



Highlights from 2012-2013 School Year

Academics and Student Achievement

West High Senior Tracy Vo received the highly prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship award, which will pay for her entire undergraduate degree. Each year only 1,000 Gates scholars are selected nationwide, and Tracy is the only recipient in the entire state of Iowa.

Central High School student Joshua Bryne has been named a Commended Student in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2013 competition by taking the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Austin Wulf, Senior at North High, won the 2013 Katherine Bell-Tate Scholarship. Austin was awarded the scholarship based on his academic achievement, participation in extra-curricular activities, moral character, and other conditions considered by the Davenport Community Schools Selection Committee. Austin will attend Saginaw Valley State University this fall.

West High's Destination Imagination team finished 3rd in the Iowa State Competition. Team members included Autumn Huff, C.C. Adamski, Kayla Frost, Jacob Moritz, and Devlen Dailey-Gempis.

Strong transition programming and increased rigor at 9th grade lead to gains across the board in reading and math for almost all students, including a 7% gain for Hispanic students in reading and an 8% gain in math for African American students.

Twelve of our nineteen elementary schools saw growth in reading, with some schools seeing as high as a 12% increase in the number of students proficient.

There were achievement gains in mathematics at the intermediate level into high school across the district and among a variety of student subgroups. Gains at the intermediate level included some schools with as high as a 6% increase in the number of students proficient in mathematics.

North High's boys golf team was awarded *Distinguished Achievement* with a team GPA of 3.45. Football cheerleaders, the girls swim team, and volleyball team all received excellence achievement awards with team GPAs of 3.06, 3.37, and 3.48, respectively.

Jackson Elementary saw over 20% growth on DIBELS Composite at the kindergarten level compared to last year.

Adams Elementary School students won the Davenport Public Library 2012 Summer Reading Club Award. All schools, public and private, are invited to participate in the club. Adams had the most students participate in the program for 20 years in a row, and was awarded a special trophy.



Daphne Cornish, a Central High senior, received the prestigious Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Award Scholarship for 2013.

The scholarship has been awarded each year since 1965 to a Davenport Community Schools high school student whose academic rank is in the upper 10% of their class, has shown a continued interest in the field of medicine, and plans to become a doctor. Ms. Cornish plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis to pursue a major in biology with a minor in environmental science. Her goal is to become a medical doctor and work in South American countries through Doctors Without Borders.

The students at Kimberly Center had a 99.4 % participation rate for taking the Iowa Assessments, and 44 seniors received their diplomas this year.

“The Avengers” – a Wood Intermediate scholastic team consisting of Jacob Wells, Collin Glazek, Kaitlyn Collins and Marissa Robertson – took first place in the Rivermont Academic Invitational held in Bettendorf, Iowa. The competition is open to students from all around the Quad-Cities area and features competitive events in engineering, math, science, geography, global awareness, literature, and current events.

The Central Varsity Scholastic Bowl team won the Spring 2013 Knowledge Master Open competition. There were 25 teams in the competition, and the first place finish is the best ever for the Scholastic Bowl team.

High Quality Teachers, High Quality Student Experiences

Sheri Womack, Principal at Kimberly Center High School, received the Newcomer of the Year award from the Iowa Association for Alternative Education. This award is given to the educator who has made significant achievement to advancing the cause of alternative schools and has been in alternative education for less than three years.

North High School Teacher Selected Outstanding Iowa Biology Teacher of the Year 2012

Laura McCreery has been selected Outstanding Iowa Biology Teacher of the Year for 2012 by the National Association of Biology Teachers. Laura teaches advanced biology at North High School and is receiving this honor for the second time in as many years.

Mrs. Lipnick and Mrs. Sheehey, teachers at West High School, were selected by the Advanced Placement Program to be AP readers of student tests in their areas of Spanish and English. This is a great recognition of their efforts as exceptional educators. They will meet in Louisville, Kentucky this summer to evaluate AP student tests.

Children’s Village Hoover received a new five-year term of accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). NAEYC is a professional organization which promotes excellence in early childhood education through a set of national standards. To receive or renew accreditation, an organization must not only demonstrate that it meets NAEYC standards, but will also have a site visit from NAEYC Assessors. Following accreditation, the organization must submit an annual report and agree to additional verification and random unannounced visits to demonstrate they are maintaining those standards.

Jenee Cross, Central High School ProStart Culinary program teacher, was named 2012 ProStart Teacher of the Year by the Iowa Restaurant Association.



Wood Intermediate School science teachers Tiffany Schallau and Melanie Marzen presented at the 2012 Iowa Science Teachers Fall Conference in Ames, Iowa. Schallau presented a lesson on how cell size affects diffusion and Marzen presented a lesson on the rock cycle.

Kim Strunk, science teacher at West High School, was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year by the State of Iowa Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Mr. Strunk was recognized for his classroom teaching of environmental sciences, but also for offering students opportunities to be involved in environmental and conservation issues outside the classroom.

Jodi Zimmerman has been selected as Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District's 2013 Conservation Teacher of the Year Award. Zimmerman, a West high School Social Studies teacher, was chosen for her work in educating students about the challenges people face today trying to live in harmony with other species.

Two Davenport Community Schools teachers presented at the 40th annual Iowa Talented and Gifted Association's (ITAG) conference in October. Jay Swords, TAG facilitator at West High and Walcott, presented sessions on "Creative Problem Solving" and "Gifted Adults." Brett Monnard, TAG facilitator at Sudlow Intermediate, presented on the District's "Foundation 4 Success" program, which helps 6th grade students transition into the intermediate school TAG program.

Ms. Gabrielle Auerbach, West High School German teacher, has been selected to attend a summer seminar in Austria by the American Association of German Teachers.

Athletics

After winning the MAC Conference, the North High Boys Bowling Team went on to become 2013 State Champions. This is the Wildcats' second State Championship in three years! Their score of 3,633 broke the school record of 3,467 set earlier this year. Congratulations to this year's state participants: Zach Fries, Austin Wulf, Austin LaMaack, Nate Goettsch, Calvin Conger, and Zach Williams, along with all of the bowlers on this year's team.

Central High Basketball Coach Craig Wurdinger celebrated his 300th career victory this year, and was recognized for the accomplishment on March 9th at the half-time program during the Iowa State Boys Basketball Consolation Game. Over his twenty-year career Coach Wurdinger has guided six teams to state, and was named the State Coach of the Year in 2008.

The West High Girls Bowling Team finished third at state, and freshman Lindsey Entsminger placed 7th in the individual competition.

Alisha Jones, North High senior, was honored at the Quad City Times 32nd Annual Salute to Sports for her strong two-sport performance in track and volleyball. Jones was undefeated in the 400-meter dash this season, defending her state 400m title at the Iowa State Track Meet. Her time of 55.90 outpaced the field by .65 seconds, and was only .24 seconds off the school record. This marks the first time since 2002 that a runner has been a repeat champion in this event. Alisha also anchored North's second state championship in the 800 medley relay. As a Wildcat volleyball defensive player, she averaged 4.13 digs per set.



Central High Wrestling Coach Dennis Steverson and the Central wrestlers won the MAC Conference sportsmanship award for the fifth consecutive year. Coach Amber Hall and the CHS volleyball team also received the sportsmanship award.

Two DCS swimmers qualified for state this year. North High School freshman Brennan Bladel qualified in two events, the 200 yard IM and the 100 yard backstroke. Central High School sophomore Luke Eure qualified in the 100 yard backstroke. Luke placed 6th at the State Swimming Meet in the 100 Backstroke with a time of 53.06. This impressive time is the fastest in Davenport history.

Zach Minch, a Central High senior and running back on the football team, received the Des Moines Register's Shining Star Award, and was honored at the Quad City Times 32nd Annual Salute to Sports. Zach rushed for a MAC Conference single-game record of 371 yards and four touchdowns (one for 80 yards). On October 12th, Zach brought his season-total rushing numbers up to 1803 yards, which broke the old MAC Conference record of 1788 yards.

Addie Ford, a seven-year-old Madison Elementary student, competed in the National Team Championships for the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition November 24-25, 2012 in Chicago. Addie was presented at the pregame show of the Chicago Bears vs. Minnesota Vikings game, and participated in the pregame exhibition. She also ate lunch with the Chicago Bears!

Central High student Abbie Weyeneth is a competitor in National Reining Horse Association events across the Midwest. Amongst several other accolades his year, Abbie was ranked first in the 14-18 year old division of the Midwest Region, which includes Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota and Michigan. She also competed in the Rookie class at the National Finals in Oklahoma City, placing 16th in all of North America.

Music, Art, Theatre, and Dance

Artworks of several Davenport Community Schools students were included in The Photographic Society of America's "Youth Photography Showcase." West High's Nathan Clark, as well as Central High's Angela Bartosch and Alexis Hamma, were accepted into this national contest by the Photographic Society of America. These students' artworks will be on display in the Print Room at the PSA Annual Conference held in South Portland, Maine from September 15-23, 2013.

The North High School Women's Ensemble received a Perfect Rating and was named Best In Center at the IHSMA Small Group Festival. They performed at the Best In Center Showcase in Ames, Iowa on May 15th.

Sudlow Intermediate's 7th and 8th Grade Bands placed at the top of all 16 bands at the Adventureland/Drake Relays Festival of Bands in Des Moines. 7th graders received top honors and took 1st place in the event with their renditions of *Hail America* and *Of Kindered Spirit*. 8th graders received the runner-up award for their performances of *The Blue and the Gray* and *Blue Goose Rag*.

At this year's Great America Festival, the Sudlow Women's Choir won First Place Superior and also the Overall Best Choir. In addition, the Sudlow Men's Choir won First Place Superior in their category.

North High student Jacob Warner is this year's winner of the Quad City Youth Symphony Orchestra's concerto competition. Jacob was invited to perform a movement of the Shostakovich Cello Concerto during a concert at Centennial Hall, Augustana College.



Joshua Byrne, a Central High senior, won a Silver Medal at the 2013 National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

Joshua was identified by a panel of creative professionals as one of the most talented young artists and writers in the nation. This year 230,000 works of art and writing were submitted, and only the top 1% were recognized at the national level. Joshua and other top students were honored at the world-famous Carnegie Hall in May. Joshua also won the Best In Show award for high school art at this year's Quad City Arts Festival of Trees.

Blue Grass Elementary teacher Sarah Graham has been selected to receive Artsonia's Annual Leadership Award, an honor extended to teachers from only ten schools per state across the United States. The Artsonia Leadership Award honors teachers who go beyond the classroom walls to encourage family and community involvement in Arts Education. The award also recognizes significant achievement in the area of technology integration within the school arts program. Artsonia showcases over sixteen million pieces of artwork from thousands of schools, but thanks to Sarah Graham's efforts, Blue Grass Elementary's online art gallery ranked #1 in the state of Iowa and #64 in the nation this year.

Central High student Kellen Myers was awarded First Place in the 2013 Iowa Federated Music Teacher's Composition Contest for his music composition, "Sweet Mississippi."

West High student Jake Stewart was named the top male vocalist at the Western Dubuque Show Choir competition. Jake also sang "the Star Spangled Banner" at the Rotary Club meeting held at Figge Museum.

Northside Establishment, North High's Varsity show choir, won Grand Champion for the sixth consecutive year at Fort Madison High School's "Stars in the Spotlight" invitational. The group also received the Best Vocals caption award, and junior Jared DeFauw was chosen best male soloist. North's prep group, Center Stage, was 1st runner up in the prep division. These performances capped off a very successful season in which Northside made finals at each competition it attended and Senior Teria Litman was recognized as best female soloist on three separate occasions.

Central Singers, Incorporated (Central's Varsity Show Choir) finished another successful competitive season. Highlights included making finals at all five competitions; Junior Elise Castro winning four best female soloist awards; and the group scoring higher than Cedar Rapids Xavier, Cedar Rapids Prairie, Iowa City High, Linn-Mar, Urbandale, and Totino-Grace.

Davenport Community Schools students were chosen to be part of the 2012 Iowa Choral Director's Association Opus Honor Choir Festival. Over 3400 students in Iowa were nominated by their choir directors for 720 positions in the four honor choirs. Wood Intermediate students Holden Conner, Jacia Buck, Samuel Rosario, Will Snowball, Spencer Peachee, Natalia Kirby, and Joshua Reid, along with Sudlow Intermediate students Adam Borders, Tyler Browne, Grace Carr, Dillyn Dagama, Will deBlois, Brian Dennis, Isaiah Gibbs, Sammie Lyle, Gage Phipps, Abigail Sird, Thomas Theiling, and Olivia Tobin, represented the district.

Davenport Community Schools students once again showcased their artwork in the Augustana Sights and Sounds Exposure Contest. Central High School students Emrie Robinson and Claire Waterman won first and second place respectively.

Four West High musicians were recognized as 2012 All-State performers: Jacob Stewart, Bass (Solo Finalist); Dawn Vickers, Soprano; Shelby Tracy, Percussion; and Brian Lines, Violin. These students traveled to Ames in November to perform at the All-State Festival Concert at Hilton Coliseum on the Iowa State campus.



Central High School had several Scholastic Art Award winning students in 2013. Joshua Byrne and Angela Bartosch are Gold Key recipients; Claire Waterman and Ricardo Alarcon are winners of the Silver Key award; and Honorable Mentions went to Abby Fischer, Natalia Welzenbach-Marcus, Lindsey Chavez, and Claire Waterman.

The Quad City Times reported that the Davenport Community Schools' show choir programs were the #1 draw at the Adler Theatre in 2012.

The Central High Marching Blue Devils won the caption awards for best colorguard and best hornline at Fort Madison, as well as bringing home the 1st place in 4A trophy. That same day they competed in Mount Pleasant, Iowa where they won best colorguard, best hornline, and best drum majors, as well as capturing another 1st place in 4A. The Marching Blue Devils also won the sweepstakes award for having the highest total score between Ft. Madison and Mount Pleasant. The following weekend, the Marching Blue Devils competed at Linn-Mar High School here they won best hornline and 1st place in 4A. That same day, the group competed at Cedar Rapids Prairie where they won best colorguard, best hornline, best drum majors, and best percussion, as well as another 1st place in 4A.

North High School earned the distinguished honor of being invited to present *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* by Celeste Raspanti at the 2013 International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Sixty-first Annual Holiday Concert, featuring the Central, North and West High School music departments, once again showcased the rigor of our music program and talent of our students. The finale included selections from Handel's "The Messiah," during which a 400-member student choir was accompanied by a 200-member student orchestra.

West High students Kelsey Gaylord and Jake Stewart were selected to the St. Ambrose Honor Band.

Six North High School students were chosen for the St. Ambrose University Honor Band. Jamie Childe, Halie Dodd, Alicia Luebbe, Allison Porter, Sydney Porter, and Aryana Sarvestaney were among only 63 students from 13 high schools in Iowa and Illinois who made the band.

Elise Castro, a Central High School junior and member of the show choir, sang the national anthem during President Barack Obama's visit to the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds on October 24, 2012.

West High School students Abby Thumann and Kieran Burton were named to the All-Iowa Honor Dance Team by a panel of judges following their performances in Ames, Iowa. Abby and Kieran performed with members of other dance teams from across Iowa during half-time at the 4A State Basketball tournament in Des Moines.

North High School students Dylan Beyhl, Jared DeFauw, Jacob Emmert and Cole Neese performed at the 2013 Iowa Day of Percussion, hosted by Iowa State University. The students performed "Marimba Spiritual" by Michi, for solo marimba and three percussion, and the group was the only high school percussion ensemble invited to perform during the college percussion ensemble portion of the festival.

West High Students presented a full-length main stage production of "Godspell" as the opening production of the Iowa Thespian Festival 2012, on the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts stage on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa.

Davenport Community Schools student artists captured nearly half of the 28 awards given at the Quad City Arts 36th Annual High School Art Invitational.



History, Social, and Literary Studies

Central High's Blue Devil Historians competed in the state National History Day competition in Des Moines. Sarah Sitz created a documentary on the Cultural Revolution of China, and Thompson Teasdale portrayed a World War I soldier in the trenches. Susan Dircks qualified for Nationals with her paper on The Life and Works of Paul Cezanne. She will be attending the National NHD competition at the University of Maryland this summer.

Mickey Sloat, an 8th grade student at Williams Intermediate, recently competed at the national level of the National History Day competition at the University of Maryland, just outside Washington, DC. During her individual performance of "Game, Set, (Pay) Match; Playing for Equity in Women's Sports", Sloat portrayed several women's sports leaders, including Billie Jean King, Toni Stone, and Babe Didrikson Zaharias. This was Micky's third year participating in NHD and her second consecutive year competing at nationals.

West High's Public Forum Debate Team of Noah Kirschbaum and Greg Windeknecht won first place in the Dowling Catholic Paradigm, one of the biggest public forum tournaments in the country. In the final debate of the tournament, Noah and Greg beat Florida's Lake Highland Preparatory, a private school.

The Central High Yearbook Staff Won The Neubert Award from the Iowa High School Press Association. The award is the highest honor given in the whole book category, recognizing books for exceptional execution in the areas of journalistic, photographic, and design principles.

Wood Intermediate students Amber Ehlers, Olivia Saul and Alana Woolison qualified for the State competition of the National History Day event. The team received the Creativity Award for outstanding historical scholarship for their exhibit board on the "Triangle Shirtwaist Fire."

The West High Speech & Debate team participated in the William A. Brindley Invitational Speech & Debate Tournament at the University of Northern Iowa. The competition attracts the best teams in the state, and the following team members won "Best Speaker" awards out of the field of 56 competitors: Greg Windeknecht-1st, Noah Kirschbaum-2nd, Haley Burney-3rd, Maddy Saskowski-4th, Olivia Grubbs-8th.

The Central High Battle of the Books team are this year's State Champions. Daphne Cornish, Susan Dircks, Emily Roebuck, Sarah Schwind, Sarah Sitz, and KC Voss prepared for the contest by reading an additional 32 books this year, and then proved their knowledge and understanding in the oral rounds at the state tournament at Marshalltown High School.

West High debate students performed strongly at Districts, and will send three students to Nationals this June in Birmingham, Alabama. Noah Kirschbaum and Greg Windeknecht qualified in Public Forum Debate; Olivia Grubbs qualified in Original Oratory.

The 2012 edition of *Indigo Ink*, Central High School's literary and art magazine, received a rating of Excellent by the National Council of Teachers of English. The magazine also received a first place award in the American Scholastic Press Association's annual magazine competition.



A Wood Intermediate Mock Trial team qualified to participate in the Iowa Mock Trial State Tournament at The Iowa Supreme Courthouse. Team members: Jacob Wells, Marissa Robertson, Taylor Reising, Spencer Peachee, Kelsey Harrell, Nik LaMaack, Destiny Ellingsworth, Anthony Wriedt, and Kaitlyn Collins.

The Central Varsity History Bowl team made it all the way to the National Tournament in Washington, DC. Varsity team members: Gordon Atkinson, Danielle Baresel, Nick deBlois, Susan Dircks, and Pablo Haake.

West High Business Academy Students Place in Junior Achievement Titan Competition

Twelve students participated in the competition, which involves running a simulated company in a business strategy tournament. Students tested their critical thinking, leadership, and entrepreneurial skills, and demonstrated their ability to compete in a global economy. West teams placed 2nd, 3rd, and 8th in the tournament.

The Central High Mock Trial team placed first in the Burlington Regional Mock Trial Tournament, qualifying them for the state competition in Des Moines. Mock trial is designed to introduce students to our legal system by providing a challenging, academic competition. The program offers students an opportunity for personal growth and achievement, emphasizing the importance of research, presentation, and teamwork.

Students and Staff as Civic Leaders

Maddie Walker of West High was honored with the Scott County YMCA Social Responsibility Award for her leadership in starting the Sea Turtles, an aquatic program for special needs youth.

Central High School student Daphne Cornish has been selected to the National Youth Advisory Council for Keep America Beautiful. Daphne is one of only ten high school students from across the nation that will participate in this service-learning and leadership development program. Participants will contribute to and inform Keep America Beautiful on programs while acting as ambassadors and leaders for youth service in their communities.

This Spring, Miss Kimmel’s science students at Fillmore Elementary participated in a cleanup of the stream behind the school. Known as the “Kids in the Creek,” students adopted the area to learn about and care for the creek and surrounding watershed. The class conducted water quality testing, clean ups, and most recently, analyzed animal tracks on the creek bed. Data from the students’ work is included in a statewide initiative on water quality.

The North High Cross Country team has raised over \$1,250 in the past two years for local charities for children with special needs.

West High student Mitchell Dunn received the Youth Service Award at the 2013 Davenport Volunteer Connection SOFA (Serving Others with Fortitude and Affection) Awards. Mitchell was nominated for his leadership in the establishment of a computer lab at the Roosevelt Center, which expands technology access for the West end of Davenport. Mitchell contributed nearly 800 hours in the last 18 months to research the need for, seek funding for, specify materials for, install, administer, and operate the free public computer lab.

Wilson Elementary students supported Hurricane Sandy relief efforts by packing a school bus for two hours of their school day, and then sending it on its way to Little Lake Harbor and Lakewood, New Jersey, to help those in need.



Daphne Cornish, a Central High senior, was one of three students receiving a Student of Integrity Award from the Quad Cities Better Business Bureau. Cornish stood out from a field of 29 students due to her commitment to and passion for environmental activism.

West High students Stan Cheatham, Noah Kirschbaum, Greg Windeknecht, and Aubrey Kohl served as pages with the Iowa State Legislature this Spring.

Pablo Haake, a sophomore at Central High, was selected as a member of the 2012-2013 State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council. The purpose of the youth advisory council is to foster communication amongst a group of engaged youth and the Governor, general assembly, and state and local policymakers regarding programs, policies, and practices affecting youth and families.

Davenport Community Schools staff members Sarah Harris and Ellen Reilly presented to the International Bully Prevention Association Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Sarah and Ellen spoke about *Be Bully Smart* - our grass roots, community call-to-action campaign that is designed to engage our community in anti-bullying efforts.

West High welding student Tyler Wells was featured by Fran Riley on KWQC-TV for his welding projects that have raised \$1700 for the children's Therapy Sports Memorabilia Auction.

Central High is the winner of the Keep America Beautiful Recycle Bowl competition for the state of Iowa. Central's total of approximately 21,000 pounds, or 14 pounds per student, was significantly higher than the national average of 5 pounds per student. The school received its \$1000.00 prize in March.

The Kimberly Center Student Services class sponsored a Blood Drive for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. 23 units of blood were collected, surpassing the class' goal. This amount could impact up to 70 lives.

West High School's Science Club sponsored 4 blood drives this school year in conjunction with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. The collected effort of these drives amassed a total of 633 pints of blood. With each pint able to help 3 people, West students have saved 1899 lives.

The Central High School Principal's Leadership Team members collected enough food to complete more than 60 holiday dinner boxes for area families in need.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and Vocational Accomplishments

The Combustible Lemons, one of four robotics teams at West High, Captained the State Champion Winning Alliance and for the second straight year advanced to the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) World Championships in Saint Louis. This year's FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) season began with 2,500 teams from 69 countries. At this culminating event, the Combustible Lemons advanced to the semi-finals of the Edison Division, placing in the top 24 FTC teams in the World.



Student teams from Williams Intermediate won medals at the 2013 Mousetrap Car Engineering & Design Competition. 22 teams from the Davenport Community, Moline, and Pleasant Valley school districts competed in the contest. The “Green Gators” team from Williams Intermediate took 3rd place overall, and the “Speed Turtles” team from Williams Intermediate won the award for longest distance.

Madison Elementary’s Calvin Moulton and Eisenhower Elementary’s Zeke Wynsma and Calvin Jantzi made it to the state finals of *Invent Iowa*. Calvin and Zeke’s project won at the state level, earning the boys a \$500 scholarship to University of Iowa or Iowa State engineering department. Their project is a sealed toilet seat to keep bacteria from spreading. Calvin Jantzi invented “The One Trip”-a device that connects to garbage cans that holds recycling bins.

The Central High ProStart Management team competed against many Iowa high schools to place first in the Iowa ProState Management Competition. The team, consisting of Anthony Calabrese, Matthew Lehna, Kadia Lazenby, Jade Jackson, and Sorsha Gordon, won the right to represent the state of Iowa at the National ProStart Invitational in Baltimore, Maryland.

West High’s “Falcon Fever” Engineering Team was Crowned 2013 Real World Design Challenge (RWDC) State Champions. RWDC is an annual competition that provides high school students grades 9-12 the opportunity to work on real world engineering challenges in a team environment. West’s team designed a unmanned aerial vehicle to save a child who is injured and missing. Due to their prowess, “Falcon Fever” was invited to Washington, D.C. to compete in the National Championships.

Students from Buffalo Elementary, Smart Intermediate, and North High School had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to talk to Astronauts Aboard the International Space Station. These three schools and several others from around the Quad Cities were chosen to attend the event at the Putnam Museum, which was one of only six sites in the country given the opportunity to chat with the astronauts.

Junior ROTC

The Davenport Community Schools Army JROTC received the accolade of “Honor Unit with Distinction” - the highest rating possible - for the 5th consecutive year. This rating is given by The Higher Army Headquarters Agency.

The Davenport Community Schools Marine JROTC Team recently won three 3rd place trophies at the 13th Annual Bellevue Drill Competition. The awards were earned for the team’s performance in both the Armed and Unarmed Exhibition Drill.

100 Army JROTC cadets traveled to the VA Hospital in Iowa City on February 14 as one of the many community service projects the cadets are engaged in during the month of February. The cadets delivered Valentines to the veterans and spent time visiting with them.

The Army JROTC team participated in the St. Joseph, Missouri Physical Fitness Competition, where cadets took 2nd place in the Building of a Rope Bridge Event, 3rd place in the Surprise Physical Fitness Event, and 7th place overall. The team also took 1st place and Best School Group in the St Patrick’s Day Parade.



Davenport Schools Foundation

This year the Davenport Schools Foundation coordinated and awarded a record \$56,000 in scholarships to nearly three dozen high school students. Three new endowed scholarships were presented this year, two honoring former teachers Caryl Haring and Mary Means, and one donated by MidWestOne Bank.

The Davenport Schools Foundation received a grant for Great Minds programming from the Bettendorf Rotary Club.

The Davenport Schools Foundation took part in Major Saver fundraising program with elementary and intermediate students. The program brought in almost \$50,000 in revenue to support Great Minds programming throughout district.

Davenport Schools Foundation's 25th anniversary was celebrated with a gala at the Davenport Radisson Hotel. More than 250 people heard CHS alumnus and PBS broadcaster Tom Hudson describe his education in Davenport Schools as "filled with curiosity, creativity and collaboration at a world-class level." The event raised \$15,000 for DSF, and featured alumni musical talent and a display of award-winning student photography.

The Davenport Schools Foundation partnered with a variety of groups to support student-centered programs like BASICS (art enrichment) at Jackson School, improvements to the Kent Naae Memorial Playground at Eisenhower Elementary, and the "Leader in Me" grant from the John Deere Foundation for Madison Elementary.

Great Minds wrapped its 12th year of funding classroom projects and speakers with 73 mini-grants reaching 8,453 students. According to program director Gene Conrad, highlights included a field trip to the Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie, Ill.; a high school engineering competition in St. Louis, multiple presentations by Opera Iowa performers and artists, and the Bodies Revealed exhibit at the Putnam Museum.

Family Involvement and School Culture & Climate

Garfield Elementary's counseling program was honored with a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation from the American School Counselor Association. The certification is awarded to schools committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program. Only 4 other schools in the state of Iowa received the certification.

Children's Village West, Hoover, Buchanan and Hayes held their "Million Fathers Breakfast" event at each location this September. Over 250 adult male role models including fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers joined their pre-school student for breakfast at one of the Children's Village sites.

The 2012 Davenport Community Schools Employee Giving Campaign contributions totaled \$42,572. Smart Intermediate had the highest total contribution by any one building and the highest gift per employee. Eisenhower Elementary School had the top employee participation at 95%. The Davenport Schools Foundation received a notable increase in their gifts, and the majority of those contributions benefitted the Stepping Stones and Great Minds programs, which directly impact our students.



The “Be Bully Smart” anti-bullying media campaign has garnered awards in two regional competitions since it was launched. The campaign was developed through a collaboration of the Davenport Community Schools and MindFire Communications, a local agency. The campaign won the Mosaic Award at the American Advertising Federation Cedar Rapids/Iowa City ADDY Awards Gala. The campaign also won a Silver ADDY for the “Be Bully Smart” posters, media campaign and logo. In addition, the campaign received two major awards at the Quad City Design, Advertising & Marketing Creative Club in June. “Be Bully Smart” received a Gold award for the multi-media campaign and a Silver awards for the “Be Bully Smart” television spots.

Our schools serve the community year round and seven days a week, with approximately 120 organizations holding over 5,000 individual meetings and events outside of the school day.

Hayes Elementary students partnered with Mrs. Smysor and Mrs. Welch, Hayes 5th grade teachers, to implement a newly-awarded GreenSchools grant. GreenSchools is based on teachers and students working together as a team to identify potential areas where improvement can be made to reduce a school’s environmental footprint. The hard work of these students and their teachers has catapulted Hayes Elementary to new heights of environmental awareness and improvement.

Davenport Volunteer Connection SOFA (Serving Others with Fortitude and Affection) Awards

Gene Guy of Jackson Elementary won for Outstanding Volunteer in the Education Field for his work with the school’s WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students) program, where Gene spends anywhere from 2 to 4 days a week at the school. In this role Gene helps out in the classroom, hallways, and lunch room, during recess, and on field trips. Most importantly, he builds relationships with students based on kindness and respect, providing young people with a strong, caring, male role model.