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### Four Urbandale High School Seniors Named Finalists In Iowa State Bar Competition

*Four Urbandale High School Seniors have been selected from more than 1,000 students across Iowa as finalists in The Iowa State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division 'Know Your Constitution' Project*

**URBANDALE, Iowa – January 8, 2014** – Of the more than 1,000 student participants across Iowa, four [Urbandale High School](#) seniors, Lucas Delfs, Grant McDowell, Morgan Muell and Sarah Wueve were selected to be among the 100 finalists in [The Iowa State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division 'Know Your Constitution' Project](#). Finalists, and their teachers, will be honored at a luncheon at the West Des Moines Marriott Hotel on January 10, 2014. The Honorable Thomas Waterman, Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court, will address attendees as this year's keynote speaker. During the luncheon, five students and their teachers will be chosen by a random drawing to attend the all-expense-paid, [Close-Up Foundation's](#) five-day education work session taking place in Washington D.C. this February.

"It was a great experience for me," said McDowell. "The content of the quiz and the essay verified for me that what we're learning in class applies to real-life government issues."



1. Grant McDowell, Sarah Wueve, Morgan Muell, and Lucas Delfs UHS finalists 'Know Your Constitution'

The 'Know Your Constitution' Project is designed to enrich students' understanding and appreciation of the Constitution. To become finalists, participants demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of Constitution-related issues by completing both a rigorous quiz and essay. All four Urbandale High School finalists participate in Advanced Placement (AP) Government Class, guided by Urbandale High School Social Science Instructor, Linda Templeman.

"I was really pleased with the students' effort," said Templeman. "They really seem to grasp the important role of the Constitution toward the ongoing success of our democracy."

The 'Know Your Constitution' Project is an annual contest sponsored by The Iowa State Bar Association with additional funding from the Iowa State Bar Foundation and many of the county Bar Associations throughout Iowa. The 'Know Your Constitution' committee of the Young Lawyers Division of the Iowa State Bar Association offers one of the most renowned law-related educational programs in the state of Iowa.

[Transforming education](#) throughout the Urbandale district is at the core of every learning experience. Urbandale believes that supporting students in their academic pursuits—be it participating in statewide competitions or excelling in AP courses—is fundamental for preparing students to become college-or-career ready. Urbandale congratulates these four student finalists for their exemplary work, and commends Templeman for her outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in education.

### **About The Iowa State Bar Association**

The Iowa State Bar Association (ISBA) is a voluntary organization of more than 8,000 lawyers and judges who are licensed to practice law in the state of Iowa. Oldest of the voluntary bar associations in the country, the ISBA has been in continuous operation since its founding in 1874. To learn more, visit: [www.iowabar.org](http://www.iowabar.org)

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### **About Urbandale Community School District**

The Urbandale Community School District includes portions of Des Moines and Urbandale, Iowa. The district serves over 3,900 students in six elementary schools, one middle school and one comprehensive high school. The Urbandale district supports an increasingly diverse student population where 50 languages are spoken. Building on the existing foundation of excellence in education, Urbandale is transforming education throughout the district. By implementing innovative [Quality/Continual Improvement](#) strategies that create learning environments that more fully engage, challenge and motivate students, Urbandale is taking transformation from theory into practice. Urbandale prepares students for becoming lifelong learners and is a school district that brings learning to life for everyone. To learn more, visit: [www.urbandaleschools.com](http://www.urbandaleschools.com)

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