

Iowa State University announces spring 2025 Dean's List

AMES, Iowa (June 25, 2025) – More than 11,300 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the 2025 spring semester Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Local students named to the list included: Victoria Ann Howell, Agricultural Business, B.S., Emma Humphreys, Agricultural Communication, B.S., Damian Vergara, Aerospace Engineering, B.S. all of Columbus Junction.

Kyndal Marie Townsley, Agricultural Studies, B.S. of Morning Sun.

Kamdyn L Hammond, English, B.A., Matthew Steven Helscher, Supply Chain Management, B.S. Jacie Rae Hoeg, Human Resource Management, B.S., and Quinn Emerson Veach, Psychology, B.S. all of Wapello.



University of Northern Iowa's Spring 2025 Dean's List

The University of Northern Iowa is proud to recognize the students who have most recently graduated and made the dean's lists. Both of these lists represent significant accomplishments for Panthers.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while completing at least 12 semester hours, with at least one semester hour of graded credit.

Members of the list include: Columbus Junction-Kaden Amigon-Suiter, Katelyn Maldonado, Oleh Shtefanchuk.

Letts-McKenna Honenadel, Emma Seefeldt.

Lone Tree-Andrew Gauley.

Morning Sun-Sara Gieselman.

Wapello-Dawon Wehrle

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO VACATE ROAD

The Board of Supervisors of Louisa County, Iowa is proposing the vacation of the alley set forth below and sale of the described property to the adjacent landowners:

The alley contained within the Danny Ashland Subdivision in the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 74 North, Range 3 West of the 5th P.M., Louisa County, Iowa, as shown by the plat appearing in Surveyor's Record 1, Page 151, in the Office of the Recorder of Louisa County, Iowa;

A public hearing will be held in the office of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors, Wapello, Iowa on July 15th, 2025, at 09:15 AM. Any interested persons may appear in support or opposition to this action and be heard at this meeting. Or comments can be emailed to sschneider@louisacountyia.gov

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The Board of Supervisors of Louisa County, Iowa have acted to vacate and close the following described Louisa County Secondary Road: Segments of unused Right of Way on Louisa County, located in Wyman, Iowa, more particularly described as:

Area 1: Parcel "E" of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 74 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M., Louisa County, Iowa, as shown on the Plat of Survey recorded April 29, 2025, as Instrument Number 2025-0561.

Area 2: Sixteen (16) foot wide alley running along the East side of Lot 1, Lot 12 and the East-West alley of Buck's Addition to the Town of Wyman, in Louisa County, Iowa.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR LOUISA COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
JOSEPH HARVEY BLOOMER,
Deceased
CASE NO.ESPR017576
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
OF
EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JOSEPH HARVEY BLOOMER, deceased, who died on our about May 24, 2025.

You are hereby notified that on June 12, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of JOSEPH HARVEY BLOOMER, deceased, bearing the date of February 8, 2028, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Jakob Bloomer was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against said estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above-named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 13th day of June, 2025.

s/Jakob Bloomer
Executor of the Estate
27253 County Rd X17
Columbus Junction, IA 52738

Phil Parsons
Attorney for Executor
206 West Main Street
P.O. Box 38
Washington, IA 52353

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REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
COLUMBUS COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, June 23, 2025

The Board of Directors of Columbus Community School District convened its regular monthly board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2025, at the Administration Building in Columbus Junction, Iowa.

Present were President Carol Zuniga, Vice-President Todd Heck and director Andy White. Stacy Storm and Dan Heindel were absent.

In addition, Superintendent Dr. Michael Volk and Business Manager and Board Secretary Neil Mills were present.

Board Meeting
Agenda
Andy White moved to the agenda.

Seconded by Todd Heck.
Ayes: Three Nays: none. Carried.

Citizen's Comments
There were no citizen's comments at this meeting.

Presentations
Lori Beenen, Henry Hingst and Isabel Rendon gave a presentation on BPA's trip to Nationals in Florida.

Consent Agenda
Todd Heck made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Seconded by Andy White.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Consent items were:
a. Financial Report
b. Minutes for May 27, 2025, meeting and special meeting on June 17, 2025.

c. Bills
d. Personnel
• Resignation – David Wittmann – JH Softball coach
Resignation – Elizabeth Hills – Roundy SPED Teacher

e. Fundraisers
• None
School Use Fundraisers:
• None
Reports
Written administrative reports were submitted by Randy Phillips and Dr. Volk.

Administrative Summary
Reports - information
Randy Phillips - Operations Director
Summary: Phillips reported that summer projects and building cleanings are underway and progressing well. The high school roof restoration project experi-

enced a slight delay due to a material shortage, but other projects—including the new camera system, fencing, windows at Roundy Elementary, phone system installation, and fire alarm system at Roundy—are either completed or on schedule for timely completion. Phillips also shared that significant progress has been made on the online registration portal, which is expected to go live the week of July 7.

Michael Volk - Superintendent

Summary: Volk provided a District update, noting that the district is finalizing updates to its school branding, with the wildcat helmet decal draft completed and continued work underway on the Lil' Wildcat and wordmark. The superintendent and business manager have finished reviewing Board Policies Series 100–900 but the School Board has postponed the policy review meeting. Planning is in progress for the 2025–26 TLC roles and Back-to-School professional development. Members of the District Leadership Team recently attended a two-day SAI Summer Leadership Accelerator in Ames, participating in sessions on The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and The Speed of Trust 4.0. Lastly, the district continues to seek qualified candidates for several open positions, including high school English, junior high/high school choir and art, and elementary ESL.

No board reports were given.
Unfinished Business
Andy White moved to approve the facilities assessment bid with OPN Architects for \$29,250.
Seconded by Todd Heck.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

New Business
Todd Heck moved to approve the meeting dates for FY26 and to have the meetings at 6 p.m.
Meeting Dates for FY 26:

July 28, 2025 (one week later due to Louisa Co. Fair)
Aug 25, 2025
Sept 22, 2025
Oct 27, 2025
Nov 24, 2025
Dec 15, 2025 (Early due to Winter Break)

Jan 26, 2026
Feb 23, 2026
Mar 23, 2026
Apr 27, 2026
May 26, 2026 (the Tuesday after Memorial Day)
June 22, 2026
Seconded by Andy White.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Todd Heck moved to approve the LCAN grant for \$207,000.
Seconded by Andy White.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Chris Wulf presented information on the District Career and Academic Plan as required by Iowa Code 281.49.

Andy White moved to approve the District Career and Academic Plan.

Seconded by Todd Heck.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Todd Heck moved to continue the (2nd) SPED route.
Seconded by Andy White.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Todd Heck moved to approve Grant Wood AEA Infinite Campus Support contract for the 2025-26 school.
Seconded by Andy White.
Ayes: Three Nays: none. Carried.

Todd Heck moved to approve the Mississippi Bend AEA Technology Services agreement for the 2025-26 school year.
Seconded by Andy White.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Todd Heck moved to approve the RTI quote for CTE Lab computers for \$35,028.15.
Seconded by Andy White.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Todd Heck moved to approve the Apple quote for 80 iPads for Roundy at \$36,139.50.
Seconded by Andy White.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Todd Heck moved to approve the Apple quotes for new admin and staff MacBooks totaling \$21,164.

Seconded by Andy White.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Todd Heck moved to increase adult nutrition fees as state mandated and to leave student nutrition and materials fees the same for FY26.

Seconded by Andy White.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Andy White moved to approve a 28E agreement for work-based learning coordinator with Durant CSD, L-M CSD, West Liberty CSD and EICC/MCC for the 2025-26 school year.
Seconded by Todd Heck.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Andy White moved to approve a 28E agreement for SPED Director with Mississippi Bend

AEA for the 2025-26 school year.
President Carol Zuniga step down from the chair and Vice-President Todd Heck took over the chair to preside over the meeting.

Carol Zuniga seconded the motion made by Andy White.
Ayes: two Nays one. Carried. Todd Heck voted no.

Andy White moved to approve a monthly 90% SPED support services payment of the monthly state aid payment to the AEA by the means the Business Manager deems best.
Seconded by Carol Zuniga.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Andy White moved to approve the free rental for Louisa Co. Fair Queen Contest July 19 & 20 (2025).

Seconded by Carol Zuniga.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Andy White moved to approve the transfer of \$34,436.21 for the reimbursement of officials, safety equipment and track field rentals from the general fund to the activity fund.
Seconded by Carol Zuniga.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Carol Zuniga moved to approve the transfer of the FY24 PERL taxes \$38,505.18 from the PERL Fund to the Pool Fund for pool operations per the Public Education and Recreation Levy revenue statement.

Seconded by Andy White.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

Carol Zuniga moved to adjourn.
Seconded by Andy White.
Ayes: three Nays: none. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

The next meeting will be on July 28, 2025, at 6:00pm.

/s/ Carol S. Zuniga, School Board President, /s/Neil A. Mills, School Board Secretary

Approved Bills:
4-M Plumbing & Heating Purchase Service.....1,097.87
Acco Unlimited Corp Supplies440.63
Agriland FS, INC. Fuel Purchases4,579.27
Alliant Energy Utilities..17,970.49
Anderson Erickson Dairy Milk Purchases.....5,592.64
Art of Education University, LLC, The Renewal.....1,454.00
Aveanna Healthcare Purchase Service.....310.00

Beenen, Lori Reimbursement.....92.00
BMO Harris Bank N.A. Supplies/Travel.....18,975.63
Bowman, Robert Official.....148.76
BSN Sports Supplies.....877.95
Butler, Steve Official.....152.54
Caldwell, Kevin Official.....134.67
Carquest of Muscatine Supplies/Repairs.....666.81
Central Iowa Distributing Supplies.....3,768.00
City Of Columbus Junction Utilities.....2,000.93
Columbus Community School District Reimbursement.....160.00
Columbus Concrete Construction, Inc Purchase Service.....10,212.00
Columbus Gazette Publications1,229.45
Columbus Jet. Auto Supply Supplies/Repairs.....1,209.96
Community Youth Concepts Purchase Service.....1,840.00
Coquina Labs, Inc. Technology2,421.96
Coss, Michael Official.....144.98
Doors Inc Purchase Service.....588.69
eBoardsolutions, Inc Purchase Service.....1,600.00
Economart Supplies.....548.06
Electronic Engineering Purchase Service.....28,747.36
FBG Service Corporation Janitorial Services.....24,341.00
Follett Library Resources Supplies.....309.50
Frontline Technologies Group LLC Renewal.....3,938.45
Gill, Gaige Official.....132.02
Grimm, Bryce Official.....75.00
Hands Up Communication Purchase Service.....2,717.50
Highland CSD Open Enrollment21,354.35
Hoglund Bus Co Inc Supplies/Repairs.....870.20
Inventory ID Purchase Service2,875.00
Iowa Assoc. Of School Boards Membership Dues.....3,946.00
Iowa City CSD Open Enrollment8,827.40
Iowa Division of Labor Services-Inspection Fees.....80.00
Iowa River Sanitation Garage Services.....560.00
Iowa School Finance Information Services, Inc. Membership Dues1,878.15
Iowa Testing Programs Assessment Fees.....2,428.25
IP Pathways Technology.....75.00
JD Music Compositions & Arrangements Purchase Service.....400.00
KCII Purchase Service.....247.52
Klinefelter, Blair Official.....143.36
Knobbe, Pat Official.....146.06
L & M School District Open Enrollment.....109,785.80
Leet's Refrigeration Purchase Service.....698.20
Lone Tree CSD Open Enrollment.....172,404.79

Marco Copier Leases.....2,265.03
McLaughlin, Adam Official.....150.92
Medicom Telephone Services746.79
Mid-Prairie CSD Open Enrollment.....12,543.78
Midwest Alarm Services Purchase Service.....7,560.72
Mississippi Bend AEA 9 Purchase Service.....40,490.49
Murphy, John Official.....357.52
Muscatine CSD Open Enrollment21,147.34
Neal's Repairs.....76.00
Performance Foodservice Food Purchases.....21,765.91
Poch, Bill Official.....137.96
PowerSchool Group LLC Renewal.....2,364.59
Project Lead the Way Renewal3,200.00
R.M. Boggs Co. Purchase Service4,999.50
Ramirez, Melany Reimbursement116.90
Refreshment Services Pepsi Pop Purchases.....1,568.72
Renaissance Supplies.....112.50
Riverside Technologies Inc Technology.....1,453.00
Rock Valley Physical Therapy Athletic Training Services.....185.63
Rural School Advocates of Iowa Membership Dues.....750.00
S.A.I. Conference Fees.....900.00
Samaco Supply Wholesalers & Distributors Supplies.....783.50
School Bus Sales Supplies/Repairs.....781.53
Shemanski, David Official.....349.96
Software Unlimited Inc Renewal7,850.00
Spangler, Meagan Purchase Service.....1,450.00
Staats Awards Supplies.....29.95
State Hygienic Laboratory Water Testing Fees.....14.50
Symmetry Energy Solutions, LLC Utilities.....299.68
Vetter Culligan Water Supplies51.69
Waco Community School Open Enrollment.....9,906.46
Wapello CSD Open Enrollment16,725.04
Washington CSD Open Enrollment.....1,005.65
West Liberty CSD Open Enrollment.....8,517.28
West Music Company Supplies/Repairs.....4,711.68
Wilson, Nick Official.....155.24
Wilton Community Schools Open Enrollment.....8,362.52
Window World Purchase Service5,845.00
Windstream Fax Line Services99.39
Winfield Builders Supplies.....39.99
Yerington, Kaden Official.....133.10
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