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10:30 a.m.

PROCESSIONAL OF STUDENT AND TEACHER HONOREES

City High String Quartet, Iowa City

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Susan Assouline, Director, Belin-Blank Center

Dave Loeb sack, U.S. Congressman

P. Barry Butler, Provost, The University of Iowa

Nicholas Colangelo, Dean, College of Education

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Julius Carter, Law Student, The University of Iowa

Sarah Fisher Gardial, Dean, Tippie College of Business

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Jan Warren, Assistant Director for Student Services, Belin-Blank Center

Laurie Croft, Associate Director for Professional Development, Belin-Blank Center

CLOSING REMARKS

Susan Assouline

The Belin-Blank Center gratefully acknowledges the Jocelyn M. Wallace Endowment for the generous support of the Recognition Ceremony.



Susan G. Assouline is the director of the University of Iowa's Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development, a professor of school psychology, and the Myron and Jacqueline Blank Chair in Gifted Education. She is the co-author of both editions of *Developing Math Talent: A Comprehensive Guide to Math Education for Gifted Students in Elementary and Middle School*. She is also co-developer of the *Iowa Acceleration Scale*, a tool designed to guide educators and parents through decisions about grade-skipping students. She is a leading expert on the decision-making process for acceleration and has consulted on several hundred acceleration cases. Dr. Assouline is a frequent presenter at national and international conferences. In 2015, she co-authored, with Nicholas Colangelo, Joyce Van Tassel-Baska, and Ann Shoplik, *A Nation Empowered: Evidence Trumps the Excuses Holding Back America's Brightest Students*.



Congressman Dave Loebsack, who grew up in poverty and was raised by a single parent, is living proof of how community support can make a difference in people's lives. He faced many challenges but with hard work and help from teachers, friends and mentors he was able to overcome his many hardships. As a result, Dave has dedicated his adult life to helping people find opportunity and hope. Dave is currently serving his fifth term in the United States House of Representatives. He represents Iowa's Second Congressional District which encompasses much of Eastern and Southern Iowa. Since being elected by the Second District, Dave has been a relentless advocate for Iowans, addressing critical issues that are facing hard-working, Iowa families.



P. Barry Butler was appointed executive vice president and provost at the University of Iowa in May 2011. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in aeronautical and astronautical engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He received his doctorate in mechanical engineering, also from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His research is in the area of wind energy optimization and reactive flow analysis and modeling.



Nicholas Colangelo is the Dean of the College of Education at the University of Iowa and Director Emeritus of The Connie Belin & Jacqueline N. Blank International Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development. Dr. Colangelo received the Michael J. Brody Award for Faculty Excellence in Service and the Hancher-Finkbine Medallion for Faculty from The University of Iowa. He received the Ann Isaacs Founder's Memorial Award, presented by the National Association for Gifted Children. In 2013, he received the International Award for Research presented by the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children.



Julius C. Carter was born in Des Moines, IA and is an alumnus of Lincoln High School and the Central Academy. He went on to attend The University of Iowa through the Belin-Blank Center's Iowa Talent Project and received his B.A. with honors in Dance and Performance Theory and a minor in History. Julius earned many scholarships along the way, most notably the Iowa Department of Dance Enrichment Scholarship, The TJ Meyers Memorial Scholarship, and the David L. Sealy Dance Scholarship. After graduation, Mr. Carter embarked on an acting career. His credits include *On the Town* and *Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark* (Broadway); *Movin' Out* and *The Color Purple* (Broadway National Tours); and *Public Enemies* (movie), *Smash* (NBC), and *Orange is the New Black* season 3 (Netflix). Mr. Carter has returned to Iowa City as a JD Candidate at the University of Iowa College of Law.



Sarah Fisher Gardial was named dean of the Henry B. Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa in 2012. Previously, she was the Beaman Professor of Business at the University of Tennessee where her leadership roles included Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, as well as Assistant and Associate Dean for the College of Business Administration. Throughout her academic career, she has been the recipient of several teaching awards, and she has published on the topic of customer value and satisfaction, including her book, "Know Your Customer." She is a frequent public speaker for academic, corporate, and non-profit organizations, and she has worked with a variety of companies, including Procter and Gamble and Frito-Lay. She earned her undergraduate and MBA degrees from the University of Arkansas and her doctorate in Marketing from the University of Houston.



Jan Warren is the Assistant Director for Student Services at the Belin-Blank Center. She received her Bachelor of Music Education from Michigan State University (Honors) and Master of Arts in Counselor Education, specializing in College Student Development, from the University of Iowa. She has been with the Center since 1995 and oversees student programming and services.



Laurie Croft is the Associate Director for Professional Development at the Belin-Blank Center. She received her Bachelor of Arts (Honors) and Master of Arts degrees, both in History, from Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma, respectively. She earned her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership at the University of Tulsa, emphasizing gifted programming.

AWARDEE PROGRAMS



The **Belin-Blank Exceptional Student Talent Search (BESTS)** is an opportunity for students to take part in an enjoyable and stimulating experience to learn more about their academic strengths. It is also a chance for parents and educators to discover the level of academic challenge appropriate for their students. Qualifying students in grades 4–6 take a two-hour test, EXPLORE®, which is a test designed for eighth graders, and students in grades 7–9 take the ACT®, a college-entrance exam.



The **Junior Science & Humanities Symposium** promotes original research and experimentation in the sciences, engineering, and mathematics at the high school level, and publicly recognizes students for outstanding achievement. Iowa high school students interested in STEM studies can participate, either as presenters or as student delegates.



The **Blank Summer Institute** is a one-week summer scholarship program for 130 of Iowa's gifted students who are in grades 7 and 8. The Institute provides exceptionally talented students with an intensive and advanced educational experience designed to enhance their intellectual and social growth.



The **Scholastic Art & Writing Awards** has an impressive legacy dating back to 1923. Over the years, the Awards have grown to become the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S., and the nation's largest source of scholarships for creative young artists and writers. Jurors are instructed to select artwork that excels in 1) Originality 2) Technical Skill and 3) Emergence of a personal vision or voice.



The **Secondary Student Training Program** is a five-week residential summer research program at The University of Iowa. Students conduct scientific research in university laboratories under the guidance of a faculty mentor for forty hours a week. This program offers students unique experiences, both academically and socially. Students also produce a research project/paper as a part of the program.



The **Iowa AP Index** is an indicator of Advanced Placement (AP®) opportunities for Iowa students. The Index recognizes accredited public and non-public Iowa high schools for providing AP opportunities and applauds students for their willingness to step up to the academic challenge.

Each student selected to attend the Recognition Ceremony is invited to name one educator who has had a profound impact on them to be recognized at the ceremony. The **Educator Honoree** may be a classroom teacher, an instructor outside the school, a private lesson instructor, or another who has positively influenced the student.

STUDENT HONOREES

ACT

Noah Boquet, Grundy Center, IA
Natalie Chartier, Des Moines, IA
Ethan Chen, Coralville, IA
Aarushi Dervesh, Clive, IA
Evan Flitz, Coralville, IA
Jacob Frieden, Mason City, IA
Isabella Holland, Davenport, IA
Collin Kepner, Ottumwa, IA
Forrest Laprade, Des Moines, IA
Emily Larson, Geneva, IL
Grace Long, Sheldahl, IA
Dhruv Manik, Sebring, FL
Grant Meiners, Dedham, IA
Marie Ohlinger, Portsmouth, IA
Aidan Pearl, West Des Moines, IA
Gracie Rechkemmer,
North Liberty, IA
Darrell Smith, West Des Moines, IA
Bethany Spencer, Pella, IA
Cade Stine-Smith, De Soto, IA
Royce Thompson, Seville, FL
Kathryn Wittrock, Urbandale, IA

BSI

Sauda Abdullahi, Des Moines, IA
Casey Abfalter-Dial, Keokuk, IA
Chiara Affatigato, Cedar Rapids, IA
Kelly Anzola, Davenport, IA
Emma Barton-Norris, Cedar Rapids, IA
Olivia Benda, Iowa City, IA
Louise Bequeaith, Des Moines, IA
Samuel Berg, Des Moines, IA
Lucas Bleyle, Ames, IA
Anna Brandt, Iowa City, IA
Emma Brown, Adel, IA
Caroline Christophersen,
Bettendorf, IA
Samantha Clark, Dubuque, IA
Spencer Clark, Bettendorf, IA
Alexandria Coffman, Ames, IA
Jacob Conley, Mount Vernon, IA
Moriah Conner, Ames, IA
William Conrad, Coralville, IA
Phillip Cooper-Ohm,
Council Bluffs, IA
Meggan Crampton, Dubuque, IA
Abigail Croushore, Adel, IA
Nicolae Curtu, Iowa City, IA
Frances Dai, Iowa City, IA
Elizabeth Davis, North Liberty, IA
Clayton Davis, Des Moines, IA
Elaina Dawley, Marshalltown, IA
Emma Deshazier, Asbury, IA
Anjali Dhawan, Grimes, IA
Philip Dunlap, Keokuk, IA
Thomas Earls, Allerton, IA

Samuel Estrada, Marshalltown, IA
Gabrielle Finlayson, Iowa City, IA
Mya Fisher, Des Moines, IA
Wen Fisher, Des Moines, IA
Alexandra Foley, Davenport, IA
Olivia Fransen, Dubuque, IA
Caylee Fuqua, Ames, IA
Kate Goodvin, Iowa City, IA
Lydia Grawe, Ames, IA
Rachel Green, De Witt, IA
Nate Greer, Urbandale, IA
Maya Griebel, Adel, IA
Ruthie Gustason, Marion, IA
Amelia Harvey-Harahap,
Sioux City, IA
Aida Haselman, Des Moines, IA
Nicholas Hein, Iowa City, IA
William Henrichsen, Des Moines, IA
Benjamin Hermiston, Sherrill, IA
Christine Hilario, Cedar Rapids, IA
Eleanor Hildebrandt, Des Moines, IA
Grace Hilscher, Urbandale, IA
Noah Hoag, De Witt, IA
Edina Hodza, Des Moines, IA
Joseph Hoffman, Urbandale, IA
Ronald Hrubetz, Stuart, IA
Anjali Huynh, Iowa City, IA
Miguel Jacobo, Cedar Rapids, IA
Cael Joens, Cedar Rapids, IA
Hannah Johnson, Spencer, IA
Krisha Keeran, Cedar Falls, IA
Evan Kilstrom, Bettendorf, IA
David Kim, Ames, IA
Hunter Kimpston, Clive, IA
Ellie Klop, Des Moines, IA
Paige Kolk, Waukee, IA
Hannah Kramer, Sherrill, IA
McKenzie Kroll, Urbandale, IA
Mira Kumar, Iowa City, IA
Emma Lassen, Cedar Rapids, IA
Duncan Law, Council Bluffs, IA
Hana Lee, Ames, IA
Karson Lee, Grimes, IA
Gretchen Lenth, Welton, IA
Catherine Lewin, Des Moines, IA
Gary Li, Grimes, IA
Yong Jie Lin, Cedar Rapids, IA
Clara Lindner, De Witt, IA
Gillian Lindstrom, LeClaire, IA
Stanley Liu, Cedar Rapids, IA
Hope Livermore, Menlo, IA
Mitchell Majure, Des Moines, IA
Madelyn Malone, Adel, IA
Julie-Michelle Manohar, Ames, IA
Gary McCall, Des Moines, IA
Gentry McEwen, De Witt, IA
Sidney Michel, Baldwin, IA
Claire Mikkelsen, Adel, IA
Vaughn Miller, Adel, IA
Rahul Modukuri, Dubuque, IA

Madeline Moody, Des Moines, IA
Aidan Moran, Des Moines, IA
Katarina Murray, Iowa City, IA
Nisha Nanda, Cedar Rapids, IA
Phoebe Niemuth, Cedar Rapids, IA
Brandon Nolin, Spencer, IA
Natalie Novak, Cedar Rapids, IA
Chloe O'Connor,
Windsor Heights, IA
Susannah Olsen, Keokuk, IA
Anand Patel, Urbandale, IA
Caleb Perreard, Sherrill, IA
Devika Pharasai, Fairfield, IA
Paxson Picken, Johnston, IA
Ian Prescott, Iowa City, IA
Cameron Primeau, Des Moines, IA
Jane Ragland, Marshalltown, IA
Kassidy Rashid, Burlington, IA
Emma Reese, Des Moines, IA
Liam Reinier, Runnells, IA
Mya Reyhons, Ely, IA
John Rolfes, West Des Moines, IA
Stella Roseburrough-Borras,
Marshalltown, IA
Emma Runestad, Boone, IA
Jared Seyer, Dubuque, IA
Yangtian Shangguan, Iowa City, IA
Grace Sharpless, Iowa City, IA
Laura Shook, Hiawatha, IA
Aidan Shorey, Sioux City, IA
Sarah Smith, Des Moines, IA
Carley Spading, North Liberty, IA
Ethan Spires, Dubuque, IA
Ferdinand Spring, Dubuque, IA
Nicholas Stilwell, Iowa City, IA
Mary Thomas, Clive, IA
Quinn Thomas, Coralville, IA
Devyn Thompson, Urbandale, IA
Ashley Tibbs, Waukee, IA
Zoe Trager, Council Bluffs, IA
Varun Vedula, Bettendorf, IA
Derek Veltstra, Sherrill, IA
Rishab Verma, Bettendorf, IA
Sloan Vry, Marshalltown, IA
Grace Walker, Cedar Rapids, IA
Sarah Warner, Bettendorf, IA
Kelby Watt, Adel, IA
Sophie White, Hamburg, IA
Katelyn Winkler, Johnston, IA
Alex Wolter, Keokuk, IA
Cael Woltmann, Council Bluffs, IA
Roban Worrick, De Witt, IA

EXPLORE

Daniela Adams-Valenzuela, Ames, IA
William Alexander, Arnolds Park, IA
Veda Amalkar, West Des Moines, IA
Tarun Annavajjula, Bettendorf, IA
Devin Armstead, Vincent, IA

Emily Ball, Urbandale, IA
Nina Barcelona, La Grange, IL
Lauren Bare, Spencer, IA
Margaux Basart, Clive, IA
Miranda Basart, Clive, IA
Isabel Beekman, Fort Dodge, IA
Megan Birler, Polk City, IA
Pierce Blazek, West Des Moines, IA
Grant Bohls, Mason City, IA
Samuel Boonstra, Urbandale, IA
Jacob Braddy, Council Bluffs, IA
Bailey Christensen,
Council Bluffs, IA
Campbell Christy, Urbandale, IA
Andreas Collet, Des Moines, IA
Zane Collett, Council Bluffs, IA
Delaney Conrad, Gowrie, IA
William Contine, Carson City, NV
Allison Cook, West Des Moines, IA
Will Crane, Spencer, IA
Carson Cupp, Polk City, IA
William Custis, Des Moines, IA
Arabella Darby, Cupertino, CA
Jakob Delong, Norwalk, IA
Alexa Derhammer, Muscatine, IA
Heidi Du, Iowa City, IA
Bridget Duncklee, Waukon, IA
Wyatt Eason, Ankeny, IA
Zane Eason, Ankeny, IA
Kaitlyn Easterday, La Grange, IL
Kayleigh Edmonds, Nevada, IA
Piper Elliott, Reno, NV
Mia Facio, Ames, IA
Justin Ferguson, Reno, NV
Martha Fey, Davenport, IA
Madeline Fialkov, Des Moines, IA
Erika Filter, Saint George, UT
Daniel Fitch, Council Bluffs, IA
Ella Fornero-Green, Rapids City, IL
Mallory Fynaardt, West Des Moines, IA
Peyton Galt, Ames, IA
Nathan Geater, Ames, IA
Katelyn Goldsmith,
Vineyard Haven, MA
Nathan Gonet, Big Bear Lake, CA
Caleb Grawe, Ames, IA
Elaine Greer, West Des Moines, IA
Fredrick Grunenwald, Ames, IA
Claire Gu, West Des Moines, IA
Talia Guzman, Sparks, NV
Samantha Hasegawa, Reno, NV
Andrew Hedrick,
West Des Moines, IA
Grace Heiden, Nevada, IA
Grace Helle, Solon, IA
Carson Helleur, Fremont, IA
Fergal Hennessy, Ames, IA
Molly Higgins, Council Bluffs, IA
Hunter Hoffman, Neola, IA
Kyle Holmes, Grand Mound, IA

Benjamin Huegerich, Johnston, IA
Mallika Huynh, Iowa City, IA
Delaney Jarrett, Reno, NV
Natalie Jepsen, Polk City, IA
David Jiang, Ames, IA
Catherine Judy, La Grange, IL
Gabriela Juist, West Des Moines, IA
Dorothy Junginger,
West Des Moines, IA
Eliot Jurgensen, Ames, IA
Connor Kachmarik, La Grange, IL
Dipin Kapila, Sparks, NV
Quinn Kelly, West Des Moines, IA
Shirlin Kingston, Ames, IA
Jude Koenig, Truckee, CA
Henry Korver, Reno, NV
Cassandra Larsen, Muscatine, IA
Yunjae Lee, Ames, IA
Sarah Lennon, Ames, IA
Dimitri Lin, Arcadia, CA
Joseph Lindholm, Clive, IA
Michelle Liu, Fremont, CA
Blaze Lo, Badger, IA
Atlas Loutfi, DPO, AP
Griffin Lovato, Reno, NV
Noah Mack, Urbandale, IA
Douglas Magruder, Winter Park, FL
Harshavardhini Manivannan,
Reno, NV
Humza Maqsood, Ames, IA
Hallee Maulsby, Rockwell City, IA
Ryan McAllister, La Grange Park, IL
Jenna McLaughlin, Muscatine, IA
Alice Meng, Iowa City, IA
Kyle Merfeld, Des Moines, IA
Gavin Mitchell, Clive, IA
Maya Monk, Polk, IA
Arvind Murty, Reno, NV
Grace Nelson, Ames, IA
Sela Newman, West Chester, PA
Ha Nguyen, Ames, IA
Zeynep Oghan, Ames, IA
Charles O'Neill, La Grange, IL
Shiva Oswal, Cupertino, CA
Sofiya Palasyuk, Ames, IA
Wellesley Papagni, Boca Raton, FL
Aayan Patel, Reno, NV
Spencer Paulsen, Clive, IA
Emily Peters, Ames, IA
James Pflaging, Menlo Park, CA
Matthew Pflaging, Menlo Park, CA
Michael Pflaging, Menlo Park, CA
Madeline Phelps, Reno, NV
Caitriona Pluckhahn, Marion, IA
Hannah Reckemmer,
North Liberty, IA
Nathan Rethwisch, Fort Dodge, IA
Nicholas Rhoads, Des Moines, IA
Kaitlyn Rouse, Reno, NV
Courtney Rouse, Reno, NV
Mia Schraith, Orinda, CA

Risha Shetye, West Des Moines, IA
Kaiwen Song, Ames, IA
Bianca Sponseller, Nevada, IA
Nathaniel Spratford, La Grange, IL
Sanjay Stanley, Ames, IA
Whitney Stanley, Johnston, IA
Lillian Teitle, Bettendorf, IA
Steven Tian, Ames, IA
Autumn Tiedens, Polk City, IA
Ramona Tobey, Reno, NV
Justin Toth, Clive, IA
Vincent Van Asdale, Reno, NV
Elizabeth Vanes, Sioux Center, IA
Jackson Viertel, Dubuque, IA
Caleb Wagner, Dubuque, IA
Leyton Wahl, Ames, IA
Charles Waldren, Eddyville, IA
Bailey Walke, West Des Moines, IA
Caitlin Weber, Council Bluffs, IA
Jessica Wei, Reno, NV
Maya Weiss, Oakland, CA
Audrey Wiegand, Drakesville, IA
Olivia Wiench, Ames, IA
Lauren Wingert, Ames, IA
Katie Woodward, Muscatine, IA
Erin Yoon, Ames, IA
Anyang Yu, Ames, IA
Erin Zeka, Fort Dodge, IA
Alysa Zhou, Ankeny, IA
Maya Ziegenhorn, Letts, IA
Aharon Zingman, Iowa City, IA

JSHS

Kortney Banks, Keosauqua, IA
Kelsey Bryant, Donnellson, IA
Micaela Bryant, Donnellson, IA
Lily Fuger, Donnellson, IA
Katelyn Goldsmith, Earlville, IA
Natalie Gregerson,
Cedar Rapids, IA
Priya Khanolkar, Keokuk, IA
Vineel Mallavarapu, Cedar Falls, IA
Rachel Mehmert, West Point, IA
Isaac Moeller, Donnellson, IA
Nathan Schmidt, Waterloo, IA
Hannah Sprouse, Selma, IA
Arun Velamuri, West Des Moines, IA
Abigail Walling, Iowa City, IA
Samantha West, Keokuk, IA
Aaron Wills, Donnellson, IA
Kaylie Wilson, Donnellson, IA

SCHOLASTIC

Meitav Aaron, Chicago, IL
Eli Adams, Crystal Lake, IL
Tania Aho, West Chester, OH
Celeste Albright, Niles, IL
Katharine Andrew, Skokie, IL

Jill Baer, Lawrence, KS
Talah Bakdash, Wichita, KS
Gabriel Barnes, Kansas City, MO
Benjamin Bear, Rockford, IL
Jillian Beauford, Saint Joseph, MO
Maria Bell, Oak Grove, MN
Hannah Benson, Columbus, OH
Anna Bergson, Skokie, IL
Cassandra Bertolini, Suamico, WI
Sasha Betzer, Olathe, KS
Madeleine Bevan,
Round Lake Beach, IL
Kari Blackburn, Chicago, IL
Austin Bland, Olathe, KS
Ryan Bonate, Libertyville, IL
Ruth Borgwardt, Chicago, IL
Iuliia Boyarskiy, Vernon Hills, IL
Lissette Bustamante, Chicago, IL
Spencer Butler, Louisiana, MO
Alicia Caffero, Libertyville, IL
Matthew Candelario, Chicago, IL
Elvia Carreon, Chicago, IL
Taylor Cayton, Saint Joseph, MO
Zoe Cheng, Cincinnati, OH
Chin-li Chew, Carl Junction, MO
Chloe Chung, Shawnee Mission, KS
Tamea Clark, Freeport, IL
Sophie Coats, Interlochen, MI
Abbey Crawford, Overland Park, KS
Mackenzie Cross, Leavenworth, KS
Alexa Curnutte, Jackson Springs, NC
Katy Daiber, Highland, IL
Meghna Datta, Verona, WI
Daniel Day, Vernon Hills, IL
Emma Depp, Kansas City, MO
Cat Derosse, Kansas City, MO
Domenico Dimare, Fairway, KS
Sara Doane, Fairway, KS
Nick Dowling, Parkville, MO
Arminda Downey-Mavromatis,
Gurnee, IL
Audrey Drotos, Saint Joseph, MI
Sarah Druhan, Columbus, OH
Courtney Duchene, Moorhead, MN
Eva Durance, Chicago, IL
Sam Dykes, Lawrence, KS
Allysia Ealley, Saint Joseph, MO
Eric Elia, Hoffman Estates, IL
Sophie Emery, Lake Bluff, IL
Allison Ernst, Kansas City, MO
Andrew Fairbanks, Livonia, MI
Allie Fischer, Lawrence, KS
Lauren Fisher, Milford, OH
Katharina Flocke, Chicago, IL
Oriana Flores, Chicago, IL
Wendy Flores, Rockford, IL
Jack Fossett, Cincinnati, OH
Katherine Fournier, Saginaw, MI
Emma Fredrickson, Rockford, IL
Meg Fridley, Jackson, MO
Nina Friesen, Lawrence, KS

Jia Fu, Leawood, KS
Bennett Fuhrman, Libertyville, IL
Leah Gaus, Gahanna, OH
Lamar Gayles, Chicago, IL
Hailey Gilbreath, Carl Junction, MO
Katelyn Gilland, Kansas City, MO
Taylor Gorsuch, Rockford, IL
Mollie Greenberg, Yellow Springs, OH
Francesca Guinta, Skokie, IL
Jannet Habibovic, Chicago, IL
Sarah Hall, Libertyville, IL
Shannon Hallstein, Rockford, IL
Chelsea Han, Lake Zurich, IL
Matt Harmon, Royal Oak, MI
Danielle Harris, Skokie, IL
Matthew Hauser, Kansas City, MO
Delaney Heisterkamp, Lake Zurich, IL
Katie Hibner, Mason, OH
Margaret Hodson, West Chester, OH
Jinny Hong, Lake Forest, IL
Maung Htay, Chicago, IL
Brittany Huang, Northbrook, IL
Julia Huff, Leawood, KS
Tiffany Hughey, Lees Summit, MO
Richard Hwang, Athens, OH
Christopher Inthavong, Chicago, IL
Rachel Jacobson, Vernon Hills, IL
Emily Johnson, Saint Joseph, MI
Julie Johnson, Hebron, NE
Claire Johnston, Traverse City, MI
Lily Jones, Evanston, IL
Joshua Jordan, Merrill, MI
Melanie Juarez, Skokie, IL
Emalen Keeling, Kansas City, MO
Ellen Kenston, Libertyville, IL
Maura Kessler, Kansas City, MO
Aisha Khan, Morton Grove, IL
Cara Kirkpatrick, Cincinnati, OH
Callie Kleinke, Hawthorn Woods, IL
Julia Koldobskiy, Columbia, MO
Jennifer Kong, Lake Forest, IL
Emi Kopke, Lake Zurich, IL
Trevor Kory, Glenview, IL
Laurel Kraus, Clinton Township, MI
Amrita Krishnan, Wilmette, IL
Jessica Kropveld, Skokie, IL
Vahni Kurra, Columbus, OH
Paulina Kwik, Chicago, IL
Ethan Lane, Lake Zurich, IL
Erica Langan, Cincinnati, OH
Amanda Lay, Skokie, IL
Betsy Lehr, Gladstone, MO
Ricky Leme, Lake Forest, IL
Karena Lief, Interlochen, MI
Natalie Liening,
Grosse Pointe Park, MI
Julia Liggett, Dayton, OH
Mimi Lipman, Chicago, IL
Katherine Liu, Lincolnshire, IL
Elisa Lopez, Minneapolis, MN
Veronica Loskutova, Kansas City, MO

Clayton Lundgren, Kansas City, MO
Sean Lynch, Omaha, NE
Ian Machuca, Chicago, IL
Jason Macmillan, Leawood, KS
Lisa Maeda, Overland Park, KS
Jayne Mai, Lake Forest, IL
Apoorva Malarvannan,
Apple Valley, MN
Sonja Malek, Skokie, IL
Alison Maniace, Columbus, OH
Ashlyn Marbry, Kansas City, MO
Weronika Markowska, Lake Zurich, IL
Rachel Marks, Freeport, IL
Jordan Martin, Dayton, OH
Caroline Masseur, Leawood, KS
Inga Mazur, Morton Grove, IL
Lucero McDonald, Chicago, IL
Kayla McGinnis, Tiffin, OH
Casey McGinnis, Lake Zurich, IL
Isaac McKeever, Chicago, IL
Uriah McKinney, Chicago, IL
Elizabeth Medel, Chicago, IL
Abby Meyer, Green Oaks, IL
Neha Middela, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Sylvan Mitchell, Baldwin City, KS
Kearston Mohny, Lawrence, KS
Christopher Molina, Chicago, IL
Rosalee Moncman, Saginaw, MI
Tayler Mores, Green Oaks, IL
Maddy Mueller, Columbia, MO
Rachel Muhl, Slinger, WI
Raquel Myers, Chicago, IL
Rebecca Nelson, Lincolnshire, IL
Nicole Nienow, Skokie, IL
Jenna Nimer, Tinley Park, IL
Fiori Note, Morton Grove, IL
Katie Novak, Park Ridge, IL
Jeonghyon Oh, Inverness, IL
Amy O'Leary, Mission Hills, KS
Mintra Omsin, Niles, IL
Grant Pace, Parkville, MO
Lauren Pankin,
Grosse Pointe Park, MI
Angelica Parker, Interlochen, MI
Shae Patrick, Carl Junction, MO
Abigail Peters, Libertyville, IL
Megan Peterson, Rockford, IL
Chau Pham, Rockford, IL
Rachel Pierstorff, Minnetonka, MN
Aidan Piper, Chicago, IL
Anna Pittinos, Beulah, MI
Kelly Popper, Park Ridge, IL
Chase Pottinger, Rockford, IL
Lisa Qian, Ann Arbor, MI
Katherine Qiao, Troy, MI
Abdullah Quick, Chicago, IL
Kellie Rankey, Bay City, MI
Taylor Rebor, Chicago, IL
Emmalee Reed, Olathe, KS
Mackenzie Renihan, Vernon Hills, IL

Andrea Reyes, Chicago, IL
Laura Ribeiro, Carol Stream, IL
Alex Roberts, Overland Park, KS
Haley Roeder, Leawood, KS
Kristina Rogers,
Grosse Pointe Park, MI
Samantha Rossell, Bridgeport, MI
Ryan Ruocco, Naperville, IL
Julia Rush, Woodridge, IL
Pippa Russell, Gurnee, IL
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- training opportunities for pre-doctoral and post-doctoral students in school, counseling, and clinical psychology.
- research, which has broadened our understanding of gifted students with learning and/or social emotional difficulties.

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 - find answers to many questions about acceleration, hear personal stories of acceleration, read annotated bibliographies, compare the acceleration policies in various states, and view the results of the Iowa AP Index.
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- opportunity for students who are academically ready to excel in their college studies.
 - community for bright and motivated young scholars.
 - support and guidance from the professional staff of the Belin-Blank Center.
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