Gillaspie, Kyle Gillespie, Emily Godwin, Emily Goldsberry, Christopher Gomez, Duffly Goodall, Alec Gordon, Steven Gordon, Sabri Goxhufi, Mackenzie Gray, Kayla Grayburn, David Greer, Cody Grubbs, Justin Grubbs, Jeri Gullion, Casey Guy, Meghan Hahn, Jaci Haines, Tyler Halterman, Bryce Hambric, Megan Hanley, Luke Hansen, Kyle

## Graduation: June 6, 2010

Harkey, Brienne Harrison, Jarrin Hart, Seth Harvey, Garrett Hass, Jennifer Hass, Kimberly Hautzenrader, Carter Heisterkamp, James Hendren-Lamb, Bronisha Henry, Kelli Hermiston, Martin Hernandez, Jose Herrera, Cory Higgins, Todd Hines, Jennifer Hoang, Brandon Holmes, Taylor Holzhauser, Katlyn Howard, Ryan Huff, Keenan Hutcheson, Jordan Imming, Rachel Ineichen, Benjamin Ingram, Allison Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Tedra Jones, Stacie Kammerer, Malcolm Kelly, Ashlee Kelsey, Megan Kelsey, Kayla Kennedy, Casey Kingsley, Michael Klamann, Samantha Klamann, Colin Klammerus, Dominic Kleffmann, Robert Klein, Kevin Klouda, Arnold Kompaniyets, Kole Kormann, Bailie Koster, Krista Kramer, Karen Krueger, Daniel Kuhn, Zackery LaBarre, Amanda LaMar, Raymond Lackey, Mercedes Landeros-Morales, Shannon Lange, Amber Latham, Anh Le, Ngoc Le, Andrea Leckington, Christopher Lee, Victoria Lightner, Mariah Little, Warren Lobdell, Amber Long, Jose Lopez-Duran, Juan Lopez, Sonia Lopez, Skyler Lord, Ashley Lorenz, Julia Lotta, Amanda Loughead, Abbey Lucier, Nicholas Lybbert, James Malik, Stephanie Malmberg, Ramon March, Michael Marland, Samantha Martin, Syrrus Martin, Meghan Mathis, Kara Matthiae, Jacob Maxwell, Jacob May, Curtis McCollum, Matthew McCune, Andrew McGee, Danielle McGlasson, Lavon McGowan, Dustin McKinzie, Mariah McNamar, Scott McQuillen, Christopher Meeks, Jessica Mendez, Garrett Mengler, Alison Meyer, Bronson Meyer, Carissa Meyer, Adam Miller, Dylan Miller, Michael A. Miller, Michael R. Miller, Sara Miller, Shayla Miranda, Noah Mitchell, Tyler Mitchell, Jesse Moeller, Devon Mohr, Marilyn Monrreal, Atziri Montano, Martha Morales, Karinda Moralez, Samantha Morrison, Anthony Murillo, Kiley Murphy, Shawn Murphy, Sarah Murrell, David Neavor, McKenzie Nelson-Lucas, Erin Neumann, Stefani Ngo, Bao Nguyen, Hang Nguyen, Linda Nguyen, Lisa Nguyen, Long Nguyen, Shawn Nguyen, Thanh Nguyen, Thao Nguyen, Tien Nguyen, Deven Nosa, Benjamin Nylin, Aaron Olsen, Cody Olson, Sarah Ormsby, Fabiola Orozco, Sean Orton, Heather Osborn, Madeline Ousley, Andrew Palmer-Ode, Evan Parker, Russell Parrick, Carli Partin, Dylan Pavano, Matthew Penney, Eric Peppers, Garrett

Peters, Megan Peters, Rex Petersen III, Melissa Peterson, Cloe Pethoud, Dau Pham, Jenny Pham, Jordan Pieper, Kristopher Pingel, Zacharie Poggenpohl, Karelyn Pohl, Jessica Post, Rubee Poudel, Jenna Powers, Ashlee Price, Jarred Price, Amber Prieto, Kelsie Privoznik, Nolan Proehl, Zulema Pulido, Douglas Radetzki, Alexander Ramirez, Maranda Reasoner, Daniel Reese, Megan Reimers, Anthony Reinart, Mark Reyes, Marlee Reyes, Tiryary Rhodes, Erica Rice, Michael Richardson, Garrett Riley, Alexandria Riordan, Ryan Ripberger, Spencer Ripberger, Keondra Robinson, Marcella Rock-Lucas, Cassandra Rodriguez, Elvira Rodriguez, Hector Rodriguez, Rolando Rodriguez, Cydney Roelandt, Emmy Roldan, Maddison Ruggeberg, Miranda Rupert, Cassandra Russell, Taryn Sacrison, Joshua Sandman, Rhett Schaefer, Lauren Schemmel, Sarah Schillig, Cary Schlegel, Steven Schlegel, Emily Schumacher, Randy Schutters II, Sarah Schutters, Collin Scott, Stefanie Setser, Chelsey Sharoian, Brittany Sheldon, Joshua Shelton, Katie Shelton, Melissa Sheridan, Molly Sheridan, Ryan Sherrod, Ethan Shook, Mark Simmons Jr., Lydia Sixta, Alexander Slaby, James Slagle, Hope Smeltzer, Dalton Smice, Anthony Smith, Jacob Smith, John Smith, Ryan Smith, Adam Soliz, Mitchell Soltau, Eric Souder, Kimberly Stafford, Shaun Stapleton, Samantha Sterner, Peter Strader, Faith Strohbeen, Lucas Strombeck, Heather Sturtz, Tecoe Summage-Phillips, Danijel Susac, William Swanson III, Brigham Swanson, Nicole Tandeski, Devon Tate, Carl Tedrick Jr., Theodore Teel, Nghia Thai, Tan Thai, Maurice Thomas, Unique Thomas, Bryce Thompson, Tesha Thorington, Toyia Thorpe, Dustin Thune, Kayla Trail, Anh Tran, Jena Treimer, Shelby Tucker, Jacqueline Tunis, Breanna Turner, Jacob VanCamp, Luis Vazquez, Maite Vazquez, Travis Venden, Jonathan Verschoore, Emily Viren, Natalie Wakefield, Katlynn Waldbusser, Keila Walker, Matthew Walker, Olivia Walsh, Misha Ware, Chelsey Warning, Zachary Weeks, Mathew Wells, William White, Matthew Whitfield, Melissa Whitlock, Craig Whitlow, Anthoni Wiese, Benjamin Wiley, Alexandria Wilkinson, David Williams, Kellen Williams, Abigail Willich, Brittany Wilson, Jessica Winters, Paige Wolfe, Kaisha Woodside, Adrianna Worthon, Kaitlyn Wright, Megan Yoke, Devan Young and Leilani Zinsli.

**THANH NGUYEN**, son of Yen Pham and Sinh Nguyen of Davenport, plans to major in engineering at Iowa State University, Ames.

## Vocational Education

**T.J. TEEL**, son of Ted and Jodi Teel of Buffalo, plans to major in welding engineering at Indian Hills Community College, Centerville, Iowa.

- Top achievements:
    - Top 25 percent
    - Runner-up, state engineering competition
    - Varsity letters, baseball, track, cross country
- "I believe the next 10 years are going to prove very beneficial to my peers and me. With all the advancements in technology and our need for growth, I foresee a very successful future in my career as a welding engineer, and furthering advancements in alternative energies."

**JACKIE TUNIS**, daughter of David and Deborah Tunis of Blue Grass, plans to major in psychology at Iowa State University, Ames.

- Top achievements:
    - All-Academic Team
    - Honor Roll
    - AP classes
- "Community and world growth in academics as well as technological advancements. I believe that through patience and perseverance, students have the power to accomplish unlimited success."

## Young Journalist

**ASHLEY ARNOLD**, daughter of Dan Arnold and Debbie Vander Zanden of Walcott, plans to major in anthropology and mass communications (journalism) at Iowa State University, Ames.

- Top achievements:
  - National Honor Society officer
  - First Honors
  - Honor Bands

"I hope the world would start recycling better. I would like to see more green and reusable products. I think we will develop better fuel and energy sources. Electric cars will be common and homes will be solar-powered. We will consume more natural food. Hopefully, we solve the food crisis."

**TYLER MITCHELL**, son of David and Connie Mitchell of Davenport, plans to major in English composition and mass communication at Scott Community College, Bettendorf.

- Top achievements:
  - First Honors
  - Editor-in-chief, Beak 'n' Eye
  - Second place, spot news writing, Iowa High School Press Association

"One can certainly anticipate a number of changes in the next 10 years, the majority revolving around those of our nation's culture. Certainly Americans will slowly begin to grow more accepting of others and their limits, our generation having set an example for others all across the world."

necessary to conform to others' ideas."

**LUCAS STROMBECK**, son of Bob Strombeck and Joni Travis of Davenport, plans to major in pre-law/psychology at Iowa State University, Ames.

- Top achievements:
  - Completing 4 AP courses and 1 college course
  - Academic Excellence
  - President's Award for Competitive Excellence

"While I am sure that advancements in science and medicine will have developed exponentially in the next 10 years, it is clear to me that if we, as a society, do not make some critical changes in how we live, the economic, environmental and health issues of today are only going to grow worse."

## Leadership

**KEENAN HUTCHESON**, son of Ronda Warren and James Hutcheson of Davenport, plans to major

in criminal justice at Black Hawk College, Moline, transferring to Western Illinois University, Macomb.

- Top achievements:
    - Student Senate president
- "The only changes I see coming in the next 10 years would be in the technological fields. With the economy the way it is, I see it going up and down a few more times before it settles down, but hopefully it will within the next 10 years."

**RHETT SCHAEFER**, son of Randy and Katherine Schaefer of Blue Grass, plans to major in civil engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

- Top achievements:
  - 3.79 GPA
  - Junior Rotarian
  - Rotary Youth Leadership Award

"I can't even fathom what changes will become of the world in 10 years, but with my furthered

education, my determination, my work ethic and the support of my family, I know I will play a major role in that change."

## Math/The Sciences

**MACKENZIE GRAY**, daughter of Connie and Tim Gray of Blue Grass, plans to major in biochemistry at Western Illinois University, Macomb.

- Top achievements:
  - National Honor Society
  - Junior Rotarian
  - 4.0 GPA

"Since I began school in 1997, the world of technology has grown tremendously. The beginning of the 21st century has witnessed the rapid rise of cell phones, the Internet and iPod usage. I expect to see a new wave of technologies entering our lives that will influence the way we communicate, work and educate our children."

## Q-C NOTEBOOK

**WANT TO BE A NAG? MEETING IS THURSDAY:** If you are concerned about the natural environment of the Quad-Cities and would like to do something to preserve and promote it, you might consider joining the Quad-City Natural Area Guardians, a group dedicated to hands-on preservation and restoration of natural areas and public education. A membership/planning meeting will be 6 p.m. Thursday in the CCC room at Watch Tower Lodge, Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island.

NAGs is a committee of the Rock Island County Soil and Water Conservation District and has about 100 members. For more information, call Marilyn Andress at (309) 769-1486, Ext. 3.

**CHILD ABUSE COUNCIL SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR LIFESAVER DAY:** On June 19, the Child Abuse Council will hold its 17th annual Lifesaver Day.

Volunteers are needed to staff 30 Iowa and Illinois retail sites and exchange Lifesaver candy for monetary donations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All volunteers receive a T-shirt. For more information, contact Sherry at (309) 786-1466, Ext. 108, or sherryg@child-abuseqc.org.

**BETTENDORF ROAD CLOSED FOR IMPROVEMENTS:** Bettendorf's 18th Street at the intersection of Lincoln Road is scheduled to have one lane closed to through traffic from today through June 14 for roadway improvements. The city recommends that

through traffic use Central Avenue as a detour using 14th Street and/or 23rd Street to Middle Road.

Beginning June 14, 18th Street from Lincoln Road to Parkway Drive is scheduled to be closed to through traffic. From June 14-Aug. 28, all through traffic will be detoured from Central Avenue to Middle Road using 14th Street and/or 23rd Street.

There will be some additional local road closures in the following locations in Bettendorf during this same time frame: Lincoln Road will be closed from 18th Street to the Mark Twain School entrance and Alcoa Avenue will be closed from 16th 1/2 Street. t 14th Street.

**RI SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR MOST BEAUTIFUL YARDS:** The Rock Island Beautification Commission is looking for the most beautiful yards in the city.

The 36th annual "Tell On Your Neighbor" residential beautification awards contest has opened nominations for the most attractive and best-kept lawns in Rock Island. Nominations will be accepted through 5 p.m. June 25.

The awards program recognizes residents who make the extra effort to beautify their yards beyond the norm. The commission is looking for well-maintained yards with attractive, colorful displays of flowers, bushes and plants. To place a nomination, call (309) 732-2900.

**ROCK CAMP HAS OPENINGS:** There are still openings in River Music Experience's fifth annual Rock Camp USA, which allows young musicians a chance to work with friends and fellow players, as well as delivering life lessons about working with others toward a common goal of creating, rehearsing and performing music as an artistic unit.

There are three, two-week sessions (June 14-25, June 28 to July 9, July 19-30), each concluding with concerts at the River Music Experience's Redstone Room and broadcast on Mediacom Connections Channel 22.

The tuition is \$395 per session, with limited financial assistance available with documented and demonstrated need. More information is available by contacting Rock Camp USA Ellis Kell at ekell@rivermusicexperience.org.

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