

## Highlights from 2013-2014 School Year

### ***Academics and Student Achievement***

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**Four Davenport Community Schools students won Rotary Club of Davenport Scholarships this year.** Final selection was based upon GPA, test scores, community service, an interview process, and recommendations. Central High Senior Adam Kall earned the \$16,000 scholarship, and the \$10,000 winners were Austin Barton and Madison Walker of West High and Aaron Reynolds from North High.

**Central High junior Pablo Haake and teacher Michael Tujillo have been selected as part of this year's cohort of Bezos Scholars and educators.** Twelve of the nation's top public high school juniors, twelve exceptional educators, and six scholars from the African Leadership Academy in South Africa come together for a week of exploration, dialogue, and debate. Participants also meet with visionaries from around the globe including international leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs, and artists.

**The Sudlow Intermediate Destination Imagination Team** represented the state of Iowa at the Global Finals, where they competed against teams from more than 40 states and 12 countries.

**Matthew Luebbe, a senior at North High, was selected as a finalist for the prestigious National Merit Scholarship.** As one of 15,000 student nationwide chosen for this honor (less than 1% of US high school graduating seniors), Matthew is now being considered for one of 2,500 single-payment \$2,500 National Merit Scholarships and many other awards.

**West High senior Emma Demarr received the prestigious Brand Boeshaar scholarship through the Figge Art Museum.** This program awards up to four scholarships annually to Iowa/Illinois area students who wish to earn a degree in Fine Art, Graphic Design, or Art Education at a college or university. The scholarship is awarded based on a student portfolio, transcript, and application. Each scholarship award is \$3,000 for the first academic year, with renewals for three subsequent years up to a total of \$12,000. Emma has been accepted to both the College of the Art Institute of Chicago and the Pratt Institute's School of Art & Design in New York.

**Colton Bartels, a 4th grade TAG student at Garfield Elementary, won 1st prize in a Public Radio International world news contest coordinated by Saint Ambrose University's KALA FM.**

**Wood Intermediate student Nala Delgado was honored by the University of Iowa's Belin-Blank Center for earning exceptional scores as part of the Belin-Blank Exceptional Student Talent Search.**

**Central High senior Madison West was awarded the prestigious Dr. Thomas Anthony Dooley Scholarship in the amount of \$20,000.** To be eligible, Madison had to be an enrolled as a senior in a Davenport public high school and had to be in the upper 10% of the class based on class rank computed at the end of seven semesters of high school. She also had to demonstrate a continuing interest in the field of medicine and express a desire to become a medical doctor based on sound principles of vocational choice.

**The West High team of Destiny Brown, Kelsey Antle, Jacob Schell, and Kyle Verdon won the Junior Achievement Titan Competition.**

**During the 2013-14 school year, Central High athletic team members averaged a 3.4 GPA.**

**The following North High School athletic teams earned academic achievement recognition from the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union and the Iowa High School Athletic Association for their outstanding Grade Point Averages:**

Boys Golf – Excellence Achievement – Team GPA 3.11

Girls Cross Country – Distinguished Achievement – Team GPA 3.76

Girls Swimming – Distinguished Achievement – Team GPA 3.38

Volleyball – Distinguished Achievement – Team GPA 3.31

**West High student Brooke Garnica was awarded the Tracy Hester Weisrock Memorial Scholarship.** This annual scholarship is awarded to an academically successful senior athlete in a Davenport High School.

**Pablo Haake, a junior at Central High, was one of two students in the State of Iowa selected to receive the prestigious U.S. Senate Youth Program Scholarship.** Pablo was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to join 102 students from 50 states and the District of Columbia to participate in the program's 52nd annual Washington Week. During the trip, Pablo visited the White House to meet President Obama and listen to him speak. Pablo also witnessed government in action while visiting Capitol Hill, the Pentagon, the State Department, and the Supreme Court.

**Jacob Cook, a senior at Kimberly Center High School, was awarded a Betty Nelson Career Technical Scholarship.**

**North High's AP Calculus AB class had 100% of students pass the AP Calculus exam.**

**Central High senior Trey Bullock was awarded the Iowa State University's Multicultural Vision Program Award (MVP).** This program recognizes Iowa high school students of color who have faced personal hardships while demonstrating commitment to academic success. As an award recipient, Trey's tuition will be covered for eight semesters of undergraduate study.

**Rosalie Dubberke, a senior at West High School, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Iowa State University at the 52nd Annual Quad City Engineering & Science Council Banquet.** Rosalie is 14th in her class, a member of the National Honor Society, and plays three instruments in multiple music ensembles. She will attend Iowa State University and plans to major in mechanical engineering.

**The following seniors received Academic Excellence Honors for maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout their entire high school careers:** At North High, Matthew Luebbe and Aaron Reynolds; at West High, Jessica Bennett, Chi Dong, Kylie Ehrecke, Alexis Lotspeich, Madison Walker, and Margaret Ward; and at Central High, Danielle Baresel, Jacob Behrendt, Gabrielle Hoeksema, Hannah Keimig, Jesse Maddox, Matthew Moran, Sedat Romilus, and Madison West.

**Central High's Madison West was named a Commended Student in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program.** Madison placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2014 competition by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)

**Central High senior Matt Moran was selected to the All-Academic All-State team in basketball this year.** To be selected, an athlete must start in 90% or more of the basketball games, have an ACT of 28 or higher, and a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

**Garfield Elementary was the overall winner in the Sumdog Mississippi Bend Math Contest.**

## ***District-wide Accolades***

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**Davenport Community Schools was one of six districts in the state of Iowa to receive a Best Community for Music Education Award from the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Foundation this year.**

**The Alcoa Foundation has approved a grant for the Davenport Schools Foundation to support the Project Lead the Way Engineering Club at West High.** The grant is for fostering STEM and 21st Century skills in students, awarding \$5000 a year for three years.

**Stepping Stones, the district's afterschool collaboration with the City of Davenport and Iowa State Extension, was recently recognized with the "Innovator of the Year" award through the National and Iowa Afterschool Alliance for the Midwest region.**

**The Davenport Community Schools received a Commission on Teacher Leadership and Compensation grant to launch a teacher leadership system beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.** 146 districts in Iowa had applied, and our district will receive approximately \$5 million per year to add strong supports to the myriad of student achievement initiatives already underway.

**The Davenport Community Schools are one of only four districts in the State of Iowa selected to receive a matching \$50,000 grant from Governor Branstad's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Advisory Council.** The funds will be used to create a TILE learning environment at West High School that will be used to offer earth and space sciences, geometry, and 21st century skills in Fall 2014.

**The district-wide dropout rate was cut nearly in half, moving from 8.7% for the 2011-2012 school year to 4.8% for the 2012-2013 school year (this data, released in March, is always a year behind).**

## ***High Quality Teachers and Staff, High Quality Student Experiences***

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**Greg Smith, a Project Lead the Way Instructor at West High School, was chosen as the 2014 STEM Teacher of the Year by the Quad City Engineering & Science Council.** Smith teaches courses on Digital Electronics, Principles of Engineering, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, and Engineering Design. Outside the classroom, he has coached teams to the Iowa state championships in the FIRST Tech Challenge robotics and the Real World Design Challenge aircraft design competitions.

Davenport Community Schools is one of the top 5 districts in the state when looking at the number of National Board Certified Teachers on payroll.

Clint Balsar of Central High received his national certification as a Certified Journalism Educator.

West High teachers John Kealey and Jay Swords won the Iowa Broadcasting Association Award for their history based radio program "Relevant or Irrelevant," recorded and aired by KALA, St. Ambrose Public Radio.

Health Curriculum Specialist Melissa Trimble was given the 2014 Iowa Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Gem Award for her work with the Build a Better Snack Program.

Jason Franzenburg, Project Lead The Way teacher at West High School, was recently awarded the Air Force Association Teacher of the Year at the Chapter level. The purpose of the program is to recognize classroom teachers for their accomplishments and achievements in getting K-12 students excited about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and preparing them to use and contribute to tomorrow's technologies.

Bruce Potts, principal at Sudlow Intermediate, was named 2013-2014 Outstanding Administrator by the Iowa Bandmasters Association.

West High teachers Barbara Lipnick and Patricia Sheehey were appointed as Advanced Placement Readers for the 2014 AP College Board Reading.

Loretta Gamble, Wood Intermediate Social Worker, was honored as the Iowa School Social Worker of the Year by the Iowa School Social Workers Association.

West High teacher Mr. Verdon received the Masonic Brubaker Lodge # 675 Teacher of the Year Award for 2013.

Wood Intermediate teachers Tiffany Schallau and Dana Schrader were recognized as participants in Real World Externships for teachers of mathematics, science, and technology. Both teachers spent over 200 hours contributing to operations and gleaning ideas for classroom applications of both content and 21st century skills of the Iowa Core. Tiffany worked with the US Army Corps of engineers in Rock Island, and Dana was located at the John Deere Moline Technology Innovation Center.

## ***Athletics***

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North High's bowling team won the Iowa State Class 2A bowling championship for the third time in four years. This year's team beat Dubuque, Hempsted to take the title again. In individual scoring, Nate Goettsch was fifth with a total score of 485, Bret Keimig came in sixth with 474, and Zach Williams was eighth with 457. Bret Keimig, Blake Freeman, Mitchell Kelley, and Zach Williams were named to the Quad City Times All-Metro bowling team.

Out of the 15 Central High girls who competed in 11 track & field events at State, 5 recorded lifetime-bests and 10 performed season-bests. The highest individual finisher on the boys team was Jayvon Matthews, who placed 2nd in the 110m high hurdles.

**West High's Brian Price was named MAC Conference Girls Bowling Coach of the Year and named District 3 Bowling Coach of the year.**

**The North High Wildcat Girls Golf Team won this year's City Tournament.** The varsity team of Shelby Carlson, Heather Dodson, Anna Dressler, Alissa Calsyn, and Mckenzie O'Brien shot an 18-hole score of 434. Individually, O'Brien took 3rd place with a score of 100, and Dressler took 5th with a 102.

**The West High baseball team won the 2014 MAC Conference title.**

**The nine Central High Special Olympics Track Team members competed in Ames at State and brought home eleven gold medals, one silver, one bronze and three 4th place ribbons.** Team members include Athen Carrington, Hunter Songalia, Baylee Norris, Tony McDonnell, Antonio Salazar, DJ Cooke, Karl Lantzky, Shy'A Hughes, Jacob Heald, and Hannah Olson.

**The West High Coed Cheerleading Team capped off an amazing season by being crowned 2013 Large Co-ed State Champions and 2013 Large Co-ed Regional Champions.** Leading up to those honors, the team won the top award at "The Grand Finale" at Pleasant Valley High School and was crowned Grand Champion for the second year in a row at the Spartan Challenge competition in Dubuque. Individually, seniors Delaney Olcott and Catherine Goodall were named all-state cheerleaders (a recognition given to the top 36 cheerleaders in the state), seniors Wade Rollins and Jorge Caldera made the All-American Team at cheer camp and traveled to London over winter break, and freshman Tatum Bunch made the Junior Varsity All-American Team and performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

**Seniors Tamika Tucker, Nathan Goettsch, and Jordan Trowers were selected as the North High School Student-Athletes of the Year for 2014 at the Senior Awards Ceremony.**

**Winners of the 2013-14 Jerry Jurgens Memorial Award are Jacob Behrendt and Naomi Elias.** This award is given to a male and female graduating senior from Central High School who has achieved excellence in athletics, academics, and outstanding citizenship.

**West High student members of the Davenport Youth Trap Shooting Team enjoyed many successes in competition this year.** At a Cedar Rapids event, Cody Berg scored a perfect 50 out of 50 and tied for 1st place in the men's division. In the women's division, Tara Peeters took home the 1st place trophy. At a Dewitt competition, the team of Nick Keppy, Noah Osborn, Cody Berg, Brockton Frank and Kaleb Gipson took home 1st place in the team division. In the individual women's competition, Tara Peeters once again took 1st place, and Cody Berg and Brockton Frank tied for 1st place in the men's division. Finally, at a local competition sponsored by Davenport Youth Trap, Cody Berg tied for 1st place.

**North High's Corey Iossi and Central High's Matt Moran are Bernie Saggau Award winners.** This award is given to a male graduating seniors who have achieved excellence in athletics, academics, and outstanding citizenship.

**At the 2014 Drake Relays, Central High senior Jayvon Matthews finished 6th overall in hurdles and senior Mason Tope finished 18th in the 3200, against a stacked field that saw three different runners break the Drake Relays record.**

**Madison Walker of West High received the 2014 Joey Schlader Memorial Scholar Athletes Award.**

**The North High JV and Varsity Cheerleaders attended the CSA cheer camp and won 3 blue and 2 red ribbons for performances and cheers.** During the camp, Tamika Tucker, Alex Garrett, Melanie Curby, Brittany Teel and PJ Hilligoss qualified for All-American status and were invited to cheer in the Capitol One Bowl in Orlando.

**Central High sophomore Emily Delleman set a national record at the US Rowing Junior Team Camp in Oakland, California.** Emily finished 1st place in the 2k and 6k erg tests and 2nd place in the 2k single row. Her time of 22 minutes, 37 second in the 6k erg test set a national record.

**The West High Diamond Dancers competed in the Quad City Legacy High School Dance Team Competition and won 1st place in the categories of Junior Varsity Pom, Varsity Pom, Varsity Kick, and Varsity Lyrical.**

**Seven Davenport Community Schools students were chosen as members of the 2014 All-Iowa Honor Dance Team:** Dana Weinstein, Jasmine Maddox, Caitlyn Olinger, and Madeline Darland, members of the “Blue Illusion” dance team at Central High; and Nekya Hall, Jaisene Hughes, and Krystal Pollard, members of the North High “Pom Cats” team.

**The North High “Pom Cats” attended this year’s Universal Dance Association camp at Western Illinois University, where the team earned a Superior rating, won a 1st place award in the home routine competition, and received the Leadership Award as voted on by fellow campers.** Individually, Jaisene Hughes and Krystal Pollard were chosen as UDA All-American dancers. Both students have been invited to dance in London.

**The Central High “Blue Illusion” Dance Team competed at the Iowa State Dance Team Association State Competition this year and brought home three Division I ratings and a Distinguished Academic award for a cumulative GPA of 3.5-4.0.** These scores are the highest in Central’s history.

**Several West High girls swimmers broke school records at the regional competition and qualified for the state swim meet.** The 400 freestyle relay team of Vy Ho, Anna Arvantis, Courtney Remley, and Claire Straetker finished second while breaking the West High record for the event. The 200 medley relay team of Claire Straetker, Allison Walters, Vy Ho, and Madison Harland finished third and broke the school record. Individually, Vy Ho finished third in the 50 freestyle and fourth in the 100 freestyle, breaking West High records in both events. Claire Straetker was the 100 backstroke regional champ, breaking the West High record in the event.

**Central High’s Bella Zepeda was the 15th fastest freshman at the state cross country meet in Fort Dodge, and Central’s Mason Tope placed 17th overall at state.** Mason was the first athlete from the MAC to finish, and he ran his best time of his season.

**North High freshmen Jinaya Houston and Jacionna Stowers finished 1st and 2nd in the MAC Conference in scoring for the 2013-14 girls’ basketball season.** Houston led the conference with a scoring average of 18.9 points per game. Stowers was right behind her with an average of 18.5 points per game. Houston also finished third in the conference by averaging 8.3 rebounds per game.

**Mason Tope, senior at Central High, placed first in the Varsity Boys’ MAC Cross Country Conference Meet.** His winning time was 16:18, equivalent to a 5.16 mile pace.

**Two Wood Intermediate School 7th grade students placed in the middle school state cross country meet.** Matthew Dibbern placed 4th and Kameron Morgan placed 27th in the 2 mile event.

**The Central High boys and girls cross-country teams both defended their City Title this year.**

**North High's wrestlers Jordan Trowers and Selbie McNair, along with West High wrestlers Travis Pulse and Alex Ramey, qualified for the 2014 Iowa State wrestling meet.** Jordan Trowers advanced to the semifinals in the tournament, finishing 6th in the 195 pound weight class and ending the season with a record of 38-10.

**Central High Senior Jayvon Mathews was awarded First Team selection on the 2014 Iowa State Track and Field Team.** With this selection, Jayvon was invited to compete on the West Central Conference Track and Field Team at the 14th Annual Down Under International Games, in Australia.

**Several Davenport Community Schools student athletes were named to the 2013 All-Metro Baseball Team:** North High's Jacob TeBrake was named First Team as first baseman. Named to the Second Team were West's Tommy Dorton (pitcher) as well as Central's Tyler Broders (second base) and Troy Weiman (outfield).

**North High senior wrestler Jordan Trowers won the 195 lb. championship at the Burlington Invite.**

**Mason Tope of Central High was named to the All-Area Cross Country team.** In addition, Rane Nichols of West High received an honorable mention on the boys all-area team, and Bella Zepeda of Central High received an honorable mention on the girls all-area team.

**West High's Kyle Verdon made 1st Team All-Conference in punting this year.**

**Two North High students earned a medal in the City Golf Tournament held at Duck Creek Golf Course.** In the JV division, freshman Caleb Farnsworth was crowned City Champion with a 9-hole score of 42. In the varsity division, junior Dantley Johnson placed 3rd overall with an 18-hole score of 78.

**Duane Stahl of Central High was named MAC Coach of the Year in Boys Swimming, and Brian Heller of West High was named MAC Coach of the Year in Girls Swimming.**

**Several Davenport Community Schools boys swimmers broke school records and qualified for the state swim meet.** Central High's Luke Eure, District Swimmer of the Year, qualified for the 200 yard IM and the 100 yard Backstroke. Central's relay teams in the 200 yard Medley and the 400 yard Freestyle also qualified for state. North high's Brennan Bladel qualified for the 200 yard IM and the 100 yard. At the meet, the Central team set three school records in events and also set a combined school record with 1217 points. Luke Eure placed 3rd at the state meet, breaking Central's backstroke record twice with his best time clocking in at :51.64.

## ***Music, Art, Theatre, and Dance***

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**Hailey Forrest (North), Lydia King (Central), and Will McKay (Central) all had artworks accepted into the Photography Society of America's 2014 Youth Photography Showcase.** The students' photographs will be featured in the PSA Journal and will be on display at the PSA Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hailey's piece, "Words Hurt Stop Bullying" was chosen as the most outstanding work in the photojournalism category. Lydia's photograph, "Tranquility in Boston" won 3rd place in the architecture print category. Will's photograph, "We Are the Eyes of the World" was accepted in the people/animals digital category.

**Mimi Teerathamngkol's photograph "Sunset in Iowa" was awarded first runner-up in Congressman Dave Loebsack's High School Art Contest.** Mimi is a student at West High and her photo was chosen from 167 entries from around the state. The image will hang in Congressman Loebsack's Davenport Office.

**In the Class A Choral division of the "Music in the Parks" music competition in Chicago, the Wood Intermediate choirs were awarded three First Place trophies and given the ratings of Superior in Mixed Chorus, Men's Chorus, and Women's Choruses.** Individually, CJ Parker was awarded Overall Outstanding Vocalist of the competition.

**Seniors Caroline Emory and Jared DeFauw were selected as the North High School Fine Arts Students of the Year for 2014.**

**Central High's Lydia King and Claire Waterman are 2014 Art Educators of Iowa Visual Arts All State awardees.** Claire and Lydia were honored at an awards ceremony at the Des Moines Art Center. In addition to their individual honors, the Central High Visual Arts Team received 3rd place honors in the high school team competition.

**The West High Jazz Band participated in the national competition "Orlando Fest" this Spring in Florida, winning 2nd place in their division.**

**Art students won multiple awards at this year's Festival of Trees High School Art Show.** North High's Tylor Moss won Best of Show, earning him a solo exhibition in the front window of the Quad City Arts Gallery in Rock Island. In the photography category, North's Vincent Santoko won first place. West's Delvaney Olcott won third place in the drawing and painting category. Davenport Community Schools students swept the dimensional artwork category with Central's Ahilya Khadka winning first place, West's Jordan Jones taking second, and North's Austin Robertson placing third. In the category of mixed media, Central's Destiny Teague won third place.

**Our high schools earned Superior and Excellent ratings at this year's Iowa High School Music Associations Large Group Contest.** North High received Division I (Superior) ratings with their symphonic orchestra, string orchestra, band, concert chorale, men's chorus, and women's chorus; plus a Division 2 (Excellent) rating for their varsity singers. Central High received Division I (Superior) Ratings in symphony orchestra, wind ensemble, 9th grade band, and the men's choir; plus Division 2 (Excellent) ratings for their symphonic band, 9th grade choir, women's choir, and concert chorale. West High received Division I (Superior) ratings with their string orchestra and concert band, plus a Division 2 (Excellent) rating with their mixed chorus.



**Two West High students from Mr. Lehn's painting 2-D class were honored in the state of Iowa Junior Duck Stamp Painting Contest.** Amongst over 200 entries from across the state, Mimi Teerathammongkol won 2nd place with a wood duck painting and Mayli Grady won 3rd place with her swan painting.

**At the Iowa High School Music Association's Solo & Small Ensemble Festival, West High received 19 Division I (Superior) Ratings, 16 Division II (Excellent) Ratings, and 8 Division III (Good) Ratings; North received 17 Division I (Superior) Ratings and 14 Division II (Excellent) Ratings; and Central received 30 Division I (Superior) Ratings and 5 Division II (Excellent) Ratings.**

**North High's Kenny Thach had his 10-minute play titled "Last Call" accepted into the Quad City Playwrights Festival at Augustana College.**

**West High's Joshua Wright had his 10-minute play titled "Simon and the Magic Dirt" accepted into the Quad City Playwrights Festival at Augustana College.**

**At the Southeast Iowa District Honor Orchestra Festival, Central High's Madison West was awarded Associate Concertmaster, and Gabriel Lance was awarded Associate Principal Viola.** Because of these high honors, both students were selected for the Iowa String Teachers Association state-level Honor Orchestra at the University of Northern Iowa.

**Seventy-six Davenport Community Schools elementary students had their artworks displayed in the 2014 Young Artists Exhibition at the Figge Art Museum.** Sixteen of the exhibiting students won a special scholarship from the Figge: Erika Contreras (Adams), Alexander Ewoldt (Blue Grass), Tyonna Brown (Buchanan), Mekenzie Curtis (Buffalo), Kayla Braun (Eisenhower), Daniel Zawatzki (Truman), Braxton Henderson (Washington), Priscilla Orozco (Harrison), Amiere Nicholson (Hayes), Kaylei Winder (Jackson), Rhiannon Boney-Rohm (Jefferson), Alaina Martinez (JB Young), Lauren Frahm (Madison), Aliyah Flores (McKinley), Parker Bates (Monroe), and Lisa Nguyen (Wilson).

**Many Davenport Community Schools students had work displayed at the 37th Annual Quad City Arts High School Invitational.** Because of his Best of Show win at the Festival of Trees Art Exhibit, North High senior Tylor Moss was on exhibit in the front window of Quad City Arts during the Invitational. Tylor also won the Excellence in Photography award. Other award winners from North were Audrianna Knox and Deven Skaff, who won First Place in 2-D work. Winners from West were Marissa Monnahan, Harrison Slagle, and Josh Lopez. Winners from Central were Malcolm Kresse, Tyssa Humburd, Lindsay Chavez, Charles Gerace, and teacher Clint Balsar.

**Several Davenport Community Schools students won honors at the Augustana College "Sights and Sounds" Student photography competition.** North High students Tylor Moss, Ashley Mull, and Sabrina Sprout won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, respectively. Honorable Mention awards went to West's Victoria Ornelas Steeb and to Central's Kiara Shivers and Emily Erwin.

**Northside Establishment, North High's Varsity show choir, won Grand Champion for the seventh consecutive year at Fort Madison High School's "Stars in the Spotlight" invitational.** The group competed against 17 other show choirs from Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois, and was also awarded Best Band, Best Choreography and Best Vocals.

**Central Singers, Incorporated, Central's varsity show choir, won multiple awards this season.** Highlights include winning Best Choreography at three events this season, and receiving the top overall vocal score at an event where they placed in front of Cedar Rapids Kennedy, Cedar Rapids Prairie, and Iowa City High. Individual honors were also earned this season, with Elise Castro and Kadajah Pettie each winning a Best Female Soloist award, and Nick Fahrenkrug winning a Best Male Soloist award.

**Congratulations to "Central Singers Incorporated" show choir for taking 8th place at the FAME Show Choir National Finals in Chicago.** CSI was one of only 13 groups from 11 states, and the lone representative from the state of Iowa.

**West High show choirs had an awards-filled season.** "This Just In!" West's junior varsity show choir, took two first place finishes this year at events in Dubuque, Iowa and Troy, Missouri. "West Connection," the varsity show choir, won Best Band, Best Choreography, Best Opener, and a People's Choice Award at events this season. Individual honors were also earned, with Melanie and Dawn Vickers sharing the award for Best Female Soloist at a Mt. Zion invitational and David McVay winning Best Male Soloist at a Missouri competition.

**The following students were selected for IHSMA All-State Choir and Band.** Auditions are held for the entire state of Iowa, and only 17% of those who audition make the final cut.

**West High:** Guadalupe Chavez, Dawn Vickers, David McVay, Alex Reed, and Amy Pham. In addition, Alex Reed was chosen for a second round recall and Carina Grady was named as an alternate.

**North High:** Brayden LeGault, Maggie Warner, Isabella Rosario, Sophia Daniel, Caroline Emory, Megan Fahrenkrug, Kirsten Sparbel, Jared DeFauw, Henry Runge, Logan Waller, Jose Corrales, Austin Pyrtle, Josh Reid, Pierre Young, and alternate Rachel Garlock. The North High Choir had 12 students selected, which gives them the 7th most participants in the state.

**Central High:** Nick Fahrenkrug, Elise Castro, Sam Callaway, James Moraetes, Jared Svoboda, Mason Tope, Dominick Pena, Robert Riley, and Jack Theiling. All nine were selected in the first round of auditions. In addition, Molly Chen, Dayna Tanner, Daniel Nunez, Madison Goree, Claire Honsey, Jasmine Maddox, and Michael Helmich were chosen for a second round recall.

**Central High's Lindsey Chavez was selected as an exhibiting artist in the 17th annual National Ceramics Exhibition in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.** Lindsey's ceramic sculpture was selected out of 1,154 entries and one of 111 juniors to have their work on display.

**West High students Amy Pham, Dawn Vickers, Melanie Vickers, Maggie Ward, David McVay, and Cody Pribble were selected to participate in the Luther College Dorian Vocal Festival.** This select honor choir is the largest in the country, comprising of 1100 students from Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and South Dakota.

**Six Central High students received honors in the 2014 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.** Natalia Weizenbach-Marcu received a Gold Key for her painting and an honorable mention for her drawing. She was also chosen as an American Visions nominee, making her one of only five students in our region who received this award. In addition, Scott Petrie received a Gold Key for his drawing entry, Claire Waterman received a Gold Key for her portfolio of work, Dakota Vernon earned a silver Key for his digital art entry, Lindsey Chavez earned two honorable mentions for her sculpture entries, and Erin Opar earned an honorable mention her fashion footwear design.

**Many Davenport Community Schools students were selected for the 2013 All-State OPUS Honor Choir.** Reporting in were North High: Pierre Young, Jasmine Lewis, Spencer Peachee, Josh Reid, Logan Waller, and Hannah DeFauw. From Central High: Adam Borders, Tyler Browne, Thomas Theiling, Nate Trasowech, John VanderWal, and Meredith Cox. From West High: Amber Long. From Williams Intermediate: Molly Kretschmer. From Sudlow Intermediate: Grace Carr, Catherine Hutchinson, Audrey Moon, and Jeremy Weinstein. From Wood Intermediate: Katelyn Miller, Kaitlyn Sparbel, Abbey Edelson, Esmee Belzer, Nala Delgado, Bailey Ortega, Mallory Owens, Gavin Dodd, Pierce Howard, William Snowball, Nathan Wingate, Holden Conner, Corey Parker, Darius Green and Anthony Wriedt.

**The Central High Marching Blue Devils had a spectacular season.** This year the group made finals in every contest they participated in, earning one 1st place finish, two 2nd place finishes, one 3rd place finish, one Best Winds Award, one Best Percussion Award, and three Best Drum Majors. At the Youth In Music Championships in Minneapolis, the group scored high enough in prelims to qualify for finals. This is the first time in Marching Blue Devils history that they advanced to a regional final.

**The North High drumline was awarded Best Percussion in their class at the Maple Leaf Classic Marching Band Competition on September 28th.**

**Davenport Community Schools had 37 students selected for the Southeast Iowa Bandmasters Association Honor Band and Honor Jazz Band.** Intermediate school selectees: Jared Beck, Emma Berger, Sophia Buckley, Grace Carr, Liam Cleveland, Hannah Coonfare, Gavin Dodd, Sabrina Duran, Chane Eckhardt, Ethan Gabriel, Sarah Howell, Kersten Kahley, Molly Kretschmer, Michael Mathews, John McAtee, PJ O'Dacre, Hannah Olka, CJ Parker, Olivia Penniston, Sam Sarvestaney, Zoe Tanner, Lucas Thompson, Olivia Tobin, Carmen Vavra, and Jeremy Weinstein, High School selectees: Nick deBlois, Halie Dodd, Rachel Garlock, Tommy Hathaway, Abby Luntz, Ally Luntz, Cole Neese, Tony Nguyen, Hannah Quick, Angelica Rua Rodriguez, Aryana Sarvestaney, and Korben Wilson

**Central High senior James Moraetes was selected for the National High School Honor Choir in New York City.** Students from all over the United States were selected for this choir that performed at the world-famous Carnegie Hall.

**North High students Rachel Garlock, Brayden Legault, Zach Martin, and Kevin Birdsong were selected to the 2014 University of Iowa Honor Band.**

**20 Davenport Community Schools students were selected for the Quad City Youth Symphony Orchestra.** From Central High: Katherine Dircks, Susan Dircks, Nicholas Fahrenkrug, Adam Hendershott, Malcolm Kresse, Abby Luntz, Allison Luntz, Molly Schebler, Tillie Sitz, and Korben Wilson. From North High: Emily Bergthold, Nathaniel Lindsey, Aryana Sarvestaney, Joel Thiessen, Margaret Warner, Ben Wilkinson, and Ethan Wilkinson. From West High: Carina Grady, Leticia Gomez, and David Tra.

**The three Walcott Steel Panthers Steel Bands (elementary, intermediate, and advanced) were invited to perform at the YaMaka My Weekend Festival in the District of Rock Island for the third consecutive year.** The Steel Panthers are the only student steel drum band in Iowa.

**10 North High students were selected to be part of the Augustana College Honor Band Festival.** Congratulations to Kevin Birdsong, Briana Blake, Jamie Childe, Halie Dodd, Rachel Garlock, Troy Koshal, Brayden Legault, Zach Martin, Sydney Porter and Aryana Sarvestaney. A special congratulations to Rachel, Brayden and Aryana for being selected to the first chair in their sections.

**Albert Chen, Maddy West, and Gabe Lance, three members of the Central High concert orchestra, were selected to perform in the Southeast Iowa String Teachers Association Honors Orchestra.**

**North High senior Kenny Thach won the inaugural Michael Pietz Leadership Award at the Iowa State Thespian Festival.** This award was created by the Iowa Thespian Student Board to recognize one student for dedication to her/his theater program and work behind the scenes.

**The Wood Intermediate 7th and 8th grade Select Choirs competed amongst twenty-two schools from nine different states at the "Music in the Parks" competition in Chicago, winning three First Place trophies in the Class A Choral division.** Individually, CJ Parker was awarded Overall Outstanding Vocalist.

**Central High's Kellen Myers won first place in the Junior Composer's Contest sponsored by the Iowa Federation of Music Clubs.** For the contest, Kellen composed an emotional piano solo entitled "Turning Points." Kellen was awarded a scholarship which will allow him to pursue his musical interests.

**The Central High Thespian Troupe 2951, a.k.a. "The Rhinocorns," did great at their first performances at the UNI Thespian Festival.** Sophomore Jack Theiling won 3rd place in solo musical and 3rd place for his short film. Senior Jared Svoboda won 1st place in solo musical and had the opportunity to present his piece to everyone at the festival.

## ***History, Geography, Social, and Literary Studies***

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**Central High's Justin Sanchez and Selena Flores are two of ten finalists for the 2014 Iowa High School Press Association's Emerging Journalist Award.**

**West High's student newspaper "The Beak 'n' Eye" received the George H. Gallup Award, the highest honor given by Quill and Scroll Honor Society for High School Journalists.** Only 26 school newspapers from 12 states received the prestigious award this year, and the Beak 'n' Eye has won this top honor every year since 1973.

**Central High's 2013 yearbook, titled "Epic," won a Neubert Award from the Iowa High School Press Association.** This is the second year in a row The Blackhawk Yearbook staff earned this award - the highest honor given in the whole book category.

**North High students Ana Munson, Maddy Leach, Zach Martin, Ryan Gomez, and Paris Cummings won individual awards at the Iowa High School Press Association Individual State Contest.**

**Three student teams from Buffalo, Blue Grass, and Walcott Elementary schools competed against 10 other teams from the Quad City area in the Eastern Iowa “Battle of the Books” competition.** Team members read 23 Iowa Children’s Choice Award Books for the competition.

**In the 2014 Iowa High School Press Association Online Contest, several Central High students won awards for their work on The Blackhawk Online.** Will McKay received a 2nd Place award in photography, narrowly missing being named the IHSPA Hawkeye Photographer of the Year. Susan Dircks, Rebecca Pogue and Daniel Nunez received a 3rd place in the Podcast category. Susan Dircks, Austin Starling, Jacob Lamantia, Cassidy Jarrett, Justin Sanchez and Madisen Hovey received a 3rd place in the Video Story/News category.

**Central High students Selena Flores, Lydia King, Hailey Smith, Kayleigh Slater, and Claire Trimble were inducted into the Quill and Scroll Honorary Society for Journalism.**

**West High seniors Jephthah Yarian and Emma DeMarr been named national winners in the Quill and Scroll 2014 International Writing and Photo Contest.** Jephthah won in the editorial writing category for his editorial “Is a Bully Actually Bullying?” and Emma won in the editorial cartoon category for her work titled “Marriage Equality.” Both students received a gold key medallion from Quill and Scroll, an international honor society for high school journalists.

**Central High sophomore Graham Atkinson competed in the National History Bee Competition in Washington D.C., placing as the top Iowa finisher over the two other Iowa students who were from Pleasant Valley.**

**Four Wood Intermediate students qualified for the State level National History Day competition.** Esmee Belzer presented her performance “Nelson Mandela: a Misunderstood Dissident;” and Holden Conner, Amber Ehlers, and Daniel Orozco presented their group exhibit board titled “The 1912 Lawrence, Massachusetts Textile Strike.”

**Central High students Selena Flores, Jacob Lamantia, and Justin Sanchez were three of the thirteen students honored by the Iowa High School Press Association as the state’s top journalism students.** To qualify for this recognition, students had to participate in at least 3 semesters of journalism in high school, maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative high school GPA, complete 5 hours of service in their community, and write a 500-word essay.

**The West High Speech and Debate Team won several top awards at the Marshalltown Forensics Bobcat Invitational.** In Original Oratory, Helena Hansen took 1st place. In Dramatic Interpretation, 1st place went to Gabby Baker, and Darian Martin won 2nd place. In Humorous Interpretation, Hanna Dipple won 1st place, and 2nd place went to Garvin Paper. In Duo Interpretation, Emily Janke and Taylor Elliott took 1st place, and 3rd place went to Almendra Marquez and Timea Campbell. In Congressional Debate, Cole Lotspeich won 1st place, Jason Holdorf placed 2nd, Taylor Carstens took 3rd place, and 4th place went to Madison Cousins.

**Central High sophomore Emily Delleman and senior Elizabeth Heidt were selected as 2014 River of Words Poetry & Art Contest finalists.** Only 100 finalists selected were selected from thousands of entries from around the world.

Three **Williams Intermediate** students qualified for the **State level National History Day competition** in Des Moines.

**In the Letters about Literature Contest, sponsored by the Iowa Center for the Book, Central High sophomore Emily Delleman received a third place award for her letter to Dr. Seuss about the ways the book “Oh, the Places You’ll Go” has impacted her life.** In addition, Central students Katy Axel, Rachel Lyle, and Kate Pearson were awarded as finalists in the contest and Arika Allen was recognized as a semi-finalist.

**Central High freshman Mickey Sloat’s performance about the Henrietta Lacks story qualified her for the National History Day Competition in Washington, D.C.** Mickey was the top scorer in the individual performance category at this year’s regional competition, where she won the Science Award for the best overall project depicting a scientific topic. This is Mickey’s third national qualification in National History Day within three years.

**Adams Elementary School students won the Davenport Public Library 2013 Summer Reading Club Award.** All schools, public and private, are invited to participate in the club, and Adams won the award for its 21st time with over 170 students participating.

**Central High students Pablo Haake and Graham Atkinson qualified for the National History Bee and Bowl Competition in Washington, D.C.** In the regional qualifier, Pablo placed second in the Varsity History Bee competition and Graham Atkinson placed second in the JV History Bee competition.

**Several Central High students won Mock Trial regional awards this year.** Students receiving Outstanding Attorney awards were Alexandra Doner, Maddie Spain, and Pablo Haake. Students recognized as Outstanding Witnesses were Mickey Sloat, Hannah Hansen, and Matt Heinrichs.

**The Wood Intermediate Mock Trial Team took 2nd place at this year’s regional competition, qualifying them for the state competition in Des Moines.** Out of the 20 students participating, 10 earned judge’s awards of outstanding attorney or outstanding witness. Outstanding attorneys include Kaley Black, Nala Delgado, John King, Kelsey Harrell, Emma Saskowski and Kelly Thach. Outstanding Witnesses include Logan Anderson, Esmee Belzer, Nala Delgado, Lally Morales, Kyana Richards and Darren Robinson.

**The Central High Scholastic Bowl team took First Place in the state of Iowa in the Spring Questions Unlimited 3-2-1 Contest.**

**Central High students Susan Dircks, Danielle Baresel, and Heather Van Itallie were recognized as winners in the River Cities Reader Short Fiction Contest.**

## ***Students and Staff as Civic Leaders***

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**North High senior Nathan Goettsch received the Good Citizen Award from the Hannah Caldwell Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.** Nate helps build homes for those in need, is a member of the honor roll, and excels in bowling, baseball and track.

**Kimberly Center student Payton Engels was one of only four students in Iowa who advanced to the IJAG National student Leadership Conference in Washington D.C.** Payton was chosen based on her video, titled “IJAG: Unlocking My Potential.” Her trip included a day of meetings with Iowa congressmen and senators, a Capitol tour, and a luncheon.

**Central High's Pablo Haake was elected as this year's Executive of the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC).** SIYAC is a non-partisan policy advising organization comprised of 24 Iowa youth who meet quarterly in the Capitol Building in Des Moines. The group's main efforts include building partnerships between government, youth, and schools; creating projects to raise awareness for education issues; and working with legislators to write or promote bills.

**Harrison Elementary was the recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Star Award for having one out of every three girls involved in scouting.**

**West High welding students fabricated and painted giant flowers for a beautification project at Davenport's Sunderbruch Park.** Thomas Schreiner, a prospective Eagle Scout and welding student, said class members each put in about 30 hours into the six giant bouquets of black-eyed susans, standing about 7 feet tall.

**The North High Chamber Singers and members of the Northside Establishment Show Choir performed in "Girl Scouts: A Night on Broadway with your Quad City Media and Friends."** This event for the Girls Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois incorporated local QC media and talented friends into a show and dinner, and North's students represented the district well.

**The Williams Talented and Gifted program opened a teacher coffee shop and raised \$850.00 to support an animal rescue program in the Quad Cities.**

**Anthony Howland, Sam Funk, Victoria Taylor, Louis Del Vecchio and Stefanie Metzger, five Central High students in the Iowa Safe and Supportive Schools Program (IS3), were honored at the statewide Department of Education Learning Supports Conference in Des Moines.** They spoke about their student-led strategies such as the Healthy Relationships Program and Stand For the Silent, and were also honored and given certificates thanking them for "Pioneering Efforts to Improve Conditions for Learning for Iowa Students." One main accomplishment highlighted at the conference was Central's 40% decrease in the dropout rate since the IS3 Program began.

**Approximately 25 students from the West High Business Career Academy Class and the Leadership Class volunteered at the West YMCA Special Olympics Play Day.** Students were put in various roles such as team leader, activity leader, and awards leader, and everyone involved demonstrated great leadership skills.

**Devin Ralfs, a 3rd grade student at Hayes Elementary, created a "Buddy Bench" for his school.** Devin wanted students outside at recess to have somewhere to go when they had no one to play with and were in need of a "buddy." Davenport Central High School's Advanced Welding Class, taught by Mr. Terry Hatfield, created a design for the bench, built it, and ultimately delivered it to Devin at Hayes.

**At the 10th Annual Run/Walk/Stumble/Crawl, North High staff and friends promoted wellness and raised \$1200 for student Tylor LeMar, a North High 10th grader who is currently waiting for a heart transplant in Iowa City.**

**The Combustible Lemons raised money to purchase robotics equipment to send to Sherifa Atangiba, an exchange student from Ghana, Africa, who was part of the FTC Robotics team at West High Last year.**

**Through an organization called Students Rebuild, Central High TAG students made 200 paper beads for a charity/water project that went towards bringing clean water to the villages of Tanzania.**

**Washington Elementary students, under the direction of Phyllis Miller, sang the National Anthem at Modern Woodman Ballpark prior to the River Bandits baseball game on Tuesday, May 6th.**

**The North High Junior Optimist Octagon International (JOOI) Club observed a “Have a Heart for Tylor” day in support of classmate Tylor LeMar, who was in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in Iowa City awaiting a heart transplant. Students were each given a heart to wear, and pictures of each class were then made into a video and sent to Tylor in Iowa City.**

**Harrison Elementary students raised over \$2000 for diabetes and held a “JDRF Walk For the Cure” at their school.**

**The two year old preschool students from Ms. Amanda and Ms. Mary Beth’s class at Children’s Village West decorated blankets to donate to homeless animals at the Scott County Humane Society.**

**James Salkil and Alatheia Wilkins from Kimberly Center, along with Brittany Teel and Ashley Brown from North High, travelled to the Iowa State Capitol this spring in support of iJAG (Iowa Jobs for America’s Graduates). Students met with their legislators and with Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds to discuss how iJAG had impacted them personally at their school.**

**Several high school students from the district traveled to Des Moines to take part in the iJAG Career Development Conference, where students from almost 30 schools showcase their competitive spirit in events such as public speaking, employability skills, and critical thinking. Central High placed 3rd overall among all schools at the conference. Individually, Kimberly Center’s Nick Jones received a 1st place medal in a marketing event, and from Central High, Kevin Threlkeld placed 1st in public speaking and Rodneeka Jackson won 1st in decision making.**

**The Central High “Shades of Success” group joined over 600 St. Ambrose students to dance for 10 hours to support The Children’s Miracle Network and the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital in Iowa City.**

**The Williams Student Council hosted a Spirit Week and raised over \$700 and 30 boxes of food for the Student Hunger Drive.**

**Kimberly Center students Josh Peterson, Austin Winters, Christian Hann, Scott Boyer, Anastasia Sadler, Sara Merritt and Izzy Parker-Tatum attended the Iowa Youth Congress Lobby Day at the State Capitol in Des Moines. Students met with members of the House and Senate to gain support for the bills presented at the 8th General Assembly meeting in October. The bills they supported were the Anti Cyber Bullying Bill, Tanning Restrictions for Under 18, Suicide Prevention Training for Teachers, and their very own Distracted Driving Legislation “HR 412.”**

**Central High students and parent volunteers installed an urban vegetable garden this year, thanks to a grant from Farm 2 School.**

**Hayes Elementary 5th graders completed the 10-week long D.A.R.E. program and during the graduation ceremony, “Happy” Joe Whitey spoke to the students about making good choices and following their dreams.**

**The North High art club, chamber choir, and several drama students helped in the unveiling of Pete the Purple Bull, the new mascot for Unity International’s Anti-Bullying Campaign, at Unity Fest International.**

**Davenport Community Schools ProStart students participated in the March of Dimes Signature Chef Event, which**



**helped raise an estimated \$400,000 to benefit the March of Dimes.**

**Students at Mrs. Daniele Busher's advisory class at Smart Intermediate made 26 blankets this past winter for dogs at the Maysville Greyhound Shelter.**

**West High's Kyle Cheatheam was named a legislative page for the 2014 Iowa State Legislature.** Each year, the House of Representatives and Senate select Iowa High School juniors and seniors to serve as pages for the legislative session, and Kyle served from January through May at the State Capital in Des Moines.

**Harrison Elementary students were the top sellers for Great Minds Major Saver this year, which benefits all students in the district.**

**Honors students from North, West and Central High Schools were honored as the Outstanding Youth Group at the National Philanthropy Day luncheon hosted by the Association of Fundraising Professionals QC chapter.** In an effort called "Brittany's Gifts," these students raise money each year through trivia nights, auctions and donut sales to support local children with disabilities.

**Central High senior Anthony Howland was one of only six students selected from across Iowa invited to attend the Governor's Bully Summit in Des Moines.**

**The North High Junior Octagon Optimist International Club performed many charitable duties this year.** Club members collected items to send to our soldiers overseas for the "Jason's Box" charity that honors deceased North High graduate Jason Pautsch. Members also collected well over 100 books this year to give to local refugee families who are learning the English language. In addition, the club participated in a clothing drive for both local residents in need and for refugees overseas.

**Approximately 65 West High students and coaches/adults volunteered their time cleaning up the surrounding neighborhood during Falcon Clean up Day.** Volunteers raked leaves and picked up trash for residents, and the Falcon family gave a total 130 hours of assistance back to the community.

**Our schools held a combined total of 19 mobile blood drives this year, for a total of 1,236 donations.** In addition, there are 26 "Gallon Grads" at our high schools this year - senior students who have hit the 1-gallon mark as a blood donor (8 whole blood donations, or equivalent double red cell or platelet donations).

**At the Students Against Hunger event, the West High Robotics Team helped produce a total of 3,888 meals for families both locally and abroad in Honduras, Nicaragua, and Haiti.**

**The Central High Leadership Team boxed 80 holiday meals for those in need this winter.** Each box contained items necessary to provide a nice holiday meal for a family of 6 or more, including extra items for breakfast.

**Wood Intermediate students "paid it forward" to the community this year by choosing a different charity or organization each month and donating time and effort to their cause.** One such effort was helping raise funds for the Humane Society of Scott County by creating pet toys, making no-bake dog treats, and selling cookies and "puppy chow."

**Several members of the North High volleyball team partnered with Friendly House to purchase presents and provide a**

food basket for a sponsored family during the holiday season.

**West High Business Academy students assisted residents of Good Samaritan Nursing Home during Senior Citizens Day at Niabi Zoo.**

**West High's Clothing 1 students engaged in a unique service project called Little Dresses for Africa.** Students used pillow cases and trims to create dresses for young girls who live in poverty, and while helping out, learned how to be effective leaders in the community.

**The Central High "Shades of Success" leadership club spoke at the Quad City Youth Conference.** Club members informed middle school attendees on the negative effects of tobacco products on the human body, and explained misrepresentation by tobacco companies and manipulation of teens to encourage use of the products.

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

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**West High's "Falcon Fever" engineering team was crowned the 2014 State of Iowa Champions in the Real World Design Challenge.** This is West High's third state RWDC title, and the team will now represent Iowa in the national challenge in Washington D.C. This year's challenge was to increase corn crop yield by detecting the European Corn Borer through the use of an unmanned aerial vehicle. Team members are Pardeep Saini, Derek Geiken, Nicole Kraft, Tuyen Nguyen, and Carina Grady, all of whom received a \$1,000 scholarship to either the University of Iowa or Iowa State University.

**North High's Bennett Robertson and Central High's Luke Eure were selected as a part of an elite group of gifted young Iowans to participate in the "Innovation Institute," a two-week residential summer technology and innovation immersion program at The University of Iowa.** Both students received \$2,400 scholarships for this program.

**Central High sophomore Lorraine Pereira was accepted into the Secondary Student Training Program (SSTP) through the University of Iowa.** This summer she will be working under the supervision of University professors researching biochemistry. Lorraine would like to conduct her research on protein synthesis or genetics.

**ProStart students Anthony Calabrese, Gianni Nunn, and Allison Walters earned first place at the Family, Community, Career Leaders of America Culinary Star Event competition in Des Moines.** They are representing the state of Iowa at the National Competition in San Antonio, Texas.

**The DCS ProStart Culinary and Management Team, consisting of members Deena Gibbs, Omunic Jackson, Megan Pfannenstiel, Noelle Taylor, Cristian Welzenbach Marcu, and Malynda Woodside, placed 3rd in the Iowa ProStart Invitational in Des Moines.**

**Davenport West Robotics had two teams, the Iridium Falcons #4296 and the Combustible Lemons #5466, qualify for the FTC (FIRST Tech Challenge) Iowa State Championships.** The Combustible Lemons placed 3rd in the Inspire Award and won the Think Award to advance to the Northern Super Regional, where they finished in the top 7% of FTC robotics teams in the world.

## ***Junior ROTC***

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**Army JROTC Raider Team members Roy Schindler, Jacob Heber, Mackenzie Gibson, Jacob Lugveil, Chris Johnson, Christian Marcu, Kevin Kurth, and Sterlin Dieken won 3rd place overall at the Heartland Raider Challenge held at the Rock Island Arsenal.** The event included a 2 mile run, a half-mile litter carry, push up and sit up tests, and a 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) run. The team also won the Rope Bridge and Raider skills event.

**The Marines Corps JROTC won 1st place in Unarmed Exhibition at a Chicago drill competition this year.** Cadets also took 2nd place in armed platoon exhibition, unarmed IDR squad, and unarmed squad exhibition; and 3rd place in unarmed and armed IDR platoon.

**The Army JROTC marksmanship team competed in the Junior Olympics and Iowa State Shooting Championships in Des Moines.** Approximately 75 people competed in the tournament, and cadet Kane McDonald placed 17th overall, with Jacob Heber, Roy Schindler, and Ian McDonald placing in the upper half of all competitors.

**Marine Corps JROTC cadets Canon Bennett, Ryan Evans, and Brandon Diaz participated in this year's Run-N-Reload Biathlon held in Peoria, Illinois, finishing 3rd out of the 14 teams in the competition.**

**The Army JROTC won the Best School Group trophy in this year's Saint Patrick's Day parade.**

**The Marine Corps JROTC competed at a drill, shooting, and physical fitness competition in Des Moines this April, and cadets brought home a total of five trophies.**

**JROTC cadets traveled to the Veterans Administration hospital in Iowa City to deliver valentines to the veterans and spend some time visiting with them.** The annual visit is part of a decade-long tradition for Davenport students. Students commented that the visit provided an opportunity to show respect and gratitude to veterans who have served and sacrificed for their country.

**The Marine Corps JROTC competed at the University of Nebraska Drill Meet, earning 1st place in Armed Duet, 3rd place in Armed Individual Drill Routine, and 3rd in Armed Exhibition Drill.**

## ***Davenport Schools Foundation***

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**In 2014, Davenport Schools Foundation awarded a total of \$64,000 in scholarships.** \$51,000 went to 36 graduating seniors from Central, North, West and Kimberly Center high schools. In addition, almost \$13,000 was given to previous winners who won multi-year awards such as the Tate and Grady scholarships. DSF Scholarship Committee co-chairs Manny Fritz and Sherry Freese led a team of volunteers who reviewed hundreds of applications for the scholarships ranging in amount from \$12,000 to \$300.