

## Highlights from the 2017-2018 School Year

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

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West High's Madison Cousins was awarded the \$20,000 Dr. Thomas Anthony Dooley Memorial Scholarship this year. The scholarship is awarded to a Davenport Community Schools student in the top 10 percentile of their graduating class, with considerations for class rank, ACT scores, and completion of Advanced Placement courses.

Central High's Quiz Bowl team participated in the Iowa State University Virtual Quiz competition and scored 576 points, enough to earn them the Champion Title.

Central High's freshmen/sophomore Scholastic Bowl team placed 2nd in the Iowa Quiz Bowl Championships. Sophomores Rafe Sullivan and Zeke Wynsma, along with freshmen LaDella Gallagher and Asher Leveridge, won every match they played except for the championship match against Ankeny.

Central High's John McAtee was named as a Finalist in the 2018 National Merit® Scholarship Program. The initial qualifier for the program was John's 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

West High's Bree McMahan was awarded the Prewitt Scholarship, a 4-year full-ride award. She will be attending Iowa State University.

53 North High students in the school's Accelerated Associate Program received their Associate Degree from Scott Community College while still seniors in high school, at no extra cost to the student or family.

2018 Rotary Scholarships were awarded to the following seniors:

Madison Cousins, West: \$10,000  
Andrew Thompson, Central: \$10,000  
Ashley Dewispelaere, North: \$10,000  
Pam Friede, West: \$10,000  
Kylee Jakubowski, Mid-City: \$2,500  
Alexandria Summers, Mid-City: \$2,500

North High's Ashley DeWispelaere was the recipient of the Brandon Sissel Scholarship.

Central High's Rachel Eckert was a recipient of a 2017-18 National Honor Society Scholarship. Rachel was awarded as a National Semi Finalist in recognition to her commitment to the NHS pillars of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Central High's Aubrey Verdon and Andrew Shie received this year's Jerry Jurgens Memorial Scholarships. Central's Eddie Van Camp won the Iowa High School Athletic Association's Bernie Saggau Award.

North High sophomore Ciarra Hasdintra was invited to attend the 2018 National Student Leadership Conference held at Northwestern University this summer.

North High's Sabrina Duran earned a \$4000 French Department Scholarship at Augustana College by winning their French essay competition. Sabrina was also awarded the Dean's Scholarship at Augustana due to her many academic achievements at North.

Central High hosted Andrew O'Dwyer from Carlow County, Ireland, while on his student exchange at St. Ambrose University studying English and History with the intent of teaching high school in Ireland. Central was selected for the scope of their foreign exchange programs and the reputation of their award-winning Advanced Placement coursework, including in English and History.

Mid City High held quarterly awards ceremonies, and in its first quarter, had a record number of students for outstanding attendance, perfect attendance, and academic achievements. 8 students had academic excellence, 26 had 1st honors, and 25 had 2nd honors. Approximately 22% of the Mid City student body received an academic award.

In 2017, West High inducted 72 students into its National Honor Society, North High inducted 36, and Central High inducted 73 students. These students exemplify the pillars of National Honor Society: scholarship leadership, service, and character.

At the Moline Invitational Scholastic Bowl, Central High's A Team placed 5th out of 40 teams from around the region. Individually, freshman LaDella Gallagher and sophomore Rafe Sullivan were awarded MVPs after the morning rounds of the tournament.

Central High's Bibaswan Khadka was honored with an AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all Advanced Placement exams taken. In addition, Andrew Thompson was given an AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25, and Grace Carr, Angus Cornish, Martin Leyhe, John McAtee, and Avery Mirocha earned AP Scholar Awards by completing three or more AP Exams with score of 3 or higher.

All of the AP classes at North High School were at or above the national passing average of 50%. Shannon Buckley's AP Calculus class had a 100% passing rate for the 3rd year in a row, and in Stephanie Schmid's class, 50% of students who took the exam earned a 5, the highest score possible.

West High's Madison Cousins was named an AP Scholar with Distinction, a designation granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of the exams. Emma Blackburn, Kalynn Burton, Kailey Fellner, Benjamin Heirigs, Erika Kuriger, and Emma'le Maas had and scores of 3 or higher on four or more AP exams. Noah Berkland, Michael Bilenko, Rebecca Casad, Sophia Crago, Chane Eckhardt, Tommi Geigle, Abigail Hannig, Kersten Kahley, Lydia Rice, Rachel Stewart, Lillian Thurber, and Alyssa Vlck were all AP Scholars with Honor, receiving an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken.

## ***District, Teacher, and Staff Accolades***

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Congratulations to West's Mr. Schlichting and Mr. Yoder for becoming STEM certified through the University of Iowa. These two teachers now join three other teachers at Davenport West who can offer University of Iowa undergraduate credit to their students.

Five DCS teachers became National Board Certified Teachers this year. Congratulations to Amanda Crecelius from North High, Joni Nelson from Central High, Reese Saunders from Wilson Elementary, Ashley Sullivan from Washington Elementary, and Theresa Tappa from Monroe Elementary. In order to achieve this career milestone, these 5 teachers went above and beyond the state of Iowa's licensure requirements and demonstrated their advanced knowledge and skills in their areas of certification, as well as completed rigorous computer-based assessments. Davenport Community Schools currently has 25 National Board Certified Teachers, the most out of any Quad Cities school district.

West High's Jay Swords was the recipient of the 2017 Iowa Talented and Gifted Association's (ITAG) Distinguished Service Award. Jay received his award in front of a standing ovation of over 400 colleagues at the 2017 ITAG Conference.

Central High teacher Mr. Porter was recognized as an iJAG Level III Specialist at the 34th Annual National Training Seminar for iJAG. Mr. Porter was also recognized as a 5-of-5 on his Iowa-Jobs for America's Graduates Performance Outcome Standards which include Graduation Rate, Employment Rate, Positive Outcome Rate, Full-time Jobs Rate, and Full-time Placement Rate.

Samantha Sparrow, Food Service staff member at Keystone Academy, was named National School Nutrition Association 2018 Employee of the Year for the State of Iowa Midwest Region. Samantha was commended in the judged areas of skill, creativity, professional development, and dedication to the profession.

(For coaching awards, please see the Athletics section below.)

## ***Athletics***

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West High's Mr. Jon Sandoval was named MAC Coach of the Year in Boys Soccer. In addition, the following students made the All-MAC Boys Soccer team:

- 1st Team: Central's Bobby Nikolopoulos and Luke Hummel
- 2nd Team: Central's Eduardo Gonzalez and Alex McLeland; West's Alex Rosas; North's Alex Kopp
- Honorable Mention: Central's Joey Lantzky and Michael Moran; West's Huy Tran and Dalton Carstens

The following students made the All-MAC Tennis team:

### Boys

- 1st Team: Central's Andrew Shie
- 2nd Team: North's Carter Josund and Spencer Wakeland; Central's Mike Minitier
- Honorable Mention: North's Nate Williams and Blake Stoughton; Central's Eddie Van Camp and Mason Gersdorf; West's Josh Loving and Leo DeLaPaz

### Girls

- Honorable Mention: Central's Molly Marsengill and Peyton Niebuhr; North's Lauren Janecek and Alyssa Duran; West's Cassidy Schaeffer and Alex Solbrig

### **2018 Track and Field State Championships**

Central's Lea Grady was crowned State Champion in Discus Throw! Lea's throw ranks as the 14th-best in Iowa history and among the top-20 in the nation this year. Other top 10 finishers at State were:

#### Girls

- Central's Lea Grady placed 5th in shot put.
- Central's Cindy Gabriel-Flores placed 6th in shot put.

#### Boys

- North's Keenan Hollingshed placed 7th in high jump.
- West's DJ Mosely placed 4th in long jump.
- West's team of Tyler Williams, DJ Mosley, Brady Richlen, and Anthony King placed 6th in the 4x110 meter shuttle hurdles.
- Central's team of Chris Murphy, Stephon Martin, Iain Gronewold, and Will Reemtsma placed 10th in the 800 sprint medley relay.
- Central's Will Reemstra placed 8th in the 110 meter hurdles.
- Central's Will Reemstra placed 5th in the 400 meter hurdles.

Central High students Lauren Pearson, Sam Saveraid, and Callum Swanson are part of the Quad Cities Rowing Club, which won a record 10 gold medals at the Midwest Youth Championships this year. Individually, our students won the following rowing awards at the Championships:

- Lauren placed 1st in the novice double and 2nd in the novice quad
- Sam placed 1st in the second varsity double and 1st in the boys varsity quad
- Callum placed 2nd in the boys novice quad and 3rd in the boys novice double

West High sophomore Kelley Wohlers was crowned Junior Varsity City Golf Meet Champion with her round of 52.

At the MAC Track and Field Championships, the following students/teams won 1st place in their events:

#### Boys

- West's Tyler Williams: 110 high hurdles
- West's DJ Mosley: long jump
- West's team of Brady Richlen, DJ Mosley, Anthony King, and Tyler Williams: shuttle hurdle relay
- West's team of Anthony King, Brett Wisor, Malik Westerfield, and Keenan Dolan: distance medley relay
- North's Alec Seifert: high jump

#### Girls

1. Central's Lea Grady: shot put
2. Central's Lea Grady: discus

At the 2018 Drake Relays, the following students advanced to the finals round in their sport:

- Central's Lea Grady placed 3rd in girl's discus throw and 5th in girls' shot put
- Central's Will Reemtsma placed 4th in the boys' 400 meter hurdles
- North's Keenan Hollingshed placed 12th in the boys' high jump
- West's team of Andrew Wright, Cory Hinton, Mike Anfinson, and Keenan Dolan placed 13th in the boys' 4x800 relay
- West's DJ Mosley placed 14th in the boys' long jump
- Central's Cindy Gabriel-Flores placed 23rd in girls' shot put

The Smart Intermediate 8th grade Boys Basketball team was crowned City Champs with a 10-2 record this year, including 2 wins over Bettendorf.

Central High swimmers Marty Leyhe, John Nikolopoulos, Alex Richter, and Andrew Shie made this year's Academic All-American team. Andrew also made the Iowa 2018 Senior Scholastic team, an honor for senior swimmers who have a 3.75 or higher GPA and a specific amount of points scored at the state swim meet.

At an Iowa City outdoor track and field meet, Central High's Lea Grady won the discus throw and broke a 40 year old school distance record.

The West High Boys' Track Team captured the 2018 University of Wisconsin (UW)-Platteville Tri-State Overall Meet Title, placing above the other 12 teams in 15 events scored. First place finishers were:

- Trevor Burkhart in the 200 meter dash
- Andrew Wright in the 800 meter run
- Andrew Wright in the 1600 meter run
- Andrew Wright in the 3200 meter run
- Trevor Burkhart, Tyler Williams, Malik Westerfield, and Darnell Mosley in the 4x200 meter relay
- Mike Anfinson, Jackson Huffstutler, Jordan Gravert, and Brett Wisor in the 4x800 meter relay

The Lady D basketball team, comprised of 8th grade students from Central High's feeder program, finished their season 50-1, winning 15 tournaments and being named Girls State Champs in their travel league.

Central High's JJ Andrews was selected by the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association as a Team First recipient - an award given to a select few in the state of Iowa who demonstrate the importance of putting their teams before themselves.

The following students made the 2018 Boys Basketball All-MAC Team:

1st Team All-Conference: West's Trey Sampson

2nd Team All-Conference: West's Brett Erwin and Kenny Clay; North's VJ Wilmington and Max Taylor; Central's Nate Tyson

Honorable Mention: North's TJ Vesey and Keenan Hollingshed; West's Balene Mitchell; Central's Diontrell Wommack

West High's Brett Erwin was 1 of only 23 students state-wide selected to the Academic All-State Basketball Team. No other Mississippi Athletic Conference boys' basketball athlete was selected to the honor team.

Central High's LeVon Bellemy and North High's Dakota Wright both qualified for State in Wrestling.

North High's Boys Bowlers won the MAC conference title this year with a 7-1 record, and Central High's Coach Wendy Allen was named Girls Bowling MAC Coach of the Year. In addition, the following students made MAC all-conference teams:

#### Girls

- 1st Team: Central's Donna Diggs and Amber Brewer
- 2nd Team: Central's Maddie Smith and West's Brooklyn Newman
- Honorable Mention: Central's Grace Herington, North's Taylor Leibold, and West's Erica Henderson

#### Boys

- 1st Team: North's Tyler McCumsey, Nate McMullen, and Brant Carter
- 2nd Team: Central's Kevin Wayt and West's Zach Hainline
- Honorable Mention: Central's Josh Allen, North's Cody Depardo, and West's Ethan Dies

At the State Swimming Championships, Central High's Andrew Shie placed 10th in the 100 free, Seth Land placed 11th in the 100 free and 10th in the 50 free, and Will Rolfstad and Wyatt Land were also state qualifiers.

Central High's Andrew Shie set a new school record of :47.30 in the 100 free event in men's swimming - a record was 37 years old. At the time of this new record, Shie was ranked 2nd in the state in the 100 free and 1st in the state in the 50 free.

At the MAC Wrestling Tournament in January, Central High's LeVon Bellemy won the MAC Championship of his weight class at 170 lbs. Other top 4 finishers were:

Central's Cameron Heinz: 2nd place at 113 lbs

West's Travis Hodges: 3rd place at 106 lbs

North's Sam Hamma: 4th place at 138 lbs

Central's Brody Erlandson: 4th place at 152 lbs

Central's Manny McGowan: 4th place at 285 lbs

Lilly Hamma, Williams Intermediate seventh grader and wrestler, won 1st place in the girl's novice division and was awarded the Amateur Athletic Union [AAU] Winter National Champions belt at the AAU Winter Nationals in Omaha, Nebraska. This was the largest national tournament in the Midwest with approximately 1,200 wrestlers representing 15 states, including more than 80 girls in their newly added division.

At the 24th Annual Genesis Shootout, all three of our boys basketball teams came out with a win against their Illinois school opponents. North High beat Alleman 72-58, Central High beat Riverdale 61-56, and West High beat Geneseo 74-44.

At the 2017-18 Iowa State Dance Competition, North and Central were named State Champions in events and all three of our traditional high schools placed highly in other events. The complete list of awards:

North High

1st in Class 6 Jazz, 8th in Class 3 Lyrical, and 10th in Class 13 Pom

West High

5th in Class 4 Kick, 8th in Class 3 Contemporary, and 8th place in Class 14 pom

Central High

1st in Large School Coed, 2nd in Class 6 Jazz, 4th in Large School Prop, and 6th in Class 13 Pom

The North High wrestling team placed 3rd overall at the Dick Mellinger Invitational. Individually, the Wildcats came out with two champions — Eleazar Valerio and Noah Schoephorster — as well as four 2nd place winners and two 3rd place winners.

West High's Leah Anderson, Ciara Klinghammer, T'Reaia Malone, Emily Monroe, and Mia Nelson did an exceptional job at the state cheer competition, receiving Division I ratings.

Central High's Jerzey Tyler-Sheppard, Garianna Clinton-Nelson, Madeline Sottos, Emma Logas, and Alyssa LaRoque all earned Division I ratings for their solo performances at the Iowa State Solo Competition in Newton, Iowa. These students also performed as a team at the Dance Team Union Regional Competition at Central College, where the group was named Regional Champions in Prop and named as Runner-up in Pom and Jazz.

Central High girls swim team coach Brian Heller was recognized as the MAC Coach of the Year as well as the Regional Swim Coach of the Year.

West High hosted their 3rd Annual Falcon Friends Bench Press meet. 51 competitors from West High, Moline High, Arrowhead Ranch, and Central High showed up for the event. Central's Kaylin Buckley set a record with a lift of 200 pounds, while Lea Grady lifted 160 pounds for a record in her weight class. Central teacher Scott Behmetuik earned the unofficial title of "Strongest Teacher in Davenport" at the event with a lift of 385 lbs.

Central High's Liz Weber, Allison Fellner, Abbey Klostermann, and Lexy Cummins qualified for the 2017-18 State Swim Meet. In addition, the following Central students made the MAC all-conference girls swim team:

- 200 Medley Relay: Liz Weber, Abbey Klostermann, Allison Fellner, and Lexy Cummins: Honorable Mention
- 200 Individual Medley: Abbey Klostermann: Honorable Mention
- 100 Butterfly: Allison Fellner: First Seam All-conference
- 100 Breaststroke: Abbey Klostermann: 2nd Team All-Conference
- 400 free relay: Liz Weber, Megan Fellner, Izzy Shook, and Lexy Cummins: Honorable Mention

West High's Courtney Schaeffer qualified for the 2017-18 State Swim Meet. Courtney won the 100 Freestyle with an automatic qualification for state, and also set a school record in the 50 Freestyle while taking 2nd at the Regional Meet. Courtney was named Regional Athlete of the year.

3 Davenport boys runners qualified for state cross country: Central's Drew Thompson, North's Zach Schocker, and West's Andrew Wright.

West High's Coach Marty Leal was named the MAC Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year.

Walcott's 8th grade volleyball team won the 2017 City Championship.

The Smart Intermediate 7th grade football team wrapped up an undefeated 6-0 season with a 30-13 win over Bettendorf.

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

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Twenty-two Smart Intermediate students competed in the Six Flags Great America Music in the Parks Festival, and the Women's Choir brought home a 1st place trophy.

128 Wood Intermediate student musicians traveled to Bradford High School in Kenosha, WI to perform in competition at the Six Flags Great America Music in the Parks Festival. Wood won 7 awards at the competition, including Overall Best Choir. The complete list of awards is as follows:

2018 Overall Best Choir:	Wood 7-8 Grade Men's Choir
First Place Elementary Choir:	Wood 6th Grade Choir
First Place Mixed Overall:	Wood 7-8 Mixed Chorus
First Place Women's Choir Class A:	Wood 7-8 Women's Choir
First Place Mixed Class A:	Wood 7th Grade Choir
Second Place Mixed Class A:	Wood 8th Grade Choir
First Place Men's Choir Class A:	Wood 7-8 Men's Choir

Central High's production, *Next to Normal*, and North High's spring musical, *Les Miserables*, were both honored by the Iowa High School Musical Theatre Awards. Central received awards for Outstanding Overall Performance, Special Recognition for Ensemble and Community Engagement, Special Recognition in a Principal Role by Nichole Maitlen and Jeremy Weinstein, Special Recognition for Stage Management by Sarah Bergthold, Outstanding Lighting Design by Hunter IntVeld, and Outstanding Performance in a Principal Role by Joe Lasher and Peyton Reese. North earned Outstanding Musical Production, Special Recognition for Ensemble, Special Recognition for Performers in a Lead Role for Holden Conner, and Outstanding Performers in a Lead Role by Abby Bastian, Meghann Hall, Emma Saskowski, and Will Snowball.

West High student Cameron White's photograph *Barbed Sunset* was chosen as second runner up in Congressman Dave Loeb'sack's High School Art Contest. Cameron's photo will hang in Congressman Dave Loeb'sack's Davenport Office.

At the Six Flags Great America Music in the Parks Festival, Sudlow Intermediate brought home many awards. Orchestra placed first in their division with a Superior rating, Women's Choir placed first in their division with an Excellent rating, Emily Diekman was voted Best Overall Intermediate Vocalist, and Men's Choir placed first in their division with a Superior rating. Men's Choir also received a trophy for the Best Overall Ensemble.

The following Central High students had an image accepted into the Photography Society of America's 2018 Youth Showcase in Salt Lake City, Utah:

- Shaimaa Nassar for her print image, *Bridge*
- Carly Graham for her print image, *What A Reflection*
- Makayla Smith for her digital image, *Horse And Rider*

At the Iowa State Solo and Ensemble Contest, several DCS students were honored. West High senior Sophia Buckley was awarded Best in Center for her soprano saxophone solo, and junior Carson Kahley was awarded Best in Center for his marimba solo. North High senior Haley Nicholson was awarded Best In Center for her cello solo, and North junior Holden Conner earned a perfect ballot for his vocal solo.

West High senior Courtney Schaeffer received the 1st place award for the 2018 Iowa Junior Duck Stamp Contest in the 10th-12th grade category. In her four years at West, she has received three 1st place awards and a 3rd place award.

Creative Arts Academy (CAA) and Central High (CHS) students participated in the 2018 Iowa Architecture Foundation Contest, and the following students won awards:

- CAA/CHS student Logan DeVore was a winner in the "Snapshot Iowa" Photography Contest.
- CAA's Brooklyn Hall was a Statewide Winner 4th-6th grade in the Architecture by Children Drawing Contest.
- CAA's Kaylee Trice Kay was a Statewide Winner 4th-6th grade in the Architecture by Children Drawing Contest.
- CAA's Ava Perez was named a Southeast Regional Honorable Mention in the Architecture by Children Drawing Contest.

Central High's Alexavier Martin-Diaz was named a finalist in the River of Words Contest for his photograph, *Quad City's Current*.

Central High's Winter Guard competed at the Midwest Color Guard Circuit Championships and was named a Scholastic Regional A finalist and placed 5th in finals.



Davenport Community Schools students and staff won a total of 10 awards at the 41st Annual High School Art Invitational at Quad City Arts. Congratulations to the following:

- Lauren Pearson (CHS) - Juror's Choice Award for Artistic Excellence
- Makayla Smith (CHS) - The Cutting Edge Award sponsored by Cutting Edge Productions
- Aidan Blumentritt (NHS) - The Natural World Award sponsored by Ralph Iaccarino
- Olivia Reynolds (CHS) - Carlos Centroe Award for Excellence
- Alex Kopp (NHS) – Living Lands & Waters Award for use of Recycled Materials, 1st Place
- Katie Melville (NHS) – Quad City Arts' Staff Award, 1st Place
- Lea Grady (CHS) - Hilltop Campus Village Award
- Cody Martens (WHS) - Award for Excellence in Film sponsored by Dphlms
- Charleston Balsar (CAA / CHS) - The Rock Island Art Guild Members' Selection
- Mr. David Schaeffer (NHS) - 1st place Teacher Award

In the 2018 Brand Boeshaar Scholarship Competition, Central High's Isabelle Kern won the William Brand Boeshaar Scholarship and West High's Katie Melville was the recipient of the Don Heggen Memorial Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are for students planning on majoring in art or art education.

West High bands traveled to Florida to compete in the 2018 OrlandoFest Competition, with both the Concert Band and Jazz Band placing 1st in their divisions and Concert Band winning overall Grand Champion.

Several DCS students won awards at this year's Quad City Library & Putnam Museum's Teen Video Contest. Creative Arts Academy student Lily Hessling won the Librarian's Choice & Best How To Prize with her video, *Animal Rights*. Mid City High School students Jade Arnold, Kyla Taylor, Kennedy Covey, and Jess McHugh won Best Unexpected Ending of a Video and Audience Favorite with their stop-motion video, *The Story of Life*.

Central High Blue Illusion Dance Team members Haley Petz, Abby Papke, Allison Wallace, Carmen Vavra, and Alyssa LaRoque made the All-Iowa Honor Dance Team. The students performed with other all-Iowa dancers at half time of the Class 3A state girls' basketball championship game at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

West High's Jazz Band traveled to the University of Northern Iowa to compete in the Tallcorn Jazz Festival, and also to North Liberty High School to compete in the Liberty Jazz Festival. Sophomore Turner Sperry was selected as an outstanding soloist at Tallcorn for his trombone feature *Tall Cotton*, and West's Jazz Band placed 3rd at the Liberty Jazz Festival.

Central Singers, Incorporated — Central High's varsity show choir — wrapped up their competition season by making the finals round at all five competitions, including earning one Grand Champion title. They also won caption awards for Best Vocals, Best Choreography, Best Band (three times), Best Costumes, Best Closer, and Best Spirit. Andrew Oliger was named Best Performer, CJ Parker was named Best Male Soloist, and Peyton Reese was named Best Female Soloist (three times).

Central High students Braden Leon and Cole Foderberg both won Silver Keys in sculpture in the 2018 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. In addition, Rachael Downing, Taryn Hutchersen, Hayden Intveld, Isis Theissen, and Lucas Thompson won Honorable Mention awards.

Central High / Creative Arts Academy student Charleston Balsar had his design selected to be the official poster for the 2018 Mississippi Valley Blues Festival.

125 of our intermediate student musicians were selected for the 2018 Southeast Iowa Honor Choir.

Creative Arts Academy students Destiny Dixon and Jozlynn Ellis won Honorable Mention awards in the Meyer And Frances Shnurman Holocaust Visual Arts Contest. Destiny's artwork is called *Trapped in Trepidation* and Jozlynn's artwork is called *Judgmental Eyes*. The visual art entries were displayed at the Moline Public Library and at the annual Yo Hashoah Remembrance service.

Several Davenport students' art pieces were among the approximately 200 selected to be exhibited in the 2018 Youth Art Month Show at the State Historical Building throughout March. Creative Arts Academy students Frank Bloch, Kiana Carey, and Sydney Park were selected for digital photography; Oliver Klipsch for digital art; Amara Whitfield for ink and graphite; and Veronica Macias, Ava Gronewold, and Ian Swanson for graphite. A piece by Central High junior, Nina Lanciloti, was also selected.

West High hosted Davenport Community Schools students and others from Iowa and Illinois in a portfolio review and hands-on workshop at the first Annual Davenport Art Portfolio Day. Students traveled up to 215 miles to participate in portfolio reviews from ten colleges and live Google Hangouts with current college students around the Midwest. In addition, featured professional artist Rose Frantzen gave an artist's talk, and students attended hands-on clinics in various topics, including on building a resume and digital portfolio, Art All-State applications, and AP Studio Art scores.

West High participated in the IHSMA State Jazz Band Contest, and the Jazz I band received straight Division I ratings from all three of the judges.

North High band students Takiya Wilson Mueller, Sabrina Duran, Annemarie Graham, Hallie Porter, Lauren Marquardt, Amanda Walljasper, Juan Rodriguez, Gavin Dodd, and Jillyan Henning performed in the Augustana Honor Band over the Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend.

Creative Arts Academy 6th grade students launched their own news station this year. Students managed all areas of their broadcast, including running sound and camera, slating, and anchoring. The students used a professional monitor to watch playback and decide which shots looked the best. View their inaugural newscast here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mn81dzbb0VE>

On the weekend of January 20th and 21st, ComedySportz hosted local QC high schools for the inaugural competition of its new High School League at the Establishment Theater. On Saturday the 20th, North High beat out Assumption and Moline to win top honors. On Sunday the 21st, West High won against North and Rock Island to take top honors. Congratulations to both teams for a "Davenport sweep" during the weekend events.

Central High students Anthony Jack and Alexia Moore performed in the 2018 Rose Bowl Parade with the Davenport Iowa Corps, Salvation Army Marching Band.

At the 2017 Quad City Rock Academy Battle of Bands, the band VanderVeer, with Central's Sydney Nelson on guitar and North's Kayla Masakowski on bass and vocals, won the event.

The following students were selected for the Southeast Iowa String Teachers Association Honor Orchestra (\*denotes selected for state-level ISTA)

Central High School

Anna Johns\*, Holland Craig\*, Aron Mitchell, and Cole Mitchell

North High School

Kaley Black, Ashton Snarr\*, Justyus Jackson, Hannah Savely, Zach Ford, Samuel Rosario\*, Emma Saskowski, and Jacob Jett\*

West High School:

Tristan Farmer, Bailey Jones\*, Madison Barham, Madison Shaffer, Madison Cousins, and Turner Sperry\*

Wood Intermediate

Trevor Milne, Sofia Magalhaes, Devonte Westley, Vivian Bonde, Jordan Snarr\*, Landon Freeman\*, Jaydon Williams, Rebekah Riewerts, Jordan Stewart, Ella Alcalá, William Bennett, Alison Boynton, Hope Clark, Evan Collins, Isaiah Guillen, Noah Mooney, Eleanor Obertance, Addisen Peiffer, Kylee Smith, Isaiah Tatum, Collin Weipert, and Marissa Zamora

Walcott Intermediate

Myles White, Gabby Johnson, Hailey McClure, Zeke Cervantes, Avery Conger, Zane Fellman, and Paige Sinksen

Smart Intermediate

Logan Decklar, Grace Follis, Caleb Killing Matthew, Tobias Jones, Conner Alderson, and Aiden Sievers

Williams Intermediate

Emma Peters\*, Kacie Simmonds, Emily Murphy, Arwen Hansen\*, Paige Barber, Kaitlyn Sharp, Owen Foley\*, Taylor Seneli, and Margaret McCollough

38 of our intermediate and high school students were selected for the Southeast Iowa Band Association Honor Band. In addition, four intermediate Band students\* were selected as the best players in their Audition Center, and performed in the All-Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band at the Iowa Bandmasters Conference in Des Moines.

Sudlow Intermediate

Colton Bartels\*, Percussion; Alex Lester\*, French Horn; Danielle Frahm\*, Clarinet; Ethan Belby, Trumpet; Kylen Phillips, Clarinet; Maggie Berger, Clarinet; Mady Dankert, Flute; Katy Mahl, Percussion; MiaJoy Neumeyer, Percussion; and Isaac Trosen, Percussion

Creative Arts Academy / Sudlow Intermediate

Kyle Laake, French Horn

Walcott Intermediate

Gabby Johnson\*, Bass Clarinet; Kamrin Varela, Flute; Kaitlyn Powell, Flute; Zara Fellman, Clarinet; Kamryn Becker, Clarinet; Alaina Lake, Trumpet; and Peyton Flynn, Percussion

Smart Intermediate

Angelina Ewoldt, trombone

Central High

Erin Maxwell, Flute; Joelle Trasoweck, Oboe; Jennifer Mahl, Oboe; Laura Sitz, Bassoon (1st Chair); Emma Berger, Clarinet; Katie Swesey, Bass Clarinet; Hannah Coonfare, Bass Clarinet; Ellis Carlson, Trumpet; John Zaines, Trumpet; Sierra Robinson, Trombone; CJ Parker, Tuba; Anna Thompson, Percussion; and Mackenna Janz, Percussion

West High

Danielle Stevens, Clarinet; William Zogg, Bari Sax (1st Chair); Matt Reis, Tuba (1st chair); Chase Bruns, Percussion; Michael Hill, Percussion; and Sophie Buckley, Alto Sax

Creative Arts Academy seventh-graders helped the German American Heritage Center create a giant advent calendar to greet people arriving in Iowa from Illinois via the Centennial Bridge. The students helped design printed window clings that adhered to the Center's windows, creating the building-sized calendar.

For the 4th consecutive year, the Wood Intermediate Select 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Choirs were invited to sing for the patients, families, and staff of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Wood was the only intermediate choir in the state to be invited.

West High art student Alexis Schutters had her photograph, *Glowing Blue*, selected to be displayed at the Photography Society of America's Fall Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**At the 2017 Festival of Trees Student Art Show, the following students won awards:**

Central High

- Branden Leon won Best in Show with his sculpture titled *Peter Rabbit*. With this award, Branden was given his own art show at Quad City Arts in April of 2018.
- Lauren Pearson, 2nd place in Photography

West High

- Andre Garcia, 1st place in Photography
- John Vernon, 2nd place in Drawing and Painting

North High

- Alexia Ogden, 3rd place in Painting

North and Central High Schools were two of only four schools invited to perform at the 2017 State Thespian Festival. North's JJ Pierce was selected to represent the state of Iowa on the Student Thespian Board (one of only 7 students in the state). Central High students brought home awards in the following individual events:

- Solo Musical: Ajay Williams, 2nd place, and Nichole Maitlen, 3rd place
- Group Musical: Peyton Reese, Jeremy Weinstein, and Joe Lasher received 2nd place
- Technical Centers: Brandon Leon, 2nd place, and Kaylee Bargmann, 3rd place
- Sound Design: Savanna Pickett, 1st place
- Lighting Design: Hunter IntVeld, 1st place
- Monologues: Ajay Williams, 1st place (Ajay was also selected to perform his monologues at the state thespian showcase in front of the entire delegation); Jeremy Weinstein, 2nd place; Sophia Kilburg, 3rd place

Central High's Art Club and National Art Education Association participated in the Davenport Halloween Parade, partnering with Davenport Public Works to create a KISS-themed bus. With their combined efforts the team received 1st place for best Halloween costume.

Creative Arts Academy 8th graders were awarded 1st place honors during the 3rd annual student art contest known as "Graffiti for Good," part of an anti-bullying initiative presented by QC United. Students involved were Jayne Arreola, Frank Bloch, Jr., Megan Crews, Isabelle Critten, Jozlynn Ellis, Sarelle Fredenburg, Ava Gronewold, Rebecca Ostrum, Camryn Platt, Rayne Pyron, Ian Swanson, Jenna VanHoosier, and Patrick Wader.

Central High's Meredith Sloat, Mckenzie Alderson, Julia Houghton, and Destiny Jones were selected to be a part of the Iowa Junior Honors Orchestra in association with the All-State Music Festival in Ames.

**2017 All-State Orchestra Selections**

North High: Shelby Fick and Haley Nicholson

**2017 All-State Band Selections**

West High: Caitlin Bauer, Kersten Kahley, Michaela Sperry, and Chane Eckhardt

North High: Aerianna Trowers

Central High: Sarah Howell

**2017 All-State Choir Selections**

Central High: Audrey Moon, Nichole Maitlen, Joe Lasher, Jeremy Weinstein, Ajay Williams, Peyton Reese and CJ Parker, Sam Saveraid, Anna Winn, Maddi Smith, and Sam Fahrenkrug

North High: Darius Green, Will Snowball, Abby Bastian, Kaitlyn Sparbel, Meghann Hall, Emma Saskowski, and Esme Belzer

West High: Brady Pratt

**2017 OPUS Choir Selections**

Central High: Angela Torres and Meredith Sloat

Walcott Intermediate: Eli Benson, Cory Howard, and Nasaih Kolwey

North High: Jordan Colton, John Glasgow, and Casey Scott

West High: Michael Nguyen and Matt Reis (alternate)

Wood Intermediate: Vivian Bonde, Ella McMahon, Luke Haugen, Trevor Milne, and Angel Taylor

At a marching band contest in Muscatine, Central High's Marching Blue Devils won best drum majors, best percussion, best color guard, best horn-line, 1st place in class 4-A, and were named overall Grand Champions.

West High's Turner Sperry, Bailey Jones, Chane Eckhardt, and Tristen Essex were selected for the Quad City Youth Symphony Orchestra.

7th Grade Creative Arts Academy students were involved in a collaborative project with the German American Heritage Center where students designed their own museum exhibit about toys. Students selected their curatorial areas, including Marketing and Technology; Interactives and Programming; Design; Objectives and Images; and Research and Labels. The 11-week long collaboration culminated in the installation and opening of the German American Heritage Center's Christmas exhibit.

The Central High Marching Blue Devils competed in Ft. Madison and Mt. Pleasant, where they placed 1st in their class at both contests. In Mt. Pleasant they were awarded Best Percussion, Best Horn Line, and Best Drum Majors, and in Ft. Madison they won those three awards plus Best Color Guard.

The North String Quintet performed at the Beaux Arts Fair at the Figge Art Museum, creating a lovely ambience that enhanced the experience for those browsing the art booths. Quintet musicians were Jordan Colton, Kiefer Hammill, Dania Green, Sophia Heller, and Jackson Blubaugh.

Creative Arts Academy students involved in the Joint Initiative for Village Advancement (JIVA) program exchanged art and ideas with girls at the Education Resource Center in the villages of Morra, Madara, and Sakrawas-Rajasthan, India. JIVA, which means "livelihood" or "life" in the local dialect, focuses on improving agricultural productivity, bolstering educational opportunities, and building basic infrastructure to improve the quality of life for the villagers in this area. Students exchanged art with their Indian friends and discussed their holiday traditions and religious ceremonies.

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

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Central High junior Nia Walker was selected as one of 15 state finalists for the 2018 Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award, a program that awards outstanding Iowa teens. Nia's project is titled "Advancement of Minorities in Advanced Placement."

North High students Kylie Cawiezell, Cara Hockett, and Anna Sturmer were identified as finalists in the Iowa High School Press Association's "Emerging Journalist of the Year" competition. This is similar to qualifying for All-State in journalism.

Central High's Battle of the Books teams placed 2nd and 3rd at the Bettendorf Public Library event. Congratulations to Taryn Hutchinson, Nia Walker, Nina Lanciloti, Amelia Balk, Annie Hollonbeck, and Anna Winn.

In the Iowa High School Press Association competition, the following students won awards:

- Central's Banyan DeMarr: Honorable Mention for cover design and news photo
- Central's Shyesha Taylor: Honorable Mention for illustration on social media
- West's Kelly Snawerdt: 3rd place in the column writing
- West's Michael Davis: Honorable Mention in column writing
- West's Aiden Rushing: Honorable Mention in design

McKinley Elementary's Aerielle Johnson, Dylan Moeller, and MacKenzie Schaefer were crowned this year's Davenport Battle of the Books Champions.

Central High yearbook student Abby Lance was named a 2018 Iowa High School Press Association Scholar. This is an academic honor for the state's top journalism students.

Central High's Isabelle Kern and Haley Simpson were selected for the National Scholastic Press Association's 2018 Journalism Honor Roll. The NSPA says, "This achievement recognizes these student journalists for staying focused on their academic career, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, as well as balancing the rigors of being active on your media staff for two or more years. Their dedication to scholastic journalism and academic excellence has earned them this prestigious award."

Creative Arts Academy students Oliver Klipsch and Korina Smith won awards in the Ida Kramer Children and the Holocaust Essay Contest. Oliver won 1st Place with his essay, "A Flame of Hope-The Legacy of Dr. Ralph Troll." Korina won 3rd Place with her essay, "Child of the Holocaust-The Story of Dr. Ralph Troll." Oliver's essay was read during the annual Yom Hashoah – Holocaust Remembrance Service.

At the regional Mock Trial competition, Central High's Jacob Hansen, Nina Lanciloti, Laura Sitz, Meredith Sloat, and Rafe Sullivan were given Outstanding Attorney awards. Students recognized as Outstanding Witnesses were Jacob Hansen, Lucas Teasdale, Drew Thompson, and Jessica Elliott.

At the National History Day district competition at St. Ambrose University, Sudlow 7th grade Honors English students Jacob Fee and Jack Norton won awards. Jacob won an NAACP 1st place award in the Junior Division for his individual exhibit on the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Jack won The Arthur and Rachael Serianz Award for Excellence in the History of Science for his historical paper on Erwin Schrodinger and the Copenhagen Interpretation of Quantum Mechanics.

The West High team of Cassie Wulf, Nick Hayes, Angel Reighard, and Amia Dugan qualified for the Illinois State Destination Imagination Competition this year by placing 3rd in senior level Improv at the Region 3 Creative Problem-Solving Tournament in Pekin, Illinois.

West High's Madison Cousins qualified for the National Speech Association's 2018 National Tournament for her 2nd year in a row in Informative Speaking. In addition, Spencer Fillman and Andrew Lord were selected to represent East Iowa on the World Schools Debate Team.

At the East Iowa District Individual Events Tournament, Central High's Daequan Poole placed 2nd in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, qualifying for the National Speech Association's 2018 National Tournament in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. In addition, Nia Walker made it to district finals in Original Oratory and placed 3rd.

Creative Arts Academy 8th grader Brighton Hall won two Gold Keys (top 5-7% of all entries) and one Silver Key (top 7-10% of all entries) for three poems in the Scholastic Writing Awards. She was invited to the Scholastic Celebration in Three Acts, held at the University of Iowa.

Central High's varsity History Bowl team members Rafe Sullivan, Zeke Wynsma, LaDella Gallagher, Sylvia Cruz, and Drew Thompson were crowned Eastern Iowa Regional History Bowl Champions and qualified for nationals with their effort. Individually, Asher Leveridge placed third in the History Bee competition, LaDella Gallagher qualified for nationals in the U.S. History Exam, and Rafe Sullivan qualified for nationals in the Geography Olympiad.

West High seniors Madison Cousins and Spencer Fillman competed at the Dowling Catholic Paradigm, one of the largest speech and debate tournaments in the area. Students from 13 states and 81 schools participated in the tournament, and Spencer advanced to the final rounds in Spontaneous Speaking (only 1 of 3 Iowa students to do so), where he placed 6th in the tournament.

West High's Alicia Long and Ryne Schroeder were two of 16 iJAG (Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates) students chosen from across Iowa to attend the National Student Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C. While there, they met hundreds of other states' JAG students from across the nation, attended leadership workshops, competed on the national level, met with senators and JAG business partners, and saw our nation's capital.

The Central High speech team competed at the Harold Keller Invitational, earning the following awards:

- Nia Walker took top honors and tournament champ in Original Oratory
- La Della Gallagher placed 9th in Spontaneous Speaking
- Daequan Poole and Alex Richter placed 5th in Varsity Public Forum

West High's Spencer Fillman won 1st place in Congressional Debate at the Bettendorf Bulldog Invitational.

Central High's yearbook staff won a 1st place award in the American Scholastic Press Association yearbook contest, receiving a score of 910/1000. In addition, their *Blackhawk* yearbook received an Award of Distinguished Merit for the 2017 yearbook from the Iowa High School Press Association. At the Association's fall conference, Abby Lance received 3rd place in the contest, and other students won the following individual awards:

- Jack Jurgena and Isabelle Kern received 2nd place for design for the C Term divider.
- Alina Kobal and Isabelle Kern received 3rd place for design for the A Term divider.
- Abby Lance received 3rd place for her photo illustration on the B Term divider.
- The staff received 3rd place for their reader services throughout the yearbook.

North High's yearbook, *Norwica*, earned the Award of Distinguished Merit for Excellence in the Whole Yearbook Contest at the Iowa High School Press Association Fall Conference in Iowa City. In addition, yearbook staff won 10 individual awards.

North High Spanish students Esmee Belzer, Lilian Essex, Alexis Poehls, Mark Rappel, Brik Ridenhour, Logan Anderson and Robert Harley took a two week cultural trip with teacher Mike Van Hulle to Costa Rica. In the first week, students learned about tropical biology, coffee production, and wildlife conservation. In the second week they stayed with individual host families in the town of Tobosi, where there were completely immersed in the Spanish language.

Buchanan Elementary won the 2017 Summer Reading Program trophy for schools with less than 400 students. Buchanan had the highest percentage of students join the Summer Reading Program, and the school was honored by library staff and the Mayor at City Hall.

Central High's 2017 yearbook staff members were inducted into the Walsworth Gallery of Excellence, a showcase of the best yearbooks from the Walsworth Publishing Company. At the Walsworth's Regional Fall Workshop, yearbook students Abby Lance and Tanner Lebs received 1st and 3rd place in their session, respectively, for an on-the-spot design competition. Abby went on to win 1st place overall at the workshop for her design.

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

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West High was named as a finalist for the Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam grant, Mr. Jason Franzenburg was awarded the Lemelson-MIT Excite Teacher honor, and Mr. John Brosius traveled on behalf of West to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for EurekaFest, a professional development seminar.

ProStart culinary arts students assisted celebrity chefs Govind Armstrong and Antonia Lofaso during demonstrations at the National Restaurant Association Food Show at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois.

At the Quad Cities Science and Engineering Council Physics Challenge, the Central High engineering team of Jeff Buck, Nick Vazquez, Sarah Van Liere, Brandon Howell, and Logan Van Itallie designed a cardboard boat for the engineering competition and won the Most Innovative Design Award.

ProStart student Corttany Hayes from West High took part in the American Culinary Federation's Culinary Classic. Her lemon raspberry cheesecake competed against college students' creations, and she finished ahead of several of them.

West High computer programming teams won 1st and 2nd at the Hawkeye Challenge Programming Competition hosted by the University of Iowa Computer Science Department.

Two West High computer programming teams were honored by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds and Major General Tim Orr at the Sans Cyber Security competition. The teams placed 2nd and 5th in Iowa.

Two North High science teams competed in the #Chemistry Olympics at Loras College against 19 other teams. In the Chemistry Knowledge round, North's teams took 1st and 2nd place. The teams finished the day ranked 7th and 11th overall.



Central High's AP Macroeconomics class qualified to compete in the state finals competition in the National Economics Challenge. Team members were Brady Kakert, Nate Kunce, Marty Leyhe, and Hunter Robertson.

West High was recognized at the state level by the Iowa Association of Parks and Recreation for their work locally on the Fejervary Park gateway, Vander Veer Park snowflake lighting, Sunderbruch Park large scale flower sculpture, and other public projects.

At West High, Mr. Brosius's computer science students Andrew Mckenzie, Jimmy Pham Ho, and Rebecca Casad created a game called *Organ Trail*. They designed the game based on the classic game *Oregon Trail*, except you travel through the body in a submarine and shoot viruses to stay alive. Not only did the students learn C# on the project; they collaborated on GitHub, wrote a storyline, and created all of the artwork.

Central High students Rachel Eckert, Sarah Van Liere, Nick Vazquez, and Jackson Richter took 2nd place in the high school division at the Quad Cities Science and Engineering Tech Challenge Series' kickoff event.

West High students competed in a Cyber Security competition on Cryptography, Web Attacks, Forensics, Programming, and Linux. The team of Rebecca Casad, Serafiina Kapanen, Caitlin Bauer, and Grace Shipley placed 2nd out of 100 teams in the state of Iowa, including 38th nationally. The team of Aubrie Schlotfeldt, Cheyenne Jones, and Jaydan Gottsche placed 5th in the state of Iowa.

West High robotics teams #10547 the Mortal Combots and #5466 Combustible Lemons competed in the Iowa FTC Robotics State Championships. The Lemons earned 2nd place in the Motivate Award.

West High's Courtney Schaeffer placed 2nd at the Quad City Science Fair on Saturday at the Putnam Museum. Her project featured an extension of a lab from West's Medical Interventions course on producing a new strain of E. Coli that is resistant to two different types of antibiotics.

West High INSPIRE Computer Science students competed in the Air Force Association's "Cyberpatriot" Competition, and of the 14 teams that competed in Iowa, four teams moved on, three from West. The Cyberpatriot Competition is part of a national youth cyber education program designed to inspire 7th through 12th grade students to pursue careers in cybersecurity and STEM disciplines critical to our nation's future cyber defenses.

The Central High robotics team "The Outlaws" competed in the League Championships, receiving 2nd place in the Connect Award for their community outreach efforts that brought Lego robotics to communities in Guatemala and Haiti.

North High's Science Bowl team of Samuel Rosario, Jacob Hansen, Larry Ferguson, Zach Hirst, and Logan Anderson competed at the Iowa High School Science Bowl in Ames, where they went undefeated in the morning matches and advanced to the double elimination round in the afternoon where they finished in the top 12 teams in the state.

Central High junior Jessica Elliot represented the state of Iowa in The Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Lowell, Massachusetts. During the three-day conference, Jessica listened to Nobel Laureates of National Medal of Science recipients present new findings in cutting-edge scientific research.

Fillmore Elementary fifth-graders participated in the ribbon cutting to open the Health and Wellness Center at Junior Achievement's "Biztown." The center adds another business to the many in Biztown where students spend a day learning hands-on about the world of economics and business.

West High Inspire Capstone class students Hannah Swigart, Jenna Gross, Ryan Campbell, Austin Richards, Clayton Nettleton, Dakota Tello Goossens, and Aaron Gilliland created the West High mobile app to help parents, staff, and students more easily navigate the most used web pages on their mobile devices.

West High's Tyler Malone was crowned the Iowa ABC (Associated Builders and Contractors) State Welding Champion. Additionally, North's Hector Galvan finished 3rd, North's Garrett Pikes finished 5th, and West's Grace Wigal finished in 6th place.

Buchanan Elementary 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders participated in the Hour of Code event on December 6th. This worldwide event is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify computer coding and show that anybody can learn the basics. Volunteers from John Deere once again graciously supported students during their activities.

Seven Central High students in Honors Biology were selected as student delegates to attend the 2017 Upper Mississippi River Conference: Aliza Oxyer, Valentine Chenus, Anne Cunningham, Duncan Copp, Shyisha Hodges, Monifah Ponton, and Hope VanPatten. At the two-day conference, delegates listened to experts on climate change, geology, meteorology, hydrology, engineering, infrastructure, and conservation.

West High's "Mortal Combots" robotics team was part of the Winning Alliance at the West Virginia State Robotics Championship.

8th Grade Digital Photography students from the Creative Arts Academy worked with a Quad City Arts contracted Social Media Consultant to create a Festival of Trees social media campaign. Students interviewed and photographed volunteers, created a digital volunteer wall, and created a time lapse video that documented the progression of the set up.

West High students participated in the Junior Achievement Titan Competition at St. Ambrose University, with a win in the logo competition and West's teams taking 5th and 8th, overall. This is the third time in four years that West has won the marketing logo portion of competition.

North High's Honors Biology classes conducted a case study presentation to a panel of doctors and nurses from Genesis. Students diagnosed a mock patient and created a model to show how normally-functioning systems worked.

Central High's Hope Morgan, Zahria Flake, and Ashja Finley won 2nd place in a Hovercraft Competition at Western Illinois University. Their creation was evaluated on weight lift ability, a glide and spin test, maneuverability, and quality of construction.

## ***Junior ROTC***

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The Army JROTC program was recognized by the American Legion of Iowa for its dedication, patriotism, and service. The Legion presented a check for \$1000 to cadets for their program.

116 student cadets participated in the Army JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa. The diverse curriculum for this summer camp consisted of a physical fitness test, leadership reaction course, a rappel on a 40-foot tower, and many more competitions. Cadet/Lieutenant Colonel Sam Reynolds and Cadet/Corporal Christopher Estes were nominated for Top Cadet at the camp, and Cadet/Major Rebecca VanVooren was selected as Davenport JROTC Top Cadet.

At a drill competition in Des Moines, our Marine Corps JROTC program competed in seven different competitions throughout the day, winning 1st place overall and bringing home a total of nine individual trophies.

The Army JROTC battalion marched in the 32nd annual St. Patrick's Day parade and was awarded Best Youth Group by the St. Patrick's Society for the 8th year in a row.

The Army JROTC marksmanship team with cadets Sam Reynolds, Rebecca VanVooren, Aleah Kossan, Joseph Beard, Anthony Mayuri, and MacKenna Danielson achieved a top 5 team finish in the state at the Iowa State Junior Olympic 3 Position Air Rifle Championships in Des Moines. Individually, Rebecca VanVooren and Joseph Beard received top 10 placements.

The following Army JROTC cadets won awards at the annual Awards Dinner and Ball:

- Rock Island Arsenal Association of The U.S. Army Leadership Award: Louis Nelson
- Daughters of the American Revolution Leader Award: Naomi Puentes
- Warrant Officer award for Citizenship: Zach Douglas
- American Legion Award for Leadership: Rebecca VanVooren
- Reserve Officers Association Award: Ethan Sandoval
- Ed Malec Award for Citizenship: Thomas Yates

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

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Central High students Jack Bevans, La Della Gallagher, Taryn Hutcherson, Isabelle Kern, Hannah King, and Branden Leon created a hallway mural for the Genesis Outpatient Pediatric Therapy Clinic.

North High's 14th Annual 5K "Run, Walk, Stumble, Crawl" raised over \$800 for the Child Life programs at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital.

Hayes 5th grade student Allecia Meraz was recognized by the American Legion for winning 1st Place in the American Flag Essay Contest. Allecia read her essay to a room full of Veterans and did an amazing job.

50 North High Ambassadors and 30 Wood students participated in their annual service project at Riverbend Food Bank, where they helped sort donations and pack boxes with food.

80 seventh graders from Smart Intermediate spent the day with Feed My Starving Children, a non-profit organization that packages and distributes food to people in need in developing countries. Students packed 144 boxes of food, which equals 31,104 meals that will be sent to the countries of Ghana, Cambodia, Kenya, Djibouti, and the Philippines.

Central High's National Honor Society and DC leadership team hosted a mini dance marathon that raised over \$3,000 for Iowa Children's Hospitals.

North High's JOI Club (Junior Optimist International) raised over \$4,000 for Iowa's Children Hospital at their Dance Marathon.

West High students raised nearly \$1000 to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Senior Breeilyn McMahon coordinated the school-wide fundraising efforts.

Mid City High's Iowa Youth Congress members Morgan Kurtz, Maddy Pineo, Lily Bert, Tyler Huntington, Cameron Head, and Jade Arnold attended a "Day of Advocacy" at the State Capitol in Des Moines. While there, they rallied for support of the Mental Health Training program by meeting with more than 20 state legislators and lobbyists.

North High students JJ Pierce, Kelsey Harrell, Esmee Belzer, Isaac Stolmeier, Ian Miller, and Emma Saskowski went to the Iowa State House and Senate in Des Moines during the 5th annual Iowa Arts Advocacy Day to meet with state senators and representatives and promote fine arts programs in schools.

Garfield Elementary student Riley McMahon started an animal food donation drive named "Riley's Heart," a campaign for cat and dog supplies for the Humane Society of Scott County during the Christmas season.

North High teacher Ms. Tangen and her Sports Marketing class, along with help from Business teacher Mr. Verdon, organized a charity week where students raised over \$4,000 to complete a week of activities that included singing holiday songs to residents of local nursing homes, giving blood at the blood drive, making 1,840 sandwiches for area homeless shelters, donating money to Brittney's Gifts and anti-bullying programs for elementary schools, and buying winter clothing for those in need.

During Central High's annual Holiday Dinner Box Project, students and staff put together 65 total boxes of food for families.

At Walcott Intermediate, Ms. Adams' sewing students made and delivered pillow cases to the University of Iowa Children's Hospital to give as Christmas presents.

Children's Village preschoolers at Hayes Elementary celebrated the holiday season by baking and delivering cookies for nearby community members, including city workers, the mail carrier, construction workers, and the nearby hair salon.

Smart Intermediate Choirs performed at a benefit concert hosted by Davenport Chordbusters in Rock Island. The annual holiday concert raised money for the Churches United Food Pantry.

Central High students Emma Berger, Sophie Cornish, Sara Holtam, Neah Howlett, Brady Kakert, Chloe Logsdon, Molly Marsengill, Shamaa Nassr, and Ava Soliz braved the rain, sleet, and wind to pick up trash in local creeks and streams in the City of Davenport Garbage Gobble.

North High's Lady Wildcats basketball team helped out at the Davenport Community Food Pantry, serving 111 families, which fed 432 people, just in time for Thanksgiving.

Truman PTA sponsored a "Change to Make a Change" project this year. Students and staff brought in their spare change, and the funds were used to purchase hygiene item packages for the Davenport Community Food Pantry.

The Davenport West WINGs Girls and adviser Mrs. Iavarone attended the Fearlessly Girls conference, where several West students bravely spoke in front of the audience of 7000 girls who were viewing the event in person and online. Students also enjoyed listening to star tennis player and Quad City native Madison Keys speak about a "Kinder Girl" climate.

**Student Hunger Drive**

West High raised 59,526 pounds of food, which equates to 34.97 pounds per student. West received 2nd place in the Student Hunger Drive Class A.

Central High collected a total of 27,318 pounds of food, averaging 20 pounds per student and an increase of 23.2% from last year's donations.

North High raised more than 11 pounds of food donations per student for a total collection of 12,981 pounds during their Student Hunger Drive, a 15% increase over last year.

Central High's Jack Jurgena was selected to work as an Iowa Legislative Page this school year. Each year the Iowa Senate and House of Representatives employ students like Jack—ambitious high school juniors and seniors of high academic standing—to serve as Pages for the legislative session. During a typical work day, Jack met legislators, delivered documents, and sat in on legislative committee meetings and debate.

North High won the Davenport Public Library's "Food For Fines" program with 1151 cans of food collected to help out with the Student Hunger Drive.

Creative Arts Academy students participated in Vera French's "Unmasking Mental Health" gala event, a masquerade to raise funds for various mental health programs. CAA students created masks for event attendees as part of the theme.

Central High's student council won the Summer High School Blood Drive Challenge, receiving \$250 from the Mississippi Valley Blood Center to be used towards their Student Hunger Drive.

North High's JOI Club volunteered at the Gilda's Club "Noogiefest," a Halloween fun night for the community and families that are going through cancer treatments. Students sponsored a room filled with activities such as a ring toss, spider hunt, and bullseye contest.

Central High's student council won the skit competition at the Quad Cities Student Hunger Drive Kick-off Party. For placing 1st, Central received a head start of 2,000 lbs of food for the hunger drive.

**Students throughout the district raised money for hurricane victims during the fall of 2017:**

- Blue Grass students brought in their pocket change for a week and dropped it in containers marked for their grade level, raising a total of \$1,166.29 for an elementary school in Houston, Texas. 4th grade students Greta Brus, Halle Hansen, Lauren White, and Kila Wink organized the event.
- Adams Elementary's student council held a Fill the Boot fundraiser, raising a total of \$764.90 for classrooms affected by Hurricane Harvey.
- The North High JOI Club, student council, and National Honor Society collected donations and raised money to send to Hurricane victims in Houston. They shipped 6 boxes of donations of personal hygiene items and over \$200 in gift cards to help with school uniform replacement.
- Central High students in Girls Learn International collected \$1100 to benefit the flood victims of Hurricane Harvey, giving their donation to the Houston Food Bank. An astounding 95% of Central's homerooms participated in the fundraiser and over 1000 students donated money to this cause.
- West High's iJAG class collected donations for the hurricane victims of Harvey and Irma, including items such as water, toothpaste, diapers, baby wipes, baby food, feminine products, and pet supplies.

West High's Tyler Williams, Hannah Jones, Chane Eckhardt, Courtney Schaeffer, McKenna Rommel, and Savannah Strunk participated in the National Council on Youth Leadership. Chane was awarded one of the top awards of \$500 and the opportunity to attend the *Town Meeting on Tomorrow* at Washington University in St. Louis.

Central High junior Donna Diggs attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) State Leadership Seminar to learn more about leadership skills and how to apply them as an ethical leader in one's school and community. Donna's performance as a role model at the state level earned her the opportunity to attend the HOBY Worlds Seminar, which took place at Loyola University in Chicago. In addition, Donna was invited to return to serve as a group facilitator and mentor.