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Belin-Blank Center Honors Students and Teachers

(STUDENT'S NAME) of (HOMETOWN) and a student at (STUDENT’S SCHOOL) was among over 500 students from Iowa and throughout the nation who were recently invited to be honored at the University of Iowa Belin-Blank Center's Recognition Ceremony. Additionally, recognized students were given the opportunity to honor a teacher they credited for having a profound influence on their lives. [OPTIONAL: (STUDENT'S LAST NAME) selected (TEACHER'S NAME) of (HOMETOWN) for this honor.]

The ceremony was held Sunday, October 6, 2019, at the Iowa Memorial Union on the University of Iowa campus.

Students were invited to be recognized by the Center for exceptional performance in the Belin-Blank Exceptional Student Talent Search, for attending a selective Belin-Blank Center summer program (Blank Scholars Institute, Perry Research Scholars Institute, Secondary Student Training Program, or Summer Art & Writing Residencies) , for receiving honors in a Belin-Blank Center competition (Junior Science & Humanities Symposium or Invent Iowa), or completing the STEM Excellence and Leadership program.

Addressing the students, teachers, and guests were the University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld; College of Education Associate Dean Amanda Thein; Director of the University of Iowa Honors Program Art Spisak, who delivered the keynote address to teachers; and Ruthina Malone, alumna of the Belin-Blank Center’s Project ACHIEVE program, who delivered the keynote address to the students.

The Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development is an international full-service gifted education center at the University of Iowa’s College of Education ([www.belinblank.org](http://www.belinblank.org)).

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