



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.

Davenport Central High School

DAVENPORT CENTRAL High School has selected these outstanding seniors from its class of 324 students:

Academics

TORI QUIST, daughter of David Quist and Roberta Quist of Davenport, plans to major in chemistry and chemistry teaching at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

Top achievements:
 ■ 4.0 GPA
 ■ Co-founder and co-editor of Central's literary and arts magazine, Indigo Ink
 ■ Mock Trial 3-year state qualifier, 2-year regional outstanding witness

"In 10 years, the world will continue to expand international relations as the global economy grows. The United States will become more interdependent as communications between countries improve. Technology and sciences will grow and perhaps many dreaded diseases will be cured. Problems of hunger and disease will be diminished."

ALEXANDER TRUJILLO, son of Michael and Kathleen of Davenport, plans to major in biology, chemistry or physics at St. John's University, St. Cloud, Minn. or Willamette University, Salem, Ore.

Top achievements:
 ■ "5" on AP Chemistry exam
 ■ "5" on AP Calculus exam
 ■ 4.0 GPA

"I believe that we will work to be more environmentally friendly than we are now. If we do not become sustainable in the near future, we will finally face the consequences of our abuses."

The Arts

JESSE MUMM, daughter of Derek and Donell Mumm of Davenport, plans to major in art at St. Ambrose University, Davenport.

Top achievements:
 ■ Deborah Doehler Studio Award, outstanding digital art
 ■ National Honor Society
 ■ National ART Honor Society

"Ten years from now, I see art of all forms playing a much larger role in people's lives. Being creative makes your mind, body and soul healthier and makes for a more stress-free life. I hope to see new artists erupt from the shadows in our community."

KELSEY VANDENBERG, daughter of Susan Murphy and Ron Vandenberg of Davenport, plans to major in biology at North Central College, Naperville, Ill.

Top achievements:
 ■ Academic Excellence, 4 years
 ■ National Honor Society
 ■ Senior Class officer

"My hope is that society will regard music and the arts with greater importance. The arts are necessary to enrich our lives and our culture, sustaining the foundation of our existence. Music has the ability to transport us to unknown places, inspiring hearts, provoking imaginations and stimulating minds."

Humanities

MICHAEL HERMAN, son of Bob Herman and Heidi Herman of Davenport, plans to major in political science at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Top achievements:
 ■ National Merit commended scholar
 ■ National Honor Society
 ■ Academic All-American, swimming



Tori Quist Alexander Trujillo Jesse Mumm Kelsey Vandenberg Michael Herman Kelsey Roebuck Paige Gomez



Petra Hahn Dylan Thiemann Allison Vandecar Kurt Blevins Rachel Springsteen Sarah Landsteiner Sebastian Peña

CLASS OF 2010

Erin Abbas, Ricardo Acosta, Ashley Allison, Andrea Ames, Leiana Arcenas, Emilio Arroyo, Levi Avila, Nicholas Bakeris, Heaven Bale Laughlin, Shane Banks, Shaina Barnes, Angela Barr, Anthony Bates, Jessica Bates, Ryan Baumer, Katelyn Beale, Aerial Beckman, Allyssa Bedford, Joshua Behrendt, Jillian Belman, Carolyn Bernal, Robert Berry, Jenna Blessing, Kurt Blevins, Taylor Bley, Steven Bolio, Jessica Booker, Justin Bovinett, Dylana Bowen, Emily Boyles, Jordan Brantner, Fabian Briesmoore, Shaunice Brooks, Kiyveyonda Brown, Jalin Bruce, Cherrille Burge, Christian Burroughs, Tiara Campbell, Casey Carr, Marissa Carr, Cameron Cartee, Ashley Caves, Molly Cawiezell, Trevor Cee, Sydney Chartrand, Quinn Claussen, Donesha Clay, Brianna Clement, Mercedes Clinton, Taylor Coakley, Steven Connell, Lena Conner, Clare Conway, Bryan Cook, Nathan Coonts, Erica Corlett, Litsy Corrales, Jacqueline Couch, Brittany Crane, Ramsay Crausby, Kenton Green, Michelle Creighton, Philip Crowley, Cody Curtis, Lindsay Curtis, Jennifer Davis, Kerry Davis, Kelsey Davison, Riley De La Cruz, Lucas Dengler, Rolando Dennis, Dominique Dickerson, Angel Dominguez, Ashton Doolley, Kevin Dorr, Alexia Dorsey, Chriseda Dougall, Leanna Doyle, Charles Duhaime, Brian Dumtman, Alexander Dvorak, Nicholas Echols, Lindsey Ehlinger, Megan Ewoldt, Andrew Fabian, Ashley Fahrrenkrug, Rachel Flesburg, Nicholas Ford, Andrew Forsyth, Elizabeth Fritz, Emily Fritz, Ryan Ganoie, Kirk Garcia, Bridget Garnica, Kathryn Gaskin, Elizabeth Gerdom, Jacob Gibson, Vincent Gillum, Kory Gimm, Joshua Gipson, Jessica Glasgow, Paige Gomez, Tiara Goodwin, Thomas Grabow, Kirstan Green, Alexis Greer, Bryant Grise, Samantha Gustafson, Petra Hahn, Aisha Haji, Jaimee Halley, Noora Halo-

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nen, Marion Hare, Christopher Harre, Joshua Harris, Mackenzie Harris, Trae Harris, Sarah Hartman, Eric Hartmann, Danielle Haut, Cody Hawley, Samuel Hayes, Paige Haynes, Michael Herman, Patricia Hernandez Zavala, Callahan Herrig, Kevin Herrmann, Andrew Heuer, Boneshia Hilliard, Amelia Hirst, Katherine Hixon, Shelby Hoefler, Katlyn Hoeksema, William Holcomb, Benjamin Hoose, Jesse Horn, Lauren Hovey, Omar Hunigan, Keenan Hutcheson, Christopher Hutton, Ariel Hyde, Gaia Iaccarino, Jonathan Ireland, Jeffery Jackson, Anthony Jarrett, Sarah Jensen, Haley Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Alex Johnstone, Bliss Jones, Breana Jordan, Samuel Jurgena, Lynn Kahm, Taylor Kane, Anna Kaufmann, Trevor Kenyon, Danielle Kimler, Christina Kisner, Michael Kitzman, Ryan Klein, Michelle Koepke, Kylie Koger, Jacob LaFrenz, Megan Lafrenz, Austin Lambert, Cody Lambert, Alexander Lamin, Sarah Landsteiner, Andrew Larson, Cody Lee, Sha Dave'A Levi, Chantrel Lewis, Shaunticia Liddell, Alex Liendo, Alison Lindholm, Alexis Lisle, Peter Lopez, Joseph Losasso, Jacob Louis, Christopher Lovedy, Ariel Lundy, Devin Lundy, Samantha Luntz, Jacob Lynch, Arsenio Maid, Steven Malik, Michael Maller, Austyn Martel, Bruna Martins, Daniel Masakowski, Mercedes Masias, Austin Mayer, Richelle McCaw, Eric McDonald, Kelsey McFedries, Mitchell McIntire, Miranda McKenna, Julia McKinney, Anthony McNaught, Clarence McNeal, Joseph Mena, Ashlea Meyer, Mathew Miller, Zane Miller, Dana Moe, Candace Moore, Adrian Moreno, Mitchell Moreno, Jesse Mumm, Jacob Neilson, Haley Nelson, Sara Nguyen, Tyler Noel, Anastacia Oestreich, Michael O'Hara, Jonathon O'Hare, Alison Oswald, Leonard Overstreet, Christopher Page, Kenneth Paulsen, Zachary

Pearson, Sebastian Peña, Kenneth Perkins, Cody Perreault, Helaina Perry, Mark Petrie, Kimberly Pfannenstiel, Ariel Pierson, Travis Plambeck, Justin Pribble, Jessica Primmer, Tori Quist, Jasnine Randall, Katlin Rasmussen, Heather Rawls, Megan Ray, Edgar Razo, Neil Reid Jr., Jared Richard, Bradley Richardson, Kendall Rigg, Chanel Roark, Maya Rodriguez, Kelsey Roebuck, Cionna Rogers, Keyvan Rudd, Courtney Running, Anna Rusch, Meghan Ryan, Octavio Salinas, Nicholas Schaefer, Alexander Schrank, Ellen Schwartz, Benjamin Schwind, Rodney Scott, Jordan Setser, Johnathan Shannon, Paul Shumaker, Payton Shumaker, Michael Sicari, Brooke Siegel, Benjamin Sloat, Lydia Smith, Shameka Smith, Corey Snell, Ian Sodawasser, Abbey Soto, Darien Springfield, Rachel Springsteen, Teresa Staggs, Allison Stanger, Ryan Steckel, Genesis Stephenson, Dominique Stewart, Stephen Stokes, Breanna Stovall, Samuel Strobbes, Megan Svoboda, Morgan Tangen, Stephanie Terrell, Justin Thiele, Dylan Thiemann, Breanna Thomas, Taven Ragusi Thomas, Hayley Thomson, DeJarvae Thorpe, Michael Thorson, Kelsey Tope, Elliott Townsend, Alexander Trujillo, Alyssa Turcsak, Dalen Turcsak, Dara Utter, Nathan Valentine, Giulia Valtolina, Clinton Van Damme, Allison Vandecar, Kelsey Vandenberg, Christopher Van Hese, Ashlea VanSant, Alejandro Vasquez, Gabriel Veasey, Kaitlin Voigts, Nathan Vondal, Nicholas Walker, Marquane Watson, Jasmine Watts, Nicole Wheat, Zachary Whitehouse, Elizabeth Wiedenhoef, Alexander Wilbur, Rebecca Wilder, Derek Williams, Markus Williams, Marquee Williams, Britauna Wolf, Michael Wood, Anna Woods, Brean Woods, Quentin Woods, Kayla Woods-Solis, Jennifer Wright, Brian Wulf, Jillian Wulf, Marvin Wyatt, Cleunia Young and Teyanna Young.

world will become increasingly smaller due to changes in communication and technology. Ideally, this will cause nations to find more common ground and more easily address their differences. Greater ease of communication may lead to greater empathy and understanding among diverse peoples."

Vocational Education

KURT BLEVINS, son of Amy Blevins and Steve Blevins of Davenport, plans to major in electrical engineering.

Top achievements:
 ■ National Honor Society
 ■ National Society of High School Scholars
 ■ Honor Roll, 4 years

"In 10 years I hope to see the end of the Iraq war. Also I expect to see a rise in domestic technology, possibly to the point of having virtual reality devices that toss you into completely new worlds. It may seem outrageous but look at how far we have come in 10 years."

RACHEL SPRINGSTEEN, daughter of Melanie and Kenneth Springsteen of Davenport, plans to major in child care at Scott Community College, Bettendorf.

Top achievements:
 ■ First Honor Roll
 ■ National Pro-Start competition

"World changes that I hope to see in the next 10 years would include changes in technology, energy, transportation, education and space exploration. Smart houses would be commonplace, cars would run on air, and people would vacation in space. Good education and careers not thought of today would make unemployment almost non-existent."

Young Journalist

SARAH LANDSTEINER, daughter of Julie and Keith Landsteiner of Davenport, plans to major in magazine at Drake University, Des Moines.

Top achievements:
 ■ Honorable Mention, advertising, JEA/NSPA National Convention

■ Gold Circle Award, Columbia Scholastic Press Association
 ■ MAC All-Academic, swimming

"In a time where change is everywhere, I believe that the world will continue to utilize technology to make everyday life even simpler. This could include anything from turning newspapers into online publications to finalizing a database that shares health records between hospitals."

SEBASTIAN PEÑA, son of Israel Peña and Patrick and Christine Cannon of Davenport, plans to major in marketing management at the University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas.

Top achievements:
 ■ The Blackhawk co-editor in chief
 ■ World Food Prize Youth Institute member

■ MAC Academic All-Conference, cross country, soccer

"In the next 10 years, there will be a lot of changes to world we now know. There will be more attention paid to considering ourselves citizens of the world and helping those who need it most, in our own country and across the globe."

Illinois still hiring despite budget woes

State to fill at least 170 highway maintenance jobs

By Kurt Erickson
Times Bureau

SPRINGFIELD — The state may be broke, but that isn't stopping officials from putting out a "Help Wanted" sign.

Under an arrangement between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Teamsters union, the state is gearing up to hire at least 170 new highway

maintainers over the next six weeks.

Once in place, the workers will mow interstate right-of-ways, pick up dead animals and, in the winter, operate snow plows.

But given the state's massive budget woes, some lawmakers find the mass hiring puzzling.

"Seems a little strange," state Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said Tuesday.

IDOT spokeswoman Marissa Kollias said the agreement with the Teamsters last year gives

the state a \$3 million financial incentive to boost the number of new maintainers from last year's level of 1,737 workers to more than 1,900 by July 1.

Base pay for a highway maintainer is \$47,700 annually.

The hiring push comes as lawmakers have been unable to agree on a spending plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Legislative leaders sent members of the House and Senate home Friday when efforts to approve a plan hit a roadblock.

Lawmakers could return by the end of May to continue negotiating a compromise.

Bost said the hiring is troubling because he shepherded legislation through the General Assembly last year to allow IDOT to contract with private individuals to mow roadsides and ditches in exchange for keeping the hay they mow.

But IDOT has yet to write rules for the program, meaning it has never gotten off the ground.

Illowa club to host chess tournament

Times staff

The Illowa Chess Club is hosting a one-day United States Chess Federation-rated tournament Saturday at the Augustana College Center, 639 38th St., Rock Island.

The four-game tournament will be divided into open and reserve (under 1400 USCF rating) sections.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. with competition beginning at 9:30 a.m. The final round

is slated to begin at 5 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. Cost is \$20.

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