



EDITOR'S NOTE: 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 of the categories by the schools. Information was submitted by high school counselors. Students were asked to write short essays about the changes they expect to see in the world in the next 10 years.

BETTENDORF HIGH SCHOOL has selected these outstanding seniors from its class of 308 students:

Academics

CHRISTOPHER PRATT, son of Donna Pratt and David Pratt of Bettendorf, plans to major in physics and math.

Top achievements:

- AP Scholar with Honor
- 4.0 GPA
- Iowa High School Athletic Association Award for Academic Achievement

"I can only imagine what the future holds in store for us. However, I am certain that we will all witness the world advance technologically, and I hope to be involved in that progression. Will we find the Higgs Boson? Who knows; only time can answer that question."

CAITLIN STREIT, daughter of Mark and Rebecca Streit of Bettendorf, plans to major in management/pre-law at University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., or University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Top achievements:

- White House Presidential Scholar Candidate
- National Merit Commended Student
- AP Scholar

"The next decade will bring about a frenzy of technological advancement, foreign relations issues, and political debate. With such change will come new problems to be solved and questions to be answered, yet our generation is ready to break through barriers and rise to the challenge."

The Arts

GRANT BRINTNALL, son of Edwin and Debra Brintnall of Bettendorf, plans to major in communications at Sterling (Kan.) College.

Top achievements:

- Honor Roll, 4 years
- International Thespian Society
- Multiple Outstanding Jazz Soloist Awards

"In 10 years from now, I believe the world of technology will still be ever growing and even more abundant than it is today. This will have pros: helping the economy, making life 'easier' and more convenient, but it will also have cons, such as lowering human face-to-face interaction."

JORDAN POOLE, son of David Poole and Susan Poole of Bettendorf, plans to attend Torchbearers Bodenseehof Bible School, Bodenseehof, Germany.

Top achievements:

- National Honor Society
- High Honor Roll
- 3 Academic Letters

"In the next 10 years I expect changes in areas anyone would, such as technology, styles, government, economy, etc. However,



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Andrew Adams, Marissa Albracht, Justin Allen, Jonathan Alves, Lauren Anderson, Stephanie Ambrose, Linnea Arndt, Ryan Ashby, Rhian Atwell, Cameron Ballantyne, Brice Ballentine, Paige Bankson, Paul Barber, Kristin Barnes, Nathan Bechtel, Morgan Benson, Kelly Berg, Brian Bergman, Hannah Beniston, Brianna Blake, Jennifer Blint, Timothy Boateng, Bryce Boettcher, Evan Bonde, Kristel Bowden, Tyler Brewer, Grant Brintnall, Michael Brodersen, Brittany Brown, Jamie Brown, Patrick Brown, Sarah Buck, Shelly Butt, Steven Burwinkel, Grant Bushman, Cody Cale, Brandon Callen, Samantha Cameron, Jonan Cariz, Dalton Carmack, Leo Carr, Alicia Caruthers, LeAnne Castaneda, Jack Cavaragh, Leyla Cervantes, Jasmine Chamberlain, John Chesley, Craig Chies, Kaila Clark, Quinn Claussen, JayCee Cline, Jameson Coleman, Carly Cook, Stephen Corcoran, Paula Cory, Thomas Crean, Megan Cromwell, Alexander Cronkleton, Nicholas Danover, Desiree Darling, Jay Dave, Kyle Davila, Evan Dauth, George Daxter, Joseph Dickens, Taylor Dingeldein, Nicole Dittmer, Anna Dixon, Kimberly Doerr, Vanessa Dooling, Zachary Doy, Grace Drenth, Zachary Duncan, Patricia Dusenberry, Erika Durak, Haley Dziuk, Schyler Echols, David Edwards, Justin Elder, Kevin Erickson, Michael Erickson, Elyssa Espanto, Jordan Evans, Nicara Eymen, Jacob Fenton, Taylor Finney, Michael Fischer, Lauren Flahive, Sydney Fleege, Chasity Foster, Brittany Frahm, Nicholas Franklin, Nicholas Fricker, Robert Fuller, Shawn Fuller, Ashley Gabelmann, Jessica Gahagan, Alexandra Galbraith, Sean Garity, Jake Garrow, Maxwell Gellerman, Jessica Gilbert, Melissa Gill,

more importantly than worldly changes, I expect the Word of God to be advanced. I expect lives to be changed by the grace that is only offered in Jesus Christ."

Humanities

STEPHANIE SEWARD, daughter of James and Rebecca Seward of Bettendorf, plans to major in theater at St. Ambrose University, Davenport.

Top achievements:

- High Honor Roll
- St. Ambrose Honors Scholarship
- Top 10 percent

"The world has grown more connected since I started school; I expect to see this trend continue and hope that the connections made between countries and cultures lead us to understanding and acceptance as opposed to disagreements and wars."

ANDREW SULLIVAN, son of Laura and Shane Swift and Greg and Lori Sullivan of Bettendorf, plans to major in social work.

Top achievements:

- AP Scholar
- National Merit Commended Scholar
- 3.9 GPA

"In the coming decade, I expect

Samantha Glaser, Drew Grace, Elizabeth Graham, Jenna Graupmann, Rex Grebner, Nicholas Griebel, William Guiney, Cassie Hall, Lindsey Hansen, Robert Harmon, Sebastian Heald, Stephanie Heckert, Haley Hegenbart, Natalie Heiderscheit, Faith Heiser, Mariah Helgeson, Thomas Hershberger, Troy Hess, Lindsey Hintze, Shelly Hille, Ashley Holmes, Jhaneif Holmes-Wright, Elliott Holstrom, Samantha Hughes, Antoinette Ibrahim, Samantha Jackson, Nicholas Jegush, Hannah Johnson, Megan Johnson, Mitchell Jureitz, Jacob Kedley, Ian Keller, Katelyn Kelley, Bryce Kelly, Hannah Ken, Larry Kephart, Madeline Ketelaar, Nicole Ketelaar, Amanda King, Jaide Knight, Amita Koloseus-Gagnon, Stephanie Kogard, Chelsea Krueger, Megan Kruger, Griffith Lagerstrom, Amanda Lampe, Michael Lannan, Alexander LaPointe, Elizabeth Larsen, JoAnna Lay, Matthew Lay, Austin Lee, Jesse Leonard, Julie Leonard, Aubrey Lewis, Kyle Lichtenberg, John Lira, Camron Loewen, Cody Long, Jennifer Longenecker, Austin Madesian, Kara Mailhot, Elizabeth Majeske, Louis Mangieri, Logan Manley, Kylie Mart, Rachel Mart, Sarah Mascher, Jared Masterson, Crystal McClure, Lucas McCutcheon, Christine McGaughen, Kathleen McGuire, Kyle Medendorp, Tyler Meleg, Patrick Mesick, Nicklas Metcalf, Nathaniel Meyer, Sarah Milt, Shaw Miller, Devin Modgeska, Olivia Mohr, Brandon Moon, Michael Moon, Andrew Moore, Gregory Morris, Jeffrey Morris, Alissa Morrison, Joseph Morrissey, Meghan Mortier, Michael Mullenburg, Nolan Murray, Casey Nabb, Muhamad Naeem, Austin Nadeloff, Benjamin Nelson, Blake Nelson, Sean Nilson, Brian Ollcole, Kara Ott, Mitchell Overstreet, Benjamin Palczyn-

to see the world continue to globalize, ever decreasing the apparent size of this massive planet. I expect to see our economy rebound as the coming generation fuses it with new ideas and passions. And I hope to see many people ruined for the cause of justice, do their part in standing not only against something old, but for something new."

Leadership

PATRICK MESICK, son of Tim and Gloria Mesick of Bettendorf, plans to major in criminal justice and sociology at Iowa State University, Ames.

Top achievements:

- National Honor Society
- Student Council president
- 3.7 GPA

"In the next 10 years, there will be an increased number of opportunities for young people to get involved in their communities. The number of students getting involved with service projects and other volunteer opportunities will increase and this will result in making our communities a better place to live."

ski, Eka Patel, Kristen Paulson, Ryan Peterman, Isaac Plamcott, Lauren Pohl, Amelia Pohlmann, Jordan Poole, Laura Porter, Christopher Pratt, Michael Proksch, Michael Proksch, Daniel Ragona, Hannah Rashid, Jacob Rasmussen, Nicholas Raymon, Marie Reisen, Kristina Rice, Diana Richardson, Carter Ridenour, Jacob Ridenour, Amber Riedel, Lindsey Riedel, Curtis Robbins, Ryan Robertson, Frances Rohnet, Amy Rollinger, Corey Roper, Bradley Rubino, Samuel Russell, Ethan Salazar, Bryce Sandry, Abbey Sawyer, Amanda Schebler, Sydney Scherer, Amanda Schick, Ford Schick Jr., Joseph Schlueter, Krysten Schlosser, Andrea Schmertmann, Nathan Schmitt, Stephen Schoenhoft, Alan Michael Schroeder, Karissa Schulze, Alexander Schwedt, Joshua Schwedt, Janell Scott, Keigan Scott, Alex Sedgwick, Kristen Seck, Stephanie Seward, Kevin Shadra, Garrett Sharp, Courtney Shelly, Michael Shepard, Sean Shepherd, Paul Sisam, Shelly Slavens, Andrew Slifka, Cody Smith, Christin Snodgrass, Ashley Snyder, Chad Snyder, Matthew Solis, Andrew Sommer, Sandra Soto, Collier Speak, Aaron Speer, Andrew Speer, Rachel Stahle, Michael Stanley, Camille Stark, Caitlin Streit, Jennifer Sitr, Andrew Sullivan, Ryne Sullivan, Alison Swanson, Brooke Thennes, Jeremy Theriac, Eric Thomas, Courtney Thompson, Michael Tonnesson, Shunichiro Uto, Joshua Van Fleet, Aaron VanAldine, Alyson VanCamp, Lauren VanCamp, Seth VanDeest, Kacie Vaughn, Matthew Vercillo, James Wadkins, Kelly Wagner, Shaina Wagner, Michael W. Wahr, Kristen Washam, Michael Watts, Danielle Weindrich, Natalie Wels, Amanda White, Andrew White, Dana Williams, Robert Willingham, Kevin Woodward, Ryan Woodward and

JAKE RIDENOUR, son of Nick and Claudia Ridenour of Bettendorf, plans to major in high school education at Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Ill.

Top achievements:

- ACT score of 28
- 3.7 GPA
- National Honor Society

"In the next 10 years I think we will see a great amount of acceptance. I hope to see people becoming less judgmental of each other and more open-minded. I believe that the world will finally realize we are all the same because we're human."

Math/The Sciences

BRADY EVANS, son of Brent and Caroline Evans of Bettendorf, plans to major in molecular biology at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

Top achievements:

- National Honor Society
- ACT score of 34
- National Merit Commended Scholar

"Ten years from now, I see a world free from the thick sludge of racism and hate. People will get along and be cordial with each other. Love and peace will permeate

the air. The world will be a better place."

ANDY WHITE, son of Scott and Judy White of Davenport, plans to major in pre-physical therapy at the University of California, San Diego.

Top achievements:

- 4.0 GPA
- University of Iowa Old Gold Scholarship
- 4-year MAC All-Academic Team

"Ten years from now, I expect to see a world where technology will be even more prominent than it is today. Hopefully, we will be able to use this advanced technology to benefit society by finding cures for diseases and developing alternative energy sources."

Vocational Education

RYAN PETERMAN, son of Carrie Peterman and Pete Peterman of Bettendorf, plans to major in engineering at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

Top achievements:

- Getting good grades and high GPA
- Excelling in challenging classes
- Appointment to United States Naval Academy

"Ten years from now, I think we will see a major increase in private space travel. Space vehicles will be able to take off and land without the need for rockets. I also think there will be an increased integration of electronic devices like the iPhone but to the next level."

ANDREA SCHMERTTMANN, daughter of Kent and Wendy Schmertmann of Bettendorf, plans to major in accounting at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

Top achievements:

- Student of the Quarter, 2008
- National Honor Society
- Highest Honor Roll

"In the next 10 years there will be more businesses going global, and outsourcing to countries around the world. Therefore, the job market will be creating a high stress on getting a great education. Technology will continue to advance and businesses will need to keep reinventing to keep up."

Young Journalist

BRICE BALLENTINE, son of Blaine and Tati Ballentine of Bettendorf, plans to major in advertising at Scott Community College, Bettendorf.

Top achievements:

- Honor roll

"I expect to see more computer-based classes in schools in the next 10 years. Every year we are asked to do more and more on the computer. Eventually students will bring laptops to school to complete their school work."

KARA MAILHOT, daughter of Ron Mailhot and Freida Mailhot of Bettendorf, plans to major in pre-med at Sterling (Kan.) College.

Top achievements:

- National Honor Society
- Acceptance into the Allied Health Occupations Academy
- High Honor Roll, 4 years

"There is rarely a family in today's world that is not affected by the devastating disease of cancer. Judging by recent trends in unhealthy lifestyles combined with a growing and aging population, I would expect to see an increase in the amount of cancer cases in the next 10 years."

More 'Salutes' to come

Today is the first in a series of pages that will be published over the next few months saluting members of the Class of 2009. The pages will contain graduation lists as well as short essays from students who were selected by their schools for achievements in academics, the arts and humanities, leadership, math and science, vocational education and journalism. Look for the Salute pages on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the Q-C Area section of the Quad-City Times.

QUAD-CITIES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, Moline, has selected these outstanding seniors from its class of 13 students:

Academics

TIFFANY BIAGINI, daughter of Karen and Joseph Biagini of Moline, plans to major in architectural engineering at the Milwaukee (Wis.) School of Engineering.

Top achievements:

- Student Council
- High Honor Roll
- Choir

"In the coming decade, I expect

Quad-Cities Christian School

"In the last 10 years science has progressed abundantly. The headway made in research and technology has made previously incurable diseases treatable, and I look forward to this progress continuing exponentially into the next decade. Environmentalism is another aspect of science that I hope will expand hereafter also."

Leadership

KARA KIPPER, daughter of Peter and Tandra Kipper of Moline, plans to major in

nursing at Black Hawk College, Moline.

Top achievements:

- Who's Who Among Honor Students
- All-Conference volleyball
- Student Council president

"I expect younger leaders, in communities, standing up for their beliefs. This will help to get other young people involved in decision making. When one person takes the lead and stands up for her or his opinion, the easier it is for other teens to voice their ideas or beliefs."

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Collin Andrews, Tiffany Biagini, Trung Dan, Solveig Eliasson, Caitlyn Genge, Kara Kipper, Sammy Kwon, Kami Little, Rosalie Nibelski, Keiji Ono, Bryce Roener, Javier Salazar, Seavendra and Tsai-Chun (Fiona) Yao.

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