



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.

Moline High School

MOLINE High School has selected these outstanding seniors from its class of 514 students:

Academics

ZINA ELLIS, daughter of Michael Ellis and Thea Holmon-Ellis of Moline, plans to major in theater and business/economics.

- Top achievements:**
- ACT score of 36
 - National Merit scholarship finalist
 - National Achievement scholarship finalist

“Ten years from now, I expect to live in a world in which people are more connected to one another physically, mentally and socially. Thanks to technology, the world is becoming smaller every day, and I hope that that will lead to more understanding between people from every background.”

SETH WILLIAMS, son of Scott Williams and Elizabeth Williams of Moline, plans to major in pre-medicine.

- Top achievements:**
- ACT score of 35
 - Ranked 1st in class
 - Academic All-State
- “In 10 years from now, I feel that the world will be a very different place. I believe science will continue to make tremendous breakthroughs in genetics and medicine, and engineers will continue to develop remarkable electronic devices.”

The Arts

BRENDAN MEIER, son of Dave and Sally Meier of Moline, plans to major in art/design.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society
 - Illinois State Scholar
 - Music, visual arts and speech awards

“This next decade I will attend the University of Minnesota or Iowa State University in pursuit of obtaining a degree in art and design. I will also continue to participate in the performing arts. Ultimately I hope to connect the two fields in graduate studies, and finally my dream career.”

NICK LENNON, son of Kristen Young and Craig Lennon of Moline, plans to major in illustration at Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, Fla.

- Top achievements:**
- Illinois State Scholar
 - National Honor Society
 - Honor Roll
- “Looking how quickly the world has progressed in the past 18 years brings excitement to future possibilities, but it also brings an equal amount of concern. I hope to see changes in our economy, education system, and how we protect our environment. Let’s keep positive and do our part.”

Humanities

MELISSA DAWKINS, daughter of Marilyn Dawkins and Michael Dawkins of Moline, plans to major in broadcast journalism.

- Top achievements:**
- Valedictorian
 - Illinois State Scholar
 - National Honor Society
- “I believe we will make great strides in areas that we have been pursuing for hundreds of years. New cures for diseases will be found, more renewable energy sources will be utilized, and enhanced communication modes will connect people, communities and nations. Despite changes, school buses will still be yellow.”

GREG VENTRIS, son of Joe and Dawn Ventris of Moline, plans to major in education and history.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society
 - Prairie State Achievement Award for Science
 - 4.0 GPA
- “In 10 years, languages and social studies will have many impacts. I don’t believe English will dominate America’s language due to the increase of our melting pot society. Also, the conflicts in the Middle East now will bring attention to, and expand, their influence, language and importance throughout the world.”

Leadership

CASSIE COVEMAKER, daughter of Bill and Beth Covemaker of Moline, plans to major in business management at the



CLASS OF 2011

Daniela Acosta, Cara M. Adams, Skylor Adams, Samuel Lyons Ade, Koffi Mawuse Afarvi, Jesus Aguirre, Emilio Christian Alonso, Lauren Elizabeth Alvey, Curtis Lee Anderson, Elizabeth Marie Anderson, Zachary David Anderson, Mark Steven Anthony, Estefani Arana, Ryan William Archer, Lauren Nichole Arnold, Jose Adrian Arreguin-Gonzalez, Eric Cameron Ashcraft, Evan D. Aubry, Richard Charles Audas, Andrew Scott Babcock, Brittaney Nichole Babcock, Yash Bahetti, Megan R. Bailey, Dylan Michael Baker, Allison D. Barker, Benjamin Steven Bartz, Brandon Samuel Bauer, Natalie Annette Marjo Baugher, Amber Lynn Beasley, Kayla Ann Behrens, Jessica Marie Bell, Sabreana Bell, Alexander J. Bentley, Amanda Carol Bertelli, Kelsi Raeann Berthoud, Daniel Robert Biscontine, Olivia A. Bizub, Anthony Michael Blasdel, Lezlie Diane Blaser, Jasmeen Bonner, Yasmeen Bonner, Michael Thomas Boelens, April Elizabeth Bowen, Kaylie Rae Bowerman, Luke Michael Bowman, Giovante Donavan Boyd, Dallas Chi Brakhage, Xavier Lamar Brewer, Julie Marie Briggs, Ashley Nikole Brokaw, Trevor Steven Brown, Jazmine Ariel Bugay-Williams, Demitri T. Burbridge, Brittany Lyn Bush, Jacob Bushnell, Alex David Butter, Kayla Marie Callahan, Brandon Christopher Cameron, Moises Campos, Kevin Carlson, Luke Carpenter, Robert E. Cassatt, Alexis Castillo, Vanessa Castillo, Kelsey Jo Cavins, Jenna Kristine Cederth, Anthony Ceurvorst, Gilbert Florenzio Chaser, Stacy Marie Chi, Rishabh Gopal Choudhari, Royce Mikael Clay, Zachary Jay Coil, Charles Clifford Collins, Courtney Cortez Colvin, Michael Langford Congdon, Alan Michael Cook, Justin Nicholas Cook, Jessica Marie Cooper, Samantha Kay Corelis, Gabrielle Nicole Council, Cassandra Jean Covemaker, Zachary Michael Covemaker, Leonora Louise Criswell, Andrea Cruz, Abigail Marie Cullett, Alexis Paige Curtis, Aditya Dahal, Joseph Michael Dare, Alex Kenneth Darin, Jake Michael Davis, Patrick Michael Davis, Skylar Lynnae Davis, Melissa Diane Dawkins, Rhea Dawson, Arianna Jenell Day, Janie DeBacker, Amanda Sue DeBates, Tyler Christopher Delinger, Jonathan Charles Denton, Kara DePauw, Ian P. Deschepper, Amanda Michelle Devolder, Carissa Marie Dewaele, Mariama Diallo, Alexander Thompson Diaz, Anthony Thompson Diaz, Alyson Dickey, Kayla Ditsworth, Nicholas Alan Dolleslager, Cody Allen Dunbar, Jaycob Garner Kie Durkee, Taylor Ann Eaker, Kiah Earl, Jessica Marie Eggerichs, Yawa Mawusi Ekoua, Jade Eld, Jordyn Nicole Elder, Ryley Shay Elder, Zina R. Ellis, Rachel Emerson, Austin Van Enburg, Cindy Carolina Enriquez, Ruben V Estrada, David James Evans, Kendra Leann Farrell, Zachary Alan Farrier, Ryan Ferkel, Clover Lynn Fischer, Judith Araceli Flores, Breaanne Nicole Ford, Kory Haldon Forest, Samantha Kristine Fournier, Zoe Lorraine Fraser, Jocelyn Frazelle, Cara Freeman, Taylor Freymann, David Elliott Frieden, Alexander Russell Frye, Lacy Fry-Henry, Dylan Fuller, Kaitlynn Marie Fuller, Seth Jacob Thomas Fuller, Atlanta Dawn Fulscher, Seth Michael Furman, Johnathan Paul Galvin, Christopher Garcia-Castro, Cristian Garcia, Guadalupe Alej Garcia-Morales, Shane Nicholas Garcia, Sarah Ann Genz, Benjamin Thomas George, Grey Everett Giovanine, John Allen Godwin, Kaylee Elizabeth Golden, William Michael Golden, Jason Michael Golding, Eric Gonzalez Serrato, Kyra D. Graham, Ashley Grace Graves, Steven Greenfield, Ashley Nicole Greagan, Patricia Marie Gremmels, Donald Albert Griffin, Amanda Kathleen Grigsby, Alex Christopher Groom, Katia Cecilia Guerrero, Kayla Lynn Gustafson, Lindsey Nicole Zuchman, Morgan Ann Haight,

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learning strategies and the increasing competition will bring out the best in them, which will lead to a brighter future for our nation.”

AUNICA STEELE, daughter of Mark Steele and Karla Steele of Moline, plans to major in electrical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

- Top achievements:**
- National Merit commended scholar
 - Ranked 1st in class
 - A+’s in all science classes
- “I expect to see more improvements in science and technology, including better cancer treatments, economical and clean energy sources, and some changes we could not imagine today. Because technology fuels growth, our current research will allow us to develop in science and in our perspectives of the world.”

Vocational Education

BEN BARTZ, son of Steve Bartz and Annette Drobushkevich of Moline, plans to major in business administration at Western Illinois University, Macomb.

- Top achievements:**
- President’s Education Awards Program
 - John Deere Special Recognition
 - Business Departmental honors

“Education will definitely improve due to the increasing technology and more accurate studies on how people learn. New medical technology could help end many of the health problems we see today. Using technology, the world could get much more productive without destroying the environment, meanwhile making everyone better off.”

KAYLA BEHRENS, daughter of Randy and Debbie Behrens of Moline, plans to major in psychology at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society
- “Ten years from now, I expect to see prices for everything to greatly increase. I also expect to see natural disasters becoming worse but develop better warning systems. Other expectations I have would be medical advances, school improvement, and the Cubs winning the World Series.”

Young Journalist

MARIA JOHNSON, daughter of Ruth and Michael Johnson of Moline, plans to major in aerospace engineering.

- Top achievements:**
- National Merit commended student
 - Prairie State Achievement Award
 - Illinois State Scholar
- “In 10 years I expect that technology will play an even larger role in everyday life, especially in the areas of medicine and communication.”

SETH LANKFORD, son of Bub and Cindy Lankford of Moline, plans to major in aerospace engineering at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

- Top achievements:**
- Illinois State Scholar
 - Academic All-Conference, swimming, cross country
 - Ranked 1st in class
- “In 10 years, I expect to see a more prosperous world that, after going through many hardships, will have become much more unified. With so many great minds alive today and moving into the work force, I expect there will also be many new inventions to make life easier for everyone.”

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

- Top achievements:**
- Illinois State Scholar
 - National Honor Society
 - Top 6 percent of class
- “Technology is ever progressing, which I believe will eventually eliminate textbooks within schools. And while we may not be driving space cars, I think it is only time before we live the life portrayed by the cartoon, ‘The Jetsons’ which was originally aired in the early 1960s.”
- KYLE LEWIS**, son of Troy and Jamie Lewis of Moline, plans to major in business at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

- Top achievements:**
- 3.95 GPA
 - National Honor Society
 - Student Council treasurer
- “Rapid advancements in technology will continue and will make the world a much smaller place. As we have witnessed lately, as more countries and people have access to the Internet and other communication, they will realize what freedoms others across the globe have and will fight for individual rights and freedoms. Dictators will no longer have the power they have today because of the power of people standing together for what is right.”

Math/The Sciences

RISHABH CHOUDHARI, son of Anju Choudhari and Gopal Choudhari of Moline, plans to major in chemical engineering/pre-medicine at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

- Top achievements:**
- National Honor Society
 - Departmental honors in math, science, industrial technology and foreign language
 - French Honor Society vice president
- “In the future, I see students using advanced technology with Kagan strategies to learn at school. I also see more competition growing among the students to be the best. The new

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