

Highlights from 2015-2016 School Year

Academics and Student Achievement

Central High's Lorraine Pereira was selected as the 2016 Dooley Scholarship recipient. The Dooley Scholarship is awarded each year to a DCS senior in the upper 10% of his/her class, who has shown a continued interest in the field of medicine and plans to become a medical doctor. The scholarship is in the amount of \$20,000 over a four year period. Lorraine has been accepted to attend the University of California-Berkeley and will major in Public Health.

Many DCS students participated in the 17th Annual iJAG State Career Development Conference in Ankeny, winning awards in competitions. Central High brought home a total of 7 medals, with West High and Mid City High earning 2 medals each.

Central High senior Ben Greiner was awarded the Presidential Scholarship at Rockford University. This scholarship will cover Ben's tuition cost for the first four years of college, where he will work towards a BFA in theater/directing with a minor in education.

The following students received scholarships from Davenport's Rotary Club: Briana Little, Mid City High, \$2,500; Hannah Hansen, Central High, \$10,000; Alex Belzer, North High, \$10,000; Tony Nguyen, West High, \$10,000; and Thompson Teasdale, Central High, \$10,000.

Central High seniors Graham Atkinson and Anthony Vieger were recognized as Semifinalists in the 61st annual National Merit Scholar Program. These two scholars were part of an elite group of 16,000 academically talented seniors across the country.

West High's Destination Imagination teams competed in the 2016 Destination Imagination State Tournament. In the improvisational Close Encounters Challenge, "Team Anonymous" (Amia Dugan, Andrea Wesley, Angel Reighard, and Cassee Wulf) finished 2nd, and "Team Unfrozen Caveman Lawyers" (Mykala Housholder, Joey Castel, Hanna Shreffler, and Andromeda Springsteen) finished 3rd.

Central High's Lexi Sweeney and West High's Taylor Carstens and Alison Wheeler were named as School Winners for the prestigious Wendy's High School Heisman Award. The award highlights exceptional high school seniors and their achievements in the classroom, on the field, and in the community.

100% of Mrs. Lipnick's AP Spanish class at West High earned a 3 or higher on the 2015 AP Spanish exam. At North High, 100% of Mrs. McCreery's AP Biology students passed their AP exam, and 100% of Mrs. Buckley's Honors Calculus class passed. In this year's graduating class at Central High, 116 students (approximately 1/3 of all students) completed at least one Advanced Placement course during their high school career.

Central High student Graham Atkinson scored a perfect 36 on the ACT test, placing him above 99.9% of all the nation's test takers.

327 Fillmore students enjoyed themselves at the school's No Referral Luncheon, earning some time to play deck hockey with Quad City Mallards players Zach Pochiro #13, Tanner Eberle #10, Alex Gudbranson #25, and Sam Warning #14.

The Davenport Schools Foundation awarded and coordinated \$80,500 in scholarships, which were presented to 36 graduating seniors from Central, North, West, and Mid City high schools. In addition, over \$17,000 were given to previous winners who won multi-year awards such as the Hanae Fujiwara Wiese, Kathryn Bell Tate, and Jane Grady Scholarships. The 2016 Davenport Schools Foundation scholarship recipients are:

- Emily Tonn of Central High won the Kathryn Bell Tate Scholarship (\$14,000 over four years). Emily was also the recipient of a CHS Hall of Honor Scholarship (\$1,500). Emily will attend Iowa State University in the fall.
- Collin Bell of West High was awarded the Jan Mutum Educator Opportunity Scholarship (\$10,000 over four years). Collin is also the recipient of the Jack King Music Scholarship (\$1,500). He plans to attend Iowa State University.
- Katherine Axel of Central High won the Jane Grady Scholarship (\$5,000 over four years). She was also awarded the Helen Pohling Scholarship (\$1,200) and a CHS Hall of Honor Scholarship (\$1,500). She will be a student at the University of Pennsylvania this fall.
- Margaret Carr of Central High won a Hanae Fujiwara Wiese Memorial Scholarship for music (\$4,000 over four years). Margaret will be a student at Colorado State University in the fall.
- Nicholas Fahrenkrug was also awarded a Hanae Fujiwara Wiese Scholarship (\$4,000 over four years). He plans to study at Lawrence Conservatory of Music.
- Dayna Tanner of Central High was awarded the Joan Kohlberg-Lowen Scholarship (\$4,000 split between two semesters). Dayna will be a student at Purdue University this fall.
- Alicia Luebbe of North High won a Helen G. Pohling Scholarship (\$1,200). Alicia plans to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology in the fall.
- Evan Snawerdt of West High won a Helen G. Pohling Scholarship (\$1,200). He plans to attend Iowa State University.
- Benjamin Grenier of Central High was awarded the CHS Class of 1964 Future Educator Scholarship (\$2,000). In addition, he won the CHS Hall of Honor Scholarship –Keith Jurgens Memorial Award (\$1,500). He will be a student at Rockford University in the fall.
- Andrea Figg of North High won the Mary Means Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000). She was also awarded a Caryl Haring Memorial Scholarship (\$750). Andrea will study at Scott Community College.
- Duane Sleet of Central High is the recipient of a Jerry Jurgens Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500). He will attend Illinois State University in the fall.
- Shelby Thede of Central High was also awarded a Jerry Jurgens Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500). She plans to attend either Loras College or Black Hawk College.
- Joaquin Bueno Diaz of West High won the Davenport Schools Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000). He will study at the University of Iowa in the fall.
- Gabriel Behrendt from Central High was awarded the Class of 1959 Scholarship (\$1,000). Gabriel will attend the University of Iowa in the fall.
- Erin Schaffer of Central High was awarded the Marie Linke Powell Scholarship (\$1,000). She will attend Iowa State University.
- Keaton Rommel of West High won the Brian Keppy Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500). He will attend Southwest Minnesota State.
- Amiah Gooding of Central High won the Lisa Arbisser Scholarship (\$500). In addition, she was awarded the CHS Hall of Honor – Jim Hester Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500). She plans to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign in the fall.

- Lorraine Periera of Central High won a CHS Hall of Honor – Kneipp Family Scholarship (\$1,500). She will be a student at University of California, Berkley in the fall.
- Aaliyah Lopez of Central High won a CHS Hall of Honor – Meyer Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500). She plans to attend Loyola University.
- Thompson Teasdale of Central High is the recipient of a CHS Hall of Honor Scholarship (\$1,500). He plans to attend Grinnell College.
- Hannah Hansen of Central High is the recipient of a CHS Hall of Honor Scholarship (\$1,500). She will be a student at Drake University in the fall.
- Claire Trimble of Central High was the recipient of the Buttleman-Malcomb/Arbisser Journalism Scholarship (\$1,000). Claire plans to study at Dominican University in River Forest, IL.
- Maggie Warner of North High won the North High Music Scholarship (\$1,000). She plans to attend Concordia University.
- Blaine Schmidt of West High won the West High Music Scholarship (\$1,000). He plans to attend the University of Iowa.
- Nathan Dunahoo of Mid City won a Betty Nelson Technical Scholarship (\$600). He will attend Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny.
- Andrew Nelson of Mid City High won a Betty Nelson Technical Scholarship (\$600). He will attend Hamilton Technical College.
- Brockton Frank of West High won a Betty Nelson Technical Scholarship (\$600). He is also the recipient of the George E. Weis Career Technical Scholarship (\$500). He will attend Eastern Iowa Community College.
- Becca Frederick of Central High won a DSF Future Educator Scholarship (\$500). She plans to study at the University of Iowa.
- Korben Wilson of Central High was awarded a DSF Future Educator Scholarship (\$500). He plans to attend VanderCook College of Music.
- Sophia Peña of West High won a DSF Future Educator Scholarship (\$500). She plans to attend Black Hawk College.
- Rylie Niebuhr of Central High won a MidWestOne “You’re the One” Scholarship (\$500) to study business. Rylie will be a student at the University of Iowa.
- Isabella Volfson from Central High was also awarded a MidWestOne “You’re the One” Scholarship (\$500). She will study at the University of California, San Diego in the fall.
- Anna Black of North High won a Caryl Haring Scholarship (\$750). She will attend Black Hawk College.
- Jonathan Shaw of West High won a Caryl Haring Scholarship (\$500). He plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa.
- James Heinrichs of West High is a recipient of a Brad Peck Memorial Scholarship (\$300). He plans to attend Iowa State University.
- John Ward of West High was also awarded a Brad Peck Memorial Scholarship (\$300). He plans to attend the University of Iowa.

District, Teacher, and Staff Accolades

Davenport Community Schools was honored as one of the 12 recognized districts in Iowa on The College Board’s 5th Annual Advanced Placement District Honor Roll. This year’s Honor Roll contains 547 districts across the U.S. and Canada, each honored for increasing access to AP course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams.

Buffalo Elementary received a Scott County Regional Authority grant for \$76,000 to create a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) Lab for the integration of STEAM education into students’ daily learning experiences.

Central High's Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Joe Moralez was honored in Des Moines with the Excellence in Mentoring Award, as an individual who exemplifies advocacy, leadership, innovation, impact, and commitment.

North High's Mr. Wachal was named 2015 Baseball District Coach of the Year, and Girls Basketball Coach Ron O'Brien was selected as the 2015 Class 5A Regional Coach of the Year.

West High's Coach Heller was named Girls' MAC Swimming Coach of the Year.

Sudlow Intermediate business education teacher Melanie Adams was named a Master Teacher in Green Architecture for the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) program. Master Teachers are exemplary instructors appointed by PLTW to facilitate training events that fit within PLTW's three-phase professional development model (Readiness, Core, and Ongoing Training).

Truman Elementary received a \$4000 grant from James Patterson and the Scholastic Reading Club to help their school library. Truman was one of only two schools in Iowa to receive the grant, which helps get books into the hands of students.

Retired Central High teacher Deb Buttleman Malcolm received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Journalism Education Association. This award recognizes the many years and effort that she put into creating a professional and award winning Journalism program at Central.

Mid City High received a Silver Citation award in the American School and University 2015 Educational Interiors Showcase. Jurors from across the country judged designs based on criteria such as 21st century learning environments, innovation, safety and security, and community connectivity.

Central High TAG teacher Gail Heninger finished in the top five finalists of the 2016 Iowa Teacher of the Year Award. Wood Intermediate music teacher and choir director Andy Tadlock was also recognized as a state finalist.

Creative Arts Academy instructor Clint Balsar received the "Outstanding Educator" Lloyd Schoeneman Community Impact Award through Quad City Arts. Mr. Balsar was also one of ten finalists in the Worldwide Photo Walk Leader Competition for his photo *Colorful Kicks*. Mr. Balsar was one of only two photographers recognized from the United States.

Smart Intermediate teacher Daniele Busher and Garfield Elementary teacher Janelle Weinstein were both recognized as National Board Certified Teachers. The certification is considered the "Gold Standard" of excellence in the education field. Nationally, only about 3 to 4 percent of teachers have earned this recognition.

Candy Reed, Garfield Elementary counselor, was selected as the Iowa state representative for the 2016 School Counselor of the Year program by the American School Counselor Association.

Wood Intermediate TAG teacher Jamie Pratt was awarded one of the 2015 Davenport Rotary Charitable Giving Grants (\$1000) for Wood's Battle of the Books program.

North High business teacher Steve Verdon was selected as the 2015 Iowa Business Education Association's Outstanding Secondary Business Educator of the Year. At the annual IBEA conference in Des Moines, Mr. Verdon was also the recipient of the AEA 9 Outstanding Secondary Business Educator Teacher of the Year. Mr. Verdon also earned his ninth Iowa Best Award in 2015 for recognition of educators for achievements in their community and their profession.

Athletics

The North High girls basketball team completed their historic season with a 15-1 record in the MAC conference, winning their first MAC Championship. The team also earned its first appearance at state, where the girls played hard but fell just short against eventual 5A State Tournament champs Ankeny Centennial. During this season, superstar Jinaya Houston gave her verbal commitment to the University of Iowa Women's Basketball program and Coach Ron O'Brien was named Class 5A Regional Coach of the Year.

Davenport Community Schools was well-represented at the State Track Meet, held in Des Moines. 48 DCS athletes competed, and many personal bests were set at the "Blue Oval." Top-placing winners were Central's Duane Sleet, who placed 3rd in the 110 meter high hurdles, and North's Corey Lamonte, taking 3rd in the long jump and 4th in the 200 meter dash.

DCS high school girls and boys track & field teams had many successes at this year's MAC Championships. In the boys' division, the following students won 1st place in their events: North's Collin Glazek in the varsity 100 meter dash; Central's Tyson Morrison in the varsity 200 meter dash; Central's Duane Sleet in the varsity 110 meter hurdles; North's team of Keshun Thach, Chris Murphy, Isaiah Gibbs, and Corey Lamonte in the varsity 4x100 meter relay; Central's team of Tyson Morrison, Will Reemtsma, Raheem Morrise, and Duane Sleet in the varsity 4x110 meter shuttle hurdle relay; North's Corey Lamonte in the varsity long jump; Central's Stephon Martin in the sophomore 200 meter dash; Central's team of James Bellemy, Iain Gronewold, Will Reemtsma, and Stephon Martin in the sophomore 4x400 meter relay; and West's team of Leon Simpson, Kyle Mattson, Brady Richlen, and Jacob Mitchell in the sophomore 4x110 meter shuttle hurdle relay. In the girls' division, the following students placed 1st in their events: Central's team of Jada Baker, Demi Field, DeAjah Woods, and Aiyana Brown-Taylor in the JV 4x200 meter relay; Central's team of Amiah Gooding, Shelby Thede, Hailee Rewerts, and DeAjah Woods in the JV 800 sprint medley; and Central's team of Jada Baker, Aiyana Brown-Taylor, Azyre Donahue, and Alaina Hoaglin in the JV 4x100 meter relay.

West High's Tyler Gerdts made history as the first student athlete in Iowa to participate in sports with a service dog. He and his dog Hugo were inducted into the Iowa Hall of Pride, a program of the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

Central High Blue Illusion Dance team members Victoria Taylor, Kennisha Entsminger, Dayna Tanner, and Justine Doyle were named to the All-Iowa Honor Dance Team.

Harrison Elementary was the School Challenge Winner of the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Race, winning the traveling trophy and the \$500 prize awarded to the Davenport school with the greatest participation.

The North High Boys Bowling team earned their 5th trip to the state tournament in 6 years by winning the state qualifying tournament. The varsity team scored a total of 3,173, which was nearly 200 pins more than the next highest team, and the third highest score in state qualifying overall. In individual competition, CJ Bakoylis took 1st place for the boys.

West's Savannah Roseman made the 2016 Iowa State Dance Team.

Central High senior Emily Delleman and her teammates won a bronze medal in the quadruple sculls event in Rio de Janeiro at the Junior World Rowing Championships, a worldwide competition involving more than 500 rowers from over fifty countries. Emily also set the new American record at the CRASH-B Sprints World Indoor Rowing Championships held at Boston University's Aggaanis Arena, finishing the junior women's open race ahead of nearly 400 other competitors. Emily is attending Stanford University this fall.

The following boys swimmers qualified for the 2015 State Swim Meet:

200 Medley Relay: Central's Joseph Shie, Andrew Shie, Charlie Cummins, and Zachary W. Taylor

200 Individual Medley: Central's Joseph Shie

100 Breaststroke: Central's Andrew Shie

100 Butterfly: Central's Charlie Cummins and North's Brennan Bladel

100 Backstroke: North's Brennan Bladel

With this year's qualifications, Brennan Bladel is now a 4X state qualifier.

North High swimming standout Brennan Bladel signed to continue his athletic and academic career with Western Illinois University. Brennan is 4-time state qualifier and all-conference performer for the Wildcats. He will be joining Western Illinois Head Coach Greg Naumann, who is a North High alumnus.

The following girls swimmers qualified for the 2015 State Swim Meet:

200 Medley Relay: West's Claire Straetker, Madison Cousins, Courtney Schaeffer, and Madison Harland

200 Medley Relay: Central's Maria Eure, Allison Fellner, Meredith Cox, and Alexis Cummins

100 Butterfly: Central's Meredith Cox

200 Freestyle Relay: West's Courtney Schaeffer, Madison Harland, Anna Arvanitis, and Claire Straetker

100 Backstroke: West's Claire Straetker and Central's Maria Eure

400 Freestyle Relay: West's Courtney Schaeffer, Madison Harland, Anna Arvanitis, and Claire Straetker

Sydney Park, a 6th grade student at Sudlow intermediate and the Creative Arts Academy, placed 3rd in the AAU District Wrestling Tournament, earning the opportunity to represent DCS at the AAU State Wrestling Tournament.

West High basketball star Davarea Loggins signed to continue his athletic and academic career at Iowa Central Triton next season.

The following wrestlers qualified for the 2016 MAC wrestling team:

2nd team—Central High's Josue Dansou and Gabe Behrendt

3rd team— Central High's Sam Serrano and Cameron Heinz; West High's Hayden Heath

Honorable Mention— West High's Wyatt Shade and Anthony Stock; North High's Dylan Swinney

North High students PJ Hilligoss and Kelsi Massengale performed in the New Year's Day Parade in London, England, as All-Americans for Dance and Cheer.

Central High Special Olympics Basketball Skills competitors Jacob Duran, Hunter Songlia, Nick Laster, Jalynn Nunnelly, and Claire Tibbetts all won 1st place at a North Scott event, earning an advancement to the state competition at the University of Iowa.

Mr. Berg's 3rd-5th grade students at JB Young performed a cardio warm-up version of *Watch Me Whip* that received over 6,000 views on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTVWi45VPUA>

West High wrestler John Behrens won 5 out of 5 matches at the Western Dubuque Tournament.

The North High football team qualified for the IAHSAA playoffs for the first time in the school's existence.

Central High's Spencer Darland advanced to the Chicago Bears championship round of the NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick contest after winning the local round of the competition and advancing past sectionals.

In December, the West High wrestling team beat Pleasant Valley, the #4 ranked team in the state. Nevin Goettsch, senior captain, secured the win in the final match after being down as a team 35-36, bringing the final score to 38-36, West.

The North High team of Dakota Wright, Zeke Hayslett, Colin Glazek, and Josh Reid won the 2015 High School Boys "Battle Up Brady" race.

Central High athletes participated in the Regional Special Olympics Bowling Tournament on October 2nd and won awards. Jalynn Nunnley, Nick Laster, Antonio Salazar, and Esston Menke were 1st place finishers who advanced to State. Athen Carrington-Parker and Claire Tibbetts placed 2nd, and Hunter Songalia finished 3rd.

At the Falcon Friends bench press competition, Central High senior Braden Shipman benched 275 lbs, winning his weight class and the title "Best Teenage Lifter."

The North High Cheer Team took home 1st place finishes at the Champion Chant and Game Day Competition, with superior ratings in both events. Individually, Kelsi Massengale was named to the All American Cheer Squad at the competitions.

The Central High freshman boys basketball team finished their conference season 14-2 and was named MAC champs. The team beat U.T. by 33 points, beat P.V. by 10, and beat Moline in the championship game by 19 points.

West's Andrew Wright and Central's Nate Trasowech qualified for State in Cross Country. Nate was selected to the All-Conference cross country team, and also earned an Honorable Mention selection to the All-Area team.

Central High students Cederick Thomas and Jaylin Buckley both brought home a Paul Murphy Title Belt, a reputable boxing award. These national title belts were earned at a tournament in Doraville, Georgia. Later in the school year, Cedrick won the men's Iowa Golden Gloves tournament, advancing to Nationals in Salt Lake City, Utah.

At the City Championship at Emeis Park, West High athletes Andrew Wright won the Varsity Boys' race, Josh Van Sant won the JV Boys' race, and Kate Kealey won the FS Girls' race.

Music, Art, Theatre, and Dance

Davenport Community Schools is one of only two districts in the state of Iowa to receive a 2016 Best Community for Music Education Award from the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Foundation. This designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

Central High's Billie Currier, Simeon Ray, and Karlie Westmoreland had photos accepted into the Photographic Society of America Youth Showcase. Their work will be on display at the PSA Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Sudlow Intermediate's choirs and orchestra brought home awards from this year's Six Flags music competition. Orchestra won 2nd Place with an Excellent rating, Men's Festival Choir won 1st Place with a Superior rating, and Women's Festival Choir won 1st Place with a Superior rating and the trophy for Overall Best Choir.

128 Wood Intermediate students participated in the Music In The Parks competition, held at Six Flags Great America in Chicago. Wood was the only Iowa school competing amongst the 23 other schools, and their choirs earned a school-record 7 trophies (5 first place and 2 second place). Wood also won the prestigious Esprit d' Corps trophy for a second consecutive year. In the 35 years at the Chicago site, no other school has been recognized in back-to-back years.

West High student artists Katelyn Cox won 1st place and Courtney Schaeffer won 3rd place in the Iowa Junior Duck Stamp Contest.

Creative Arts Academy students Wyeth Platt and Makayla Smith were recognized as 3rd place winners for their collaborative piece in the 2016 Meyer and Frances Schnurman Holocaust Visual Arts Contest.

Washington Elementary's kindergarten, first, and second grade students entertained family members last night with their spring musical, "Pajama Party." Students sang songs such as "Cozy Special Friend" and "Under My Bed" to a packed house that included Mayor Frank Klipsch.

Central High's Mickey Sloat was named one of 15 finalists for the Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award. Mickey's award-winning project is *Don't Upstage Yourself*, a program that uses theatre and arts to help elementary students with public speaking and communicating confidently.

Sudlow's 7th grade band took 2nd place out of 32 bands at a spring Adventureland music competition.

The following Davenport musicians were selected for the Iowa String Teachers Association (ISTA) Honors Orchestra in Waterloo on April 30th:

Walcott Intermediate: Bailey Jones and Connor Bollman

Williams Intermediate: Shelby Fick

Wood Intermediate: Jackson Blubaugh, Meredith Sloat, Sophia Heller, Ashton Snarr, Justyus Jackson, and Trevor Collins

Central High: Michelle Hernandez, Hannah Mandell, Graham Atkinson, and Mitchell Hadden

North High: Haley Nicholson, Nathan Lindsey, Jessica Putnam, and Joel Thiessen

Fillmore Elementary's Carolina Bernal-Gonzalez won 1st place in the Title 1 schools competition for best drawing representing the Title 1 Multicultural Festival.

West High's Katie Melville was this year's winner of Congressman Dave Loebsak's student high school competition, with her photograph titled *The Light at the End of the Tunnel*. Katie will be flown to Washington D.C. this summer for an awards reception and the unveiling of her work, which will hang in our nation's capital for the upcoming year.

At the Iowa High School Music Association (IHSMA) Solo and Ensemble Contest, Central High's Becca Frederick was named "Best in Center." In addition, Central's Vocal Music program received 15 Division I ratings, 21 Division II ratings, and 6 Division III ratings at the contest. Selected Central band students also performed at the IHSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest, earning 20 Division I ratings. North High's instrumental groups received 6 Division I "Superior" ratings and 5 Division II "Excellent" ratings for solos, as well as 3 Division I ratings for ensembles. Individual North students earned 17 Division I ratings (including two perfect scores) on their solos and ensembles, with 12 groups or solos attaining Division II ratings and 5 groups earning Division III "Good" ratings.

Central High's Reilly Moeller was honored at the Figge Art Museum as one of the recipients of the prestigious 2016 Brand Boeshaar Scholarship.

JB Young students Heaven Jones, Isabel Buchanan, and Destiny Jones were accepted into the Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School Intermediate Honors Orchestra Festival.

Central High's Katelyn McIllece, Kaia Colvin, Lily Chen, Hunter IntVeld, Holland Craig, Aron Mitchell, and Cole Mitchell were nominated to play in the Kennedy Honor Orchestra.

West High senior Austin Black advanced to the final round of the "Funniest Person in Iowa" amateur standup comedy contest.

Numerous DCS students received awards at the 39th Annual Quad City Arts High School Invitational awards ceremony, including:

Juror's Choice Award: Katelyn Cox, West

Alexander and Norma Locascio Award for Intellect in Art: Lindsay Puls, Central/Creative Arts Academy (CAA)

Award for Whimsy in Art sponsored by Charles White: Tiago Marquez, Central/CAA

Excellence in Ceramics Award sponsored by Marilyn Davis: Aaron Fischer, Central/CAA

Excellence in Photography Award sponsored by Jack Wilhoit: Raegan Lancaster, Central

Hilltop Campus Village Design Award: Emily Hummel, Central/CAA

Left Bank Art League Scholarship Award: Hailey Purdy, North

Rock Island Art Guild Members' Selection: Aubrey Williams, Central

Living Lands & Waters 1st Place for Use of Recycled Materials: Hunter Bell, North

Quad City Arts' Staff Award: Karlie Westmoreland, Central/CAA

Teacher Award, 1st Place: David Schaeffer, North art teacher

Members of the West High Band competed in the nationally-recognized OrlandoFest, where both the Festival Band and Competition Jazz Band received the highest rating from an international judging panel. In addition, 5 students received special recognition for outstanding solo performances: Caitlin Bauer (flute), Kersten Kahley (piano), Brandon Bauer (drums), Cody Williams (tenor saxophone), and Chane Eckhardt (piano).

Central and West High Schools' annual show choir competition *Great River*, held at the River Center and Adler Theater, was crowned Best Regional Competition in the nation for the third year in a row at the 2016 Fame Aspire Awards.

Northside Establishment, North High's varsity show choir, claimed their 9th consecutive Grand Champion title at the Fort Madison Stars In The Spotlight event. The choir finished 1st in the Open Division and also won Best Band and Best Vocals, with Pierre Young earning his second Best Male Soloist Award of the season. *Center Stage*, North's JV show choir, finished 2nd runner up at "The Main Event" in Dubuque.

At Kansas City's Heart of America Show Choir Competition, *West Connection*, West High's varsity show choir, made the evening finals, finishing 3rd Runner Up. *This Just In!*, West's JV show choir, was named Grand Champion at the Troy Buchanan Show Choir Invitational in Troy, Missouri.

At the Southeast Polk show choir competition, *Central Singers, Incorporated (CSI)*, Central High's varsity show choir, was named Grand Champion of the entire contest, also winning Best Choreography. At the Mt. Pleasant Music InMotion Invitational, both *CSI* and *Blue Vibrations*, Central's JV show choir, were named Grand Champion of the contest in their respective divisions.

At the 2016 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, DCS students earned a total of 38 Gold, Silver, and Honorable Mention awards. The following students' Gold Key works advanced to be judged at the national level: Suzanna Hall's mixed media piece; Shailah Harris' painting, clay work, and jewelry piece; Aaron Fischer's clay work; Kennedy Hill's mixed media piece; and Issac Vasquez's drawing titled "Eternal Grime," which was the winner of the prestigious *American Visions Award*. Issac also won a Gold Key for his entire senior portfolio, consisting of eight original artworks and a 300-750 word artist statement.

2016 SEISTA (South East Iowa String Teachers Association) Honor Orchestra Selected Students

Central High School: Graham Atkinson (viola), Adam Borders (violin), Tyler Browne (violin), Mitchell Hadden (cello), Michelle Hernandez (violin), Hannah Mandell (violin), Teresa Rossmiller (violin)

North High School: Haley Nicholson (cello), Jessica Putnam (violin), Nathan Lindsey (violin), Joel Thiessen (cello)

West High School: Caitlin Eberhart (violin), Tristan Farmer (violin), Madison Cousins (viola)

Smart Intermediate: Saul Bishop (cello), Anthony Harkey Stumpf (violin)

Sudlow Intermediate: Aliza Oxyer (viola), Jason Bordine (cello), Michael Hill (bass)

Walcott Intermediate: Connor Bollman (violin), Bailey Jones (violin), Carolyn Wessley (violin)

Williams Intermediate: Maddison Smith (violin), Lauren Hamma (violin), Shelby Fick (viola), Chloe Mohr (cello)

Wood Intermediate: Sofia Magalae (violin), Mia Tatum (violin), Jordan Snarr (viola), Sophia Heller (cello), Meredith Sloat (violin), Jackson Blubaugh (bass), Justyus Jackson (violin), Ashton Snarr (violin), Trevor Collins (violin), Athena Phomminvang (violin), Sydney Happel (cello)

2016 SEIBA (South East Iowa Band Association) Honor Band Selected Students

Central High School: Abby Luntz (Principal Flute), Ally Luntz (oboe), Audrey Killip (oboe), Emma Berger (clarinet), Ellis Carlson (trumpet), Cresa Wilson (horn), Sarah Howell (horn), Michael Rockstroh (tuba), Spenser Pfannenstiel (percussion)

North High School: Cole Neese (jazz drumset), Kevin Birdsong (jazz bass trombone), Halie Dodd (clarinet), Marissa Robertson (bassoon), Kayla Masakowski (bass clarinet)

West High School: Caitlin Bauer (flute), Kersten Kahley (clarinet), William Zogg (bari sax), Blaine Schmidt (euphonium), Jacob Clearman (trombone)

Sudlow Intermediate: Laura Sitz (bassoon), Courtney Hart (percussion), Michael Hill (percussion), Emma Swesey (tenor sax), Hayley Gordon (clarinet), Bella Guy (flute), Jenn Mahl (oboe), Anna Winn (flute), Aliza Oxyer (flute)

Walcott Intermediate: Gillian Collins (bass clarinet), Matt Reis (euphonium), Jada Peiffer (clarinet), Madison Mangels (clarinet), Michaela Sperry (horn), Turner Sperry (trombone)

Williams Intermediate: Torrye Torrance (trumpet)

Wood Intermediate: Delaney Rall (clarinet), Aerianna Trowers (bassoon)

Central High's Juliana Logan and her band, A Soul Purpose, were selected to play in Memphis at the International Blues Challenge Youth Showcase. This event is a unique opportunity for young musicians to perform for record labels, talent scouts, and fans.

In December, 153 Wood Intermediate choir members traveled to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics to spread holiday cheer by singing to patients, staff, and visitors. Wood was the only intermediate school in the state to be honored by the invitation to perform and entertain.

Winter Concert singers from Mid City High entertained the largest audience ever hosted at one of their concerts.

North High's Maggie Warner, 3 time All-State violinist, was chosen to perform on stage at the Adler Theater with The Piano Guys, a group of musicians who have become internationally known for their crossover classical/rock renditions of popular tunes arranged for piano and cello.

Central High's Margaret Carr and Benjamin Florence were chosen as two of the fifteen finalists at the Senior division of the Federated Music Teachers Association 2015 Annual Baroque Competition. This year's finalists were chosen from a blind audition of 50 entries that were submitted to a panel of judges at the University of Iowa in October.

DCS dancers attended the Iowa State Dance/Drill Team Association Competition in Des Moines. Central High's *Blue Illusion* dance team earned 2nd place as a coed team as well as in the all-male team competition. They also won 5th place in the hip-hop category and earned a Division I rating in all five of their routines. West High earned 3rd place in Pom, 2nd place in Kick, and 3rd in Lyrical, also earning Division I ratings. North High received a Division 1 rating in the Jazz and Lyrical categories.

Creative Arts Academy and Central High student Reilly Moeller was named the winner of the 2nd annual Village in Bloom sculpture competition with her artwork, *A Mother's Love*. Reilly's piece was put into production by Isabel Bloom.

Many high school students were accepted into this year's Festival of Trees Art Show. North High's Eugene Barnhart won 1st place in photography, and Hunter Bell's octopus made of recycled pop bottles was featured on Paula Sands Live. Central High's Shailah Harris earned 2nd place for her sculpture "Your Worst Nightmare" and Miles Roelle received 3rd place for his tropical fish totem. West High's Katelynn Cox was awarded 3rd place for her painting of a blue jay.

Several DCS students received awards at the 2015 State Thespian Festival held at the University of Northern Iowa. Central High winners were Ben Greiner, 2nd place in Stage Management; Emily Beck, 2nd place in Scenic Design; and Ajay Williams, 2nd place in Monologues. North High winners were Pierre Young, 2nd place in Solo Musical Theatre; and Taylor Reising, 3rd place in Stage Management. In addition to those honors, the following students advanced to compete at the International Thespian Festival: Central High's Ben Greiner, Jack Theiling, Ajay Williams, and Jeremy Weinstein; and North High's Pierre Young. North's Nik LaMaack was one of only seven students statewide elected to the Iowa Thespian Board and will serve throughout the upcoming year as a Student Thespian Officer.

West High's Chane Eckhardt won 1st place in the Senior 1 Division at the 26th Annual Clavinova Festival.

The North High Art Department won awards at the Graffiti for Good art contest, where students collaborated on designing a positive message to battle bullying in our community. The team of Sabrina Sprout, Hunter Bell, Karizma Lenoir, Matt Fizer, Brayton Conner, and Trace Wruck won 1st place, and the team of Austin Sturms, Hailee English, Jesus Garcia, and C'Aira Newman tied for 2nd place in the competition.

This year's All-State Chorus included many DCS students. North's Adreanna Acosta, Pierre Young, Josh Reid, Kaitlyn Sparbel, Jenna Hartman, Esmee Belzer, Natalia Kirby, Isaiah Gibbs, Will Snowball, Christian Owens, and Darius Green made the final cut, joined by Central's Margaret Carr, Raegan Daley, Hailey Nelson, Peyton Reese, John VanderWal, Adam Borders, Wilson Cameron, Michael Helmich, Nick Fahrenkrug, Nate Trasoweck, and Jack Theiling. Members of this year's All-State Band included Central's Justin Christoffersen, Korben Wilson, and Becca Frederick, and West's Collin Bell. North High's Maggie Warner and Cole Neese made this year's All-State Orchestra. In addition to these amazing students, many others were listed as All-State alternates.

30th Annual Opus Honor Choir Selected Students

Sudlow Intermediate: Jennifer Mahl, Sam Fahrenkrug, Adam Hyde, Rece Sullivan, Nick Vazquez, and John Zaines

Central High: Olivia Penniston, Peyton Reese, Lisa Olinger, Tevin Slawson, Lucas Thompson, and Josh Schwirtz

Wood Intermediate: Delaney Rall and Bailey Ortega

North High School: Abigail Bastian, Esmee Belzer, Holden Conner, J.J. Pierce, Samuel Rosario, Hannah Savely, and Paige Sparrow

2016 Iowa Junior Honors Orchestra

North High: Ethan King, Holden Conner, Samuel Rosario, and Hannah Savely

Central High: Holland Craig, Lily Chen, Kaia Colvin, and Hunter IntVeld

Williams Intermediate: Shelby Fick

Sudlow Intermediate: Laura Sitz and Jennifer Mahl

Wood Intermediate: Justyus Jackson and Ashton Snarr

JB Young K-8: Isabel Buchanan and Heaven Jones

Walcott K-8: Turner Sperry

At the 2016 IHSMA State Marching Band Competition, North High's Wildcat Marching Band, West High's Falcon Marching Band, and Central High's Marching Blue Devils all received a Division I Superior Rating.

After a very successful competition season, Central High's Marching Blue Devils competed at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis, placing 12th in their class out of 31 bands and finishing 55th overall out of the top 97 bands from across the nation.

Sudlow Intermediate's "Ukes of Hazzard" ukulele club performed at the River Bandits game on behalf of the HAVlife organization. Students performed a rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the 7th inning stretch.

North High Orchestra members Greg Middleton, Caitlyn Collins, Destiny Ellingsworth, and Haley Nicholson were awarded the opportunity to perform during the Beaux Arts Festival in downtown Davenport.

Central High students Adrienne Allen and Andrew Boyle took part in the "Urban Exposure" project for young and upcoming film makers, and both students premiered their short films at the Figge Art Museum.

History, Geography, Social, and Literary Studies

Central High's Amen Gabre won 1st place in the Iowa Center for the Book's "Letters About Literature" contest. Her essay was chosen as the winning essay for Iowa high school students out of 1900 essays submitted, and is being considered for national recognition. In addition to Amen's recognition, both AJ Vieger and Grace Estes were finalists in the competition.

Four of West High's *Beak 'n' Eye* newspaper editors won awards in the 2016 Spring Newspaper Contest sponsored by the Iowa High School Press Association. Caylla Townsley won 2nd in personality profile, Ryan Hayes won 2nd in news magazine multiple page design, Michael Leese won 3rd in staff editorials, and Kate Kealey won an honorable mention in multiple page design.

Eisenhower Elementary finished 1st and McKinley Elementary came in 2nd in the district Battle of the Books Competition. Eisenhower went on to represent DCS at the regional competition.

At the Mock Trial State Competition in Des Moines, Central High lost only once, by 5 points to the highest ranked team in the state. During these contests, every member of the team was nominated for either an outstanding witness or outstanding attorney award, and Andrew Thompson was recognized as one of the top ten witnesses in the state.

Central High junior Mickey Sloat qualified for both the state-level *and* national-level National History Day competition for 5 years in a row, each. This year she travels to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Individual Performance category with her project "To Boldly Go: Star Trek's Exploration of Culture through its Encounters and Exchanges."

Wood Intermediate 8th grader Jack West was a finalist for the National Geographic State Geography Bee, held in Cedar Rapids.

7th Grader Meredith Sloat advanced to the State National History Day Competition in Des Moines for her performance titled, "Exchanging Home for a Homestead in Space: Skylab's Exploration & First Encounters."

7th grader Rachel Sallis earned a special award at the regional National History Day competition at St. Ambrose for the competition's best project in fine arts titles, "The 'Mulatto' Girl in the Painting."

Sudlow Intermediate's Madeline Sottos advanced to the State National History Day with her project, "Elizabeth Blackwell: Encountering Prejudice, Achieving Pride."

West's Wylie Halferty was selected to the World Schools Debate Team for East Iowa at Nationals.

Two Central High Battle of the Books teams qualified for State this year by placing in the top 16 of 80 teams in the state on a written, collaborative test. The two teams traveled to Marshalltown High School to compete and ended up in 6th and 15th places.

During the Adams Elementary book drive, over 2000 books were collected for those in need.

At Walcott's National Geography Bee, Jason Wells won 1st place, Kori Needham took 2nd, and Paige Sinksen & Isabel Sinksen tied for 3rd.

Indigo Ink, Central High's literary and art magazine, was awarded 1st place in the American Scholastic Press Association annual magazine competition.

The North High School yearbook staff won 2nd place for Yearbook of the Year at the Iowa High School Press Association State Journalism Conference. In individual categories, North won seven 1st Place awards, three 2nd Place awards, three 3rd Place awards, and three Honorable Mention awards. First Place awards were won by Deja Dominique, Darian Franklin, Ashley Frantz, Hayley Keller, Ana Munson, Bennett Robinson, and Kevin Truong.

The Central High History Bowl team consisting of Will deBlois, Thompson Teasdale, Graham Atkinson, and Cameron Moeller was a semifinalist in the Eastern Iowa History Bowl and Bee, earning a trip to the national competition in Washington D.C.

Three West High students qualified for Speech and Debate Nationals in Salt Lake City: Jim Heinrichs qualified in Humorous Interpretation, Alleyah Melendez qualified in Original Oratory, and Wylie Halferty qualified in Extemporaneous Speaking.

Central High's Justin Ruefer was nominated to participate in the Washington D.C. Journalism and Media Conference as a National Youth Correspondent. As a participant in the conference, Justin will network with prominent journalists, media leaders, CEOs of media companies, and attend a private press briefing with a Deputy White House Press Secretary.

West High's Abbey Sigler received an Honorable Mention in the feature writing category of the Journalism Education Association Nationals in Orlando, Florida.

Central High's Scholastic Bowl team of Graham Atkinson, Evan Balk, Jake Byrne, Hannah Mandell, Cameron Moeller, and Thompson Teasdale took 2nd place in the Rock Island Scholastic Bowl Invitational.

West High's Madison Cousins placed 3rd in Informative Speaking and Alleyah Melendez placed 4th in congressional debate at the Bettendorf Bulldog Invitational.

The Central High yearbook and newspaper staff also attended the Iowa High School Press Association State Journalism Conference. Central received the Award of Distinguished Merit for the 2014-2015 yearbook, and individual students won 2nd place in Theme, 2nd in Yearbook Cover, 2nd in Yearbook Reader Services, 2nd in Student Life Photography, 2nd in Photo Illustration, and various other 3rd place and Honorable Mentions.

The North High yearbook staff received 3,650 points out of a possible 3,700 to earn the Mark of Distinction from the National Scholastic Press Association for Concept and Essentials for an previous edition of their yearbook, *Norwica*.

Students and Staff as Civic Leaders

North High students, faculty, and staff organized their 12th annual Run, Walk, Stumble, Crawl event, raising \$1,000 for Rick's House of Hope in honor of Braddock Shovlain.

Members of Central's Environmental Club collectively volunteered over 600 hours this year, recycling 5,300 refundable cans and bottles and another 30,000 non-refundable cans and bottles.

As a community service project, Williams Intermediate and Adams Elementary TAG students operated a coffee shop at their schools, raising over \$1,200 to support K9 Kindness Rescue in the Quad Cities.

West High basketball players Dylan Hansen and Mason Carney shaved their heads to raise pledge dollars for the “Shave to Save” Optimist International Childhood Cancer Campaign.

North High’s JOOI Club (Junior Optimist Octagon International) helped plant 50 trees at Emeis Park as part of the City of Davenport’s Arbor Day celebration.

Central High’s Dance Marathon Committee raised nearly \$4500 this year, with proceeds going to the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital to help kids who have been diagnosed with cancer.

Truman Elementary students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Community Service Learning Program and raised \$3,995 to donate to the American Heart Association, supporting cardiovascular research and education.

North’s 2nd Annual Dance Marathon raised over \$3000 for the Iowa Children’s Hospital. North’s JOOI Club organized the event, featuring a lip sync contest, limbo contest, and fashion show.

The West High varsity boys basketball team, along with players’ mothers, volunteered to feed community members in need during the “A Side of Kindness Event” at the Col Ballroom.

Central High’s Lexi Sweeney was honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President’s Volunteer Service Award. The award was granted by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama.

Buchanan Elementary’s Student Council sponsored a 25 cent Valentine sale and raised a total of \$125. Proceeds were donated to Kings Harvest in Davenport.

Mid City High School choir students Lacey Tucker, Chrissie Bein, and Lauren Hodges sang the National Anthem for members of the Davenport Rotary Club.

Central High’s Lindsay Larkin and Stefani Metzger served as Student Pages in the Iowa General Assembly. Of the hundreds of applicants, Lindsay was 1 of 12 students selected in Iowa as a Senate Page, and Stefani was 1 of only 20 selected to the House of Representatives.

West High iJAG students used the money raised from their Homecoming pie throwing contest to buy supplies to make 30 gift bags for the homeless via The Salvation Army.

Mrs. Waite’s Sudlow/Creative Arts Academy students participated in a public service project that raised money for The Salvation Army’s Red Kettle Campaign. All proceeds went towards helping families in need during the holiday season.

The Central High Leadership Team organized their 4th annual Holiday Dinner Box project, assembling 70 boxes for families in need.

West High’s Xavier Saleh and Rebecca Casad represented their school at the 2016 Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Conference at Drake University.

Central High chorus students spread holiday cheer throughout the community by singing at the Abbey Station for Black Hawk College Golden Scholars, at St. John United Methodist for the Adult Fellowship Group, at Lagomarcino's for the Village Christmas Walk, and for several other groups of people.

West's Fellowship of Christian Athletes students participated in Operation Christmas Child for the 3rd year. Their goal was to put together boxes for 2 children in need, and they surpassed that goal with enough for 6 children.

North High cheerleaders were among the volunteers at the 23rd Annual Mayor's Luncheon, where the team sold cookies and raffle tickets. The event raised over \$5,000 and helped North High achieve its Student Hunger Drive totals.

The Central High show choirs hosted their 4th annual "Blood, Sweat, Cheers" blood drive, raising \$286 for the HAVlife foundation and their continued support of the arts in the Quad Cities.

West High's iJAG, Future Teachers Club, and other Falcons volunteered with the Special Olympics Play Day.

Davenport North's JOOI Club volunteered at the Gilda's Club "Noogiefest," running carnival-type games for over 350 kids throughout the evening.

Central High's Shades of Success students spoke to students in the after-school program at Hope at the Brick House, reading *The Red Ribbon Story* while using puppets to engage the kids. After the story, Central students spoke about the dangers of smoking.

West High participated in the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center's summer high school challenge that took place at Northpark and Southpark Malls. West won the Iowa challenge with 150 donors, and the School Senate used the money to purchase food for the Student Hunger Drive.

North High's Culinary Arts students cooked and served a dinner to 36 people at Timothy's House of Hope.

Central High seniors Amiah Gooding and Hannah Hansen represented Davenport at the American Legion Auxiliary 2015 Iowa Girls State event at Iowa State University, where Hannah was elected as a Supreme Court Justice.

DCS school students participated in the Quad Cities Student Hunger Drive, contributing towards the area-wide total of 548,000 meals to be provided to the food insecure in the Quad Cities. Central High collected 14.79 pounds of food per student; Mid City High, on their first Student Hunger Drive, collected 21 pounds per student; North High collected 11 pounds per student (receiving the Most Improved recognition in division B); and West High collected 13.23 pounds per student.

Central High's volleyball team sponsored a Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention theme at one of their games, raising \$1,700 in t-shirt sales.

Iowa Youth Congress (IYC) was successful in creating a funding equalization bill, HF2182, with 37 state representatives signing off, the most for a bill this session. Though IYC leaders believed they had the votes in both the House and the Senate, the bill was ultimately prevented from going to committee and wasn't considered for passage. Mid City High's IYC members have vowed to keep up the fight next year, and students received a certificate of recognition from State Representative Phyllis Thede at the 3rd quarter awards assembly at Mid City.

Patrick Wader, 6th grader at the Creative Arts Academy, won the RIA Credit Union's *Kids Are Rewarded for Saving* contest and was featured on Paula Sands Live for his efforts in organizing a donated goods giveaway out of his parents' garage.

Central High senior Katy Axel traveled to China for 17 days with other area students on behalf of the Muscatine/Zhengding sister city relationship. Katy visited Beijing, where she met with government officials to discuss foreign relationships and build the connection between the youth of China and the United States. The group also climbed the Great Wall, visited Tiananmen Square, saw the Forbidden City, and attended many government-hosted dinners.

S.T.E.M., Business, and Vocational Accomplishments

The Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council named DCS as one of 12 programs across the state to receive the \$25,000 cost-matched grant to grow a STEM BEST model. DCS will cost-share more than \$125,000 and partner with local businesses, including MA Ford, Alcoa, Phoenix Closures, and more, to immerse high-school-aged students in the business environment and explore manufacturing curriculum and pathways.

Central High's Noah Miller won 1st place at the Midwest Technical Institute Welding contest, out of a field of more than 10 schools from Iowa and Illinois.

In a presentation at John Deere Davenport Works, students in Fillmore Elementary's Junior FIRST LEGO League created LEGO constructions that accounted for "waste-wise" decisions that positively impact our Earth. Students teams made a mechanical garbage can, a conveyor belt for sorting recyclables, and other creations.

The Combustible Lemons, a robotics team from West High, qualified for their third straight Super Regional tournament after a strong showing at State. Their season was filled with many triumphs, with the team earning multiple awards and West student Rachel Eckert being named one of four students from Iowa selected to the Dean's List. The Combustible Lemons will be traveling to Kenya this summer to teach hundreds of Kenyan youth STEM knowledge and skills.

DCS ProStart culinary teams competed in the 2016 Iowa ProStart Invitational in Des Moines, where the management team of Emma Petri, Caleb Howlett, and Andrew Welch won 1st place with their original restaurant concept prix fixe. The team advanced to the National ProStart Invitational in Dallas, Texas.

Central High teacher Mrs. Cross and her ProStart students, along with twelve area restaurants, hosted the 9th Annual Taste of ProStart, a sold-out event that helped the culinary arts program raise nearly \$12,000.

Students at Mid City High School initiated their school's own urban farm this year, growing wheat and other crops. Students plan on using food from the farm and from the Mid City garden to sell at the Davenport Farmer's Market and to use in a school-wide Thanksgiving meal.

Central High's computer science team The Source Code competed in the Hawkeye Challenge Programming Competition at the University of Iowa, winning 1st place in a field of 15 teams. Team members completed all five C++ and C# programming problems in an hour and a half with no corrections sent back from the judges.

At the Junior Achievement Titan Competition, North High's team won 2nd place and Mid City High's team placed 6th.

Sudlow Intermediate competed in the local FIRST Tech Challenge, a robotics competition, against teams from area high schools, including Muscatine, Davenport West, Pleasant Valley, North Scott, Bettendorf, Durant, Wilton, and Rivermont Collegiate. Sudlow was the lone intermediate school at the event, and finished in 5th place out of a total of 20 schools.

West High held a national online “hacking” competition featuring the game High School Capture the Flag, focusing on computer security, cryptography, reverse engineering, programming, computer forensics, and problem solving. West’s David Vick won 1st place and Dylan Benson placed 2nd.

Central High’s Travis Stanger and Logan Van Itallie are Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Iowa State Championship Fall Qualifiers, advancing to the MOS U.S. National Championship in Orlando, Florida. Travis scored a perfect 1000 points on the Microsoft Word test and Logan scored a perfect 1000 points on the Microsoft PowerPoint test.

Buchanan Elementary 2nd through 5th graders participated in the “Hour of Code” event with staff from John Deere’s IT department, who volunteered their time to help students solve puzzles using drag and drop coding language.

Junior ROTC

The Marine Corps JROTC placed 3rd out of the 28 schools participating in the Region 3 physical fitness test. Individually, Shaun Gerard took first place overall in the male division, out of 168 male students.

The Army JROTC Drill Team competed against 22 other teams from all over the Midwest in the 42nd Annual Purdue Army ROTC Drill Meet in West Lafayette, Indiana. The Armed Drill Team and Color Guard received Excellent ratings at the event, one of the most competitive in the region.

At the American Legion in Davenport, Mayor Frank Klipsch, Superintendent Dr. Art Tate, and several representatives from various leadership organizations presented awards to the following Army JROTC Cadets:

- The Outstanding Superior Cadet Awards: Thomas Yates, Billy Jo Sherman, Joseph Beard, Louis Nelson, Jacob Lugviel, Matt Gonzalez, and Darica Hayes
- The American Legion Award for Outstanding Leadership: Kevin Kurth
- The Military Officers Association Award: Samuel Reynolds
- The Reserve Officers Association Award: Shelby Ford
- The Daughters of the American Revolution Award: Madison Ford
- The Warrant Officers Association Award: Dominic Mathias
- The Army JROTC Varsity Letter: Nathaniel Rozinek
- Marksmanship Awards: Becca VanVooren, Joseph Beard, Nathaniel Rozinck, Aleah Kossan, and Samuel Reynolds
- The Top Physical Fitness Award: Kevin Kurth

The Marine Corps JROTC earned 1st place overall at a Des Moines drill, shooting, and physical fitness competition.

The Army JROTC Battalion won the Best Youth Group Award in the 2016 Bi-State St. Patrick’s Day parade. This parade is the 4th largest parade in the United States, with over 100 entries competing for awards.

16 cadets participated and graduated from the Army JROTC Leadership Challenge at Camp Dodge, the National Guard Center in Johnston, Iowa. Cadets were challenged physically and mentally to overcome various obstacles.

Several JROTC cadets participated in the Putnam Museum's D-Day Commemoration ceremony, including Cadet/Lieutenant Dariuana Moore, Cadet/Sergeant Bryce Whitney, Cadet/Corporal Katrina Rhodes, Cadet/Corporal Joseph Lebs, Cadet/Corporal Joshua Jenne, and Cadet/First Sergeant Louis Nelson.

Five Army JROTC Cadets qualified to shoot at the State of Iowa Junior Olympic Shooting and Marksmanship Competition in April: Rebecca VanVooren, Joe Beard, Aleah Kossan, Sam Reynolds, and Nathan Rozinek.

The Army JROTC was awarded \$1000 from the State of Iowa American Legion Foundation. The donation will fund the many programs and events in which the JROTC participates.