BELIN-BLANK CENTER RECOGNITION CEREMONY
Iowa Memorial Union
The University of Iowa

Sunday, September 30, 2018

PROCESSIONAL OF STUDENT AND TEACHER HONOREES
City High String Quartet, Iowa City

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
Susan Assouline, Director, Belin-Blank Center
Bruce Harreld, President, The University of Iowa
Dan Clay, Dean, College of Education
Avery Bang, President & CEO, Bridges to Prosperity

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES
Bret Ulery, Graduate, The University of Iowa
Steve McGuire, Director, School of Art & Art History

SPECIAL RECOGNITION
Bret Ulery, Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievement
Jane Clowser, Educator Award for Outstanding Achievement
Muscatine Community School District, School of Distinction

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 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*.

**Bruce Harreld** became the 21st president of the University of Iowa on November 2, 2015. He received a Bachelor of Engineering degree from Purdue University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University. President Harreld served on the faculty of Harvard Business School from 2008–2014, with dual appointments to the entrepreneurial and strategy units. President Harreld has also served as a consultant on leadership, organic growth, and strategic renewal.

**Dan Clay** became the dean of the University of Iowa College of Education on July 1, 2016. Prior to this, Dan served as the dean of the University of Missouri College of Education since 2010. Dan served as a faculty member in the UI College of Education’s counseling psychology program from 1997 to 2006. Dan earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota; a Master of Arts in educational and counseling psychology from the University of Missouri; and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Missouri. He also received an M.B.A. from the University of Missouri Trulaske College of Business.

**Avery Bang** is the President and CEO of Bridges to Prosperity (B2P), a nonprofit social enterprise providing isolated communities with access to essential health care, education and economic opportunities by building footbridges to connect the rural last mile. Under her leadership, B2P has connected nearly one million people around the world. Avery was named one of the world’s top 25 most newsworthy engineers by *Engineering News Record* (ENR), and was selected as one of American Society of Civil Engineers top ten engineers under 30. Avery is a Distinguished Young Alumni of The University of Iowa and The University of Colorado at Boulder, and received an honorary doctorate degree from Clarkson University. She completed a M.B.A at Said Business School at the University of Oxford.

**Bret Ulery** is an assistant professor in Chemical Engineering at the University of Missouri. He entered the University of Iowa through the Belin-Blank Center’s NAASE program (now known as the Bucksbaum Academy). He received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree in chemical engineering and a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry from Iowa in 2006. In 2010, he earned his doctorate in chemical engineering from Iowa State University. Subsequently, he spent two years conducting post-doctoral research at the University of Connecticut Health Center and another two years at the University of Chicago before joining the MU faculty.

**Steve McGuire** received an M.A. in sculpture and a Ph.D. in art teaching and learning from the UI and has been part of the faculty since 1988. In addition to serving as director in the School of Art and Art History, McGuire is a professor of metal arts and 3-D design. He also heads the UI’s renowned Hand-Built Bicycle Program, a first of its kind handmade bicycle curriculum that has received national and international recognition.

**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 and a clinical professor in Teaching and Learning. She received her Bachelor of Arts (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.

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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 took a two-hour test, I-Excel, designed for eighth graders; students in grades 7–9 took 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.

Invent Iowa is a comprehensive, statewide program developed to assist Iowa’s educators in promoting the invention process as part of their regular K–12 curricula. The culminating invention experience for Iowa students is the Invent Iowa State Invention Convention.

The Perry Research Scholars Institute (PRSI) is a two-week residential summer program that allows students to experience first-hand the wide variety of research that takes place at a research intensive university. The 18 students in grades 8-10 spent their days with experts in seminars, on research tours, and learning hands-on research techniques.

The Summer Art Residency/Summer Writing Residency identifies the most talented teenage artists and writers from across the country and brings them to campus for three intensive weeks participating in classes, workshops, evening tours, lectures and events. Students work with world-class faculty on one of the premier arts campuses in the US. The Residencies concluded with an Art & Writing Showcase that displayed the student’s works and celebrated their accomplishments.

The Secondary Student Training Program is a five-week residential summer research program at the University of Iowa. Students conduct 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 and paper as a part of the program.

The STEM Excellence and Leadership program aims to empower academically able students from rural schools. The goal is to discover students early and provide an intervention of specialized programming to promote their academic and social-emotional development. Students were awarded scholarships to attend the Junior Scholars Institute (JSI), a week-long summer residential program.

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
William Alexander, Arnoldos Park, IA
Veda Ammalkar, West Des Moines, IA
Tim Ascher, Jr., Spirit Lake, IA
Emily Ball, Urbandale, IA
Megan Birler, Polk City, IA
Grant Bohls, Mason City, IA
Seowon Chang, Venetia, PA
William Chen, Coralville, IA
Nathan Deyak, Iowa City, IA
Una Dukle, West Des Moines, IA
Wyatt Eason, Ankeny, IA
Zane Eason, Ankeny, IA
Cael Elmore, Clive, IA
Aidan Hamner, Bettendorf, IA
Gabriel Jesse, LaPorte City, IA
Ashna Karia, Cedar Rapids, IA
Truman Koehler, Belleview, NE
Carly Kuhse, Adel, IA
Carter Lambert, Arnoldos Park, IA
Beckett LaPrade, Des Moines, IA
Meryl Liu, Port Orange, FL
Blaze Lo, Fort Dodge, IA
Andy Luo, Iowa City, IA
Matthew Monroe, Ormond Beach, FL
Jack Moriarty, Waukee, IA
Eli Newland, Cumming, IA
Allison Nolan, Spencer, IA
Aiden Orth, Ankeny, IA
Lauren Pattermann, Council Bluffs, IA
Derek Peng, Marshalltown, IA
Emily Poag, Ames, IA
Yousuf Qaum, Hagerstown, MD
Anna Ramsey, Iowa City, IA
Jason Renze, Madrid, IA
Nicholas Rhoads, Des Moines, IA
Margaret Roberts, Burbank, CA
Bennett Schliesser, Belleview, NE
Ethan Seibert, Port Orange, FL
Elenor Smith, Saint Paul, MN
Erin Stanley, Marshalltown, IA
Sarah Symonds, Des Moines, IA
Shan Tang, Southborough, MA
Caelen Thorn, West Des Moines, IA
Mark Mohan Vihakar, Iowa City, IA
Emma Wagner, Grimes, IA
Linghan Weng, Cedar Rapids, IA

BSI
Crey Abbas, Des Moines, IA
Xandra Abel, Fort Madison, IA
Jack Abel, Iowa City, IA
Ren Ahlers, Dubuque, IA
Hailey Akinsola, Johnston, IA
Jake Althaus, Durango, IA
Tyoon Baker, North Liberty, IA
Lauren Bare, Spencer, IA
Marcus Barker, Marshalltown, IA
Kolbe Barnes, Keokuk, IA
Kate Beeman, Des Moines, IA
Ashton Belknap, Des Moines, IA
Lydia Benesh, Mount Vernon, IA
Edyn Blau, Spencer, IA
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Josie Boyle, Peosta, IA
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James Campbell, Urbandale, IA
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Will Crane, Spencer, IA
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Gage Daniels, Keokuk, IA
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Caleb Dauser, Mount Vernon, IA
Grace Davidson, Bettendorf, IA
Timothy Davison, Bettendorf, IA
Gray Degeest, Ames, IA
Jesse Demeyer, Marshalltown, IA
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Rohan Devadas, Johnston, IA
Weston DeWolf, Cedar Rapids, IA
Anita Dinakar, Grimes, IA
Mizzan Dollisso, Ames, IA
Izaak Eichinger, Decorah, IA
J. August Elwell, Iowa City, IA
Tristan Evans, Dubuque, IA
Lucas Federovich, Dubuque, IA
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Evan Freese, Bettendorf, IA
Seth Freking, Marion, IA
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Lucy Hemann, Spencer, IA
Aliza Hunteon, Spencer, IA
Elizabeth Jaeger, North Liberty, IA
Trevor Johnson, Keokuk, IA
Zoe Joseph, Marshalltown, IA
Sabin Jones, Marion, IA
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Grace Katzer, Spencer, IA
Zaina Khan, Urbandale, IA
Peter Krippner, Clear Lake, IA
James Krause, Iowa City, IA
Anna Larson, Johnston, IA
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Emmy Liu, Fort Madison, IA
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Pranav Chhaliyil, Fairfield, IA
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Tyler Montgomery, Coralville, IA
Elizabeth Smith, Waterloo, IA
Laura Stowater, Algona, IA
Shelby Westhoff, Dyersville, IA
Aaron Wills, Donnelson, IA

**INVENT IOWA**

Dustin Barker, Adel, IA
Camdyn Crousé, Ottumwa, IA
Kyle Kesterson, Tabor, IA
Quinton Kimrey, Linden, IA
Quill Orth*, Glenwood, IA
Tanner Smith, Tabor, IA
Owen Thornton, Tabor, IA
Sujan Vijaya Raj Shadrak, Marion, IA

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Tyler Montgomery, Coralville, IA
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Laura Stowater, Algona, IA
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Mariana Carter, Davenport, IA
Grace Fitzgerald, Danville, PA
Samantha Frost, Stanley, IA
Mona Gerges, Pittsburgh, PA
Isaac Heide, Spencer, IA
Kevin Jun, St. Charles, IL
Siddhartha Kalala, Cedar Falls, IA
Luke Kotz, Dubuque, IA
Caroline Macneil, New Orleans, LA
Mats McGrath, Cedar Rapids, IA
Jasmine Mithafosh, North Liberty, IA
Addisen Popp, Roland, IA
Andrew Rauenbuehler, Mount Pleasant, IA
Anastasia Reed, Independence, MO
Lucille Shield, Mercer Island, WA
Elizabeth (Iza) Sid, New York, NY
Kristen Stone, Urbandale, IA
Arjun Thattankandy, Waukee, IA
Anirudh Vadduri, Coppell, TX
Cooper Wadle, Adel, IA

* Represented Iowa at national event, award winner
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This year, marks the 30th anniversary of the Connie Belin & Jacqueline N. Blank International Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development. That long name packs an abundance of information about who we are and what we do.

Named for two of the four co-founders of the Belin-Blank Center, the name pays tribute to the founding families and honors their philanthropic contributions to the center. The name also references our international connections and the fact that we address both gifted education and talent development, which are complementary concepts. The Recognition Ceremony was one of the earliest programs established at the center. The ceremony would not be possible without the generous funding of its benefactors, H.B. and Jocelyn Wallace. One of the most significant components of the ceremony is the honoring of teachers selected by the student honorees for the teacher’s impact on their education. Professional development for teachers pre-dates the 1988 founding of the center, and professional development is at the heart of our mission.

Over the years, the Belin-Blank Center has been committed to providing programming and services to educators, students, and their families. Our aim is to empower the worldwide gifted community through exemplary leadership in service, research, and advocacy. Through our work, supported through the generosity of our benefactors, funds from private foundations, and federal and state grants, we aim to eliminate barriers that impede the full development of students and educators.

The Belin-Blank Center is part of the College of Education. For the first fifteen years of our existence, the Lindquist Center housed our center. Early in 2004, we moved from the Lindquist Center to the newly built, six-story Blank Honors Center. This move was essential because over the decades, our staff and faculty have grown; that growth matches the growth in our programs. Through all of this change, our values have never wavered; in particular, our strong belief in the benefit of recognizing and validating talent. Ceremonies such as this one increase awareness of the needs of gifted and talented students and teachers; simultaneously, they acknowledge for the students, teachers, and their families that their efforts matter. We have noticed, and we know that they will make a difference.

An anniversary is an opportunity for reflection and celebration as well as for dreaming about the future. Thanks to our benefactors, our faculty and staff, and the University of Iowa, this year we celebrate a decades-long reality created from a single vision. We step into the future empowered to create a better world for the gifted and talented community. Paraphrasing an observation and a question attributed to Sidney Parnes, an early leader in the field of creativity, “We are already living in someone else’s dream of the future; why not make it your dream?”
The staff of the Belin-Blank Center would like to thank the superintendents, principals, TAG coordinators and counselors, and teachers who have participated in Belin-Blank Center programs. A special thanks to Laura Goddard and the Office of Admissions.
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THE BELIN-BLANK CENTER:

- Identifies gifted, talented, and artistic learners
- Offers specialized educational opportunities for students
- Increases awareness and use of acceleration to enhance learning
- Provides assessment, counseling, and consultation services
- Develops curriculum resources and materials
- Facilitates the professional development of educators
- Disseminates information through conferences and publications
- Leads in local, national, and international policy formation
- Enhances educational opportunities through technology
- Collaborates with the worldwide gifted community
- Promotes access, diversity, and equity in developing talent