



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,

Bettendorf High School



Christopher Pratt



Caitlin Streit



Grant Brintnall



Jordan Poole



Stephanie Seward



Andrew Sullivan



Patrick Mesick



Jake Ridenour



Brady Evans



Andy White



Ryan Peterman



Andrea Schmertmann



Brice Ballentine



Kara Mailhiot

CLASS OF 2009

Andrew Adams, Marissa Albracht, Justin Allen, Jonathan Alves, Lauren Anderson, Stephanie Ambrust, Linnea Arndt, Ryan Ashby, Rhann Abwell, Cameron Ballantyne, Brice Ballentine, Paige Bankson, Paul Barber, Kristin Barnes, Nathan Bechtel, Morgan Benson, Kelly Berg, Brian Bergman, Hannah Berntson, Brianna Blake, Jennifer Blindt, Timothy Boateng, Bryce Boettcher, Evan Bonde, Kristel Bowden, Tyler Brewer, Grant Brintnall, Michael Brodersen, Brittany Brown, Jamie Brown, Patrick Brown, Sarah Buck, Shelby Burt, Steven Burwinkel, Grant Bushman, Cody Cale, Brandon Callen, Samantha Cameron, Jonathan Carlz, Dalton Cammack, Leo Carr, Alicia Canuthers, LeAnne Castaneda, Jack Cavanagh, Kayla Cervantes, Jasmine Chamberlain, John Chesley, Craig Chess, Kaila Clark, Quinn Claussen, KeyCee Cline, Jameson Coleman, Carly Cook, Stephen Corcoran, Paula Caryn, Thomas Creen, Megan Cromwell, Alexander Cronkleton, Nicholas Danover, Desinee Darling, Jay Dave, Kyle Davila, Evan Dauth, George Dexter, Joseph Dickens, Taylor Dingeldien, Nicole Dittmer, Anna Dixon, Kimberly Doerr, Vanessa Dooling, Zachary Doy, Grace Drenth, Zachary Duncan, Patricia Dusenberry, Erika Dorak, Haley Dziuk, Schylar 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 Fricke, Robert Fuller, Shawn Fuller, Ashley Gabelmann, Jessica Gahagan, Alexandra Galbraith, Sean Garrity, 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

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."

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 SCHMERTMANN, 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 MAILHIOT, daughter of Ron Mailhiot and Freida Mailhiot 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

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 his or her opinion, the easier it is for other teens to voice their ideas or beliefs."



Tiffany Biagini



Kara Kipper

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Gailin Andrews, Tiffany Biagini, Trung Dam, Solveig Eliasson, Caitlyn Gyenge, Kara Kipper, Sammy Kwon, Kami Little, Rosalie Nibelski, Keiji Ono, Bryce Roemer, Javier de la Cruz Saavedra and Tsai-Chun (Fiona) Yao.

