



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.

Davenport Central High School

DAVENPORT CENTRAL High School has selected these outstanding seniors from its class of 301 students:

Academics

AUSTIN LAUGEN, son of Marilyn Laugen and Randy Laugen of Davenport, plans to major in computer engineering at Iowa State University, Ames.

Top achievements:

- National Merit finalist
- National History Day State finalist
- Two-time Mock Trial state qualifier

“Technology is racing forward at speeds unknown to any other field. In the next 10 years, I see technological developments driving nearly all of society’s advancements. I have always had a keen interest in this field, so I hope to play a significant role as we develop the future.”

BRENNA ROSS, daughter of James Ross and Julie Ross of Davenport, plans to major in physics and theater arts.

Top achievements:

- Iowa High School Athletic Association
- Governor’s Scholar
- Mock Trial outstanding attorney

“Over the next 10 years I expect to see an explosion in the arts, particularly in theater and film. With the increased availability of federal funds, independent films and theater troupes will blossom, providing the world stories that challenge minds, inspire spirits and ignite imaginations.”

The Arts

BRENDAN IGLEHART, son of Dave and Peg Iglehart of Davenport, plans to major in health administration at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Top achievements:

- All-State choir, 4 years
 - Senior class president
 - School newspaper publisher
- “A decade from now, technology will play a larger role in health care, as well as in everyday life. As a health administrator, I will work toward the successful integration of digital innovations into medicine and their use in the advancement of patient care and outcomes.”

MEGAN MALLER, daughter of John and Lisa Maller of Davenport, plans to major in music education.

Top achievements:

- National Society of High School Scholars
- All-State chorus

“In the next few years, I hope to see our city push for another go at a Davenport Promise-type program. Money should never be the reason students don’t attend college.”

Humanities

KARL BARESEL, son of Paul Baresel and Kimberly Baresel of Davenport, plans to major in German and business at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

Top achievements:

- National History Day Nationals qualifier
- Mock Trial outstanding witness
- National Honor Society

“In this constantly changing world, there seems to be a growing theme of acceptance. Whether it



Austin Laugen



Brenna Ross



Brendan Iglehart



Megan Maller



Karl Baresel



Nina Rayburn



Rebecca Briesmoore



Ryan Wilson



Kalynn Doebel



Gabriel Hearn



Ashly Eisenbacher



Gilbert Garnica



Chelsea Rink



Jonathan Welser

CLASS OF 2009

Robert Aguilar, Mariah Allinger, Antonio Almanza, Morgan Alpen, Adrianna Anderson, April Anderson, Travis Anderson, Kyle Andre, Jacob Arnold, Emily Aronson, Aaron Askam, Christopher Atkins, Samantha Baehr, Madeline Bakoylis, Heaven Bale-Laughlin, Allana Balen, Karl Baresel, Devin Barr, Alexander Bassett, Harold Bateman, Katelyn Beard, Garrett Beirne, Zachary Bergman, Spencer Bishop, Robert Bolio, Robert Bond, Taylor Borders, Marcus Brandt, Lindsey Bressert, Rebecca Briesmoore, Jessica Brown, Brconna Bryant, Khang Bui, Christian Burroughs, Ebonie Butler, Benjamin Butterworth, Michael Byars, Bridget Cain, Jacob Canright, Dylan Capdevila, Sean Capdevila, Chris Capper, Colin Cartee, Arthur Carter, Chelsea Carter, Courtney Carter, Rayshell Carter, Amanda Chase, Angela Clark, Elizabeth Clewell, Raven Clinton, Mara Clong, Samuel Cohen, Deidre Cole, Joshua Conder, Lindsay Conger, Austin Conklin, James Conklin, Norman Conklin, Jazmine Constantino, Jelena Cook, Natchelle Cooke, Allison Corbin, Kylie Covey, Anna Cox, Carly Cox, Gage Cox, Mallory Cross, Daniel Crowley, John Davies, Abigail Davis, John Diggs, Derricke Dillon, Brandon Dodge, Kalynn Doebel, Dongying Duan, Courtney Dunn, Emily Dwyer, Scotty Eddings-Clark, Nicholas Eddy, Alyson Edwards, Ashley Ehrecke, Ashly Eisenbacher, Hannah Elias, Britta Elkin, Chelsey Engelhardt, Bryanne Estes, Kayla Evanchyk, Faith Fahrenkrog, Cody Farmer, Devin Farrell, Thomas Farrell, Ayla Favati, Kelsey Fedorchak, Magness Forsyth, Teresa Foster, Jennifer Fyfe, Quivadas Gaines, Alexis Garlock, Gilbert Gar-

is in national politics or the classroom, people have become much more accepting of different cultures and lifestyles. The world will continue to change, and I will always be changing with it.”

NINA RAYBURN, daughter of Chris and Mary Rayburn of Davenport, plans to major in English or journalism.

Top achievements:

- Northwestern University’s National High School Institute student
- Newspaper co-editor in chief
- Academic Excellence

“This year has been one of tremendous change, both personally and nationally. One aspect of transformation I find fascinating is the diverse ways citizens receive current events. Print media is an important part of our culture, so it concerns me how many newspapers are struggling. At the same time, I am excited to see how new digital technology will evolve 10 years from now to communicate the news.”

Leadership

REBECCA BRIESMOORE, daughter of Theresa Bries and Don Moore of Davenport, plans to

nica, Nathaniel Garnica, Dawn Gaskey, Addison Gaskin, Kyle Gasser, Deondras Gatlin, Kailea Gimm, Rebecca Gimm, Joseph Gipson, Jonathan Gladfelter, Caitlin Godi, Alexandra Goodwin, Andre Grady, Emily Grady, Katelyn Green, Katherine Griffith Williams, Beau Gusaas, Alexice Guthmiller, Amy Hamann, Brittany Harsken, Jordan Harmon, Lacey Harmsen, Daniel Harre, Olivia Harrell Nash, Nicholas Harriman, Brenna Haskins, Reydehl Hawkins, Karen Haskinson, Brittany Heald, Gabriel Hearn, Jessica Hedrick, Pauline Heraly, Monica Herrera, Amy Hill, Brittney Hodges, Brandon Hogue, Kyle Holgorsen, Prentiss Hood, Zachary Howell, Brendan Iglehart, Collin Ingold, Samantha Irely, Erik Irons, Chaela Janney, Andrew Janssen, Abby Jenaman, Thomas Jenkins, Breanna Johnson, Ethan Johnson, Victoria Johnson, Heather Jones, Colette Juarez, Lindsey Juarez, Leonard Kennedy, Jacob Kersten, Julia Kiley, Brett King, Ellen Korn, Melissa Koven, Kathryn Kustes, Ryan LaMar, Brittany Lang, Claire Larson, James Larson, Sarah Larson, Lily Lassen, Austin Laugen, Jamisha Lee, Samantha Leon, Ricky Levi, Nicole Liebe, Cassandra Liendo, Lorenzo Lira, Nicole Lofgren, Courtney Lopez, Kelsey Lovaas, Allan Lucas, Michael Thomas Lyons, Megan Maller, DeAnna Margulio, Abigail Mark, David Marley, Shawna Martin, Corbin Mason, Adam Masterson, Rebecca Mattke, Kasey McCreary, Mitchell McIntire, Ann McKillip, Lindsay Meier, Kendra Mercer, Rolin Metzger, Maaike Mielenhausen, Bianca Miller, Kai Miller, Nicole Miller, Peter Miller, Nicholas Mims, Thomas Mirocha, Alexis Mitchell, Erica Moeller, Samantha Moeller, Allaysha Mohr, John

major in civil/environmental engineering at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Top achievements:

- Girl Scout Gold, Silver, Bronze awards
 - National Honor Society
 - School board student member
- “In 10 years, I hope Central is not only red and blue, but green with hand dryers in the bathrooms instead of paper towels; Styrofoam and plastic containers never used; beverage containers recycled at sports events; and no one who even thinks of throwing recyclables in the trash.”

RYAN WILSON, son of Richard and Nancy Wilson of Davenport, plans to major in aeronautical engineering and aeronautical-based physics at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

Top achievements:

- National Honor Society
- Superior Cadet rating
- Academic Excellence

“Over the next 10 years, I expect to see technological and worldwide changes and advances beyond my wildest dreams. However, in complete honesty, I see the ultimate economic recession devastating the world’s economy. Overall, I see a long road of edu-

cation hardships that will eventually better the lives of all.”

MATH/THE SCIENCES

KALYNN DOEBEL, daughter of Kim and Dan Doebel of Davenport, plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

Top achievements:

- Academic Excellence
- MAC All-Academic, tennis
- Sudlow Tietje Memorial Mathematics Award honorable mention

“Ten years from now, I believe my generation will have discovered what it means to save for the future. The financial mistakes of the past will teach us to invest in knowledge and to avoid needless squandering. Our newfound wisdom will guide us to have compassion for those still struggling.”

GABRIEL HEARN, son of Roy Hearn and Katherine Hearn of Davenport, plans to major in engineering at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, or Iowa State University, Ames.

Top achievements:

- Learning that knowledge isn’t everything; it’s how you use it
- Maintaining good grades while taking a very challenging cur-

riculum

- Successfully preparing myself for college

“I believe we will all be driving hover cars (just kidding). I think that America will be a much better place for everyone than it is today. I believe there will be more peace between countries; that government will serve its purpose and actually work for the people.”

Vocational Education

ASHLY EISENBACHER, daughter of Debra and Michael Eisenbacher of Davenport, plans to major in culinary arts at Scott Community College, Davenport.

Top achievements:

- ServSafe
- Pro Start state certificate
- Honor student

“I can see more students dropping out. In my field for culinary arts, I can see more people enrolling. With the Pro Start class I’m enrolled in, the class is growing each year. This class is at Central; other students from Davenport schools are wanting to attend this class.”

GILBERT GARNICA, son of Gilberto Garnica and Karina Garnica of Davenport, plans to major in architecture at Iowa State University, Ames.

Top achievements:

- National Honor Society
- Shades of Success
- Boys to Men Art Club

“I believe that 10 years from now, the world will be a more secure place because people will finally see the errors they have committed and they will come together to solve these problems. One person can’t make a huge change, but a lot of people can.”

Young Journalist

CHELSEA RINK, daughter of Merriam and Peter Rink of Davenport, plans to attend Drake University, Des Moines.

Top achievements:

- Academic Excellence
- The Blackhawk news editor
- MAC All-Academic, cross country, track

“In the next 10 years, I expect that education will remain a priority for state and local governments. With the current economic recession, certain programs, i.e. National History Day, are threatened. I trust that educators and administrators will remember all students and advocate for educational development.”

JONATHAN WELSER, son of Ron and Dana Welser of Davenport, plans to major in international business/journalism.

Top achievements:

- Superior rating, advertising, JEA/NSPA national convention
 - Earthwatch Institute Student Challenge Award Program Fellowshipship
 - Congressional Art Competition winner from Iowa’s 1st District
- “During my generation’s time to lead, the United States’ economy will innovate and streamline itself to exceed the demands and challenges of a constantly changing global market. Also, we will strive for more peaceful resolutions and complete equality of all people to create the tour de force of American society.”



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