

## Alum Joseph Maulin by Andrew Gold

Joseph Maulin, a former Stewart student, attended ABC-Stewart School from his first grade year in 1998 to his graduate year in 2003. He did not attend any of the Stewart preschools. His favorite subject at Stewart was math because he was good with numbers. Reading challenged him because it was not as interesting as math, and his dad was - and still is - teaching reading so he was not allowed to be uninterested.

Some of his favorite memories of Stewart were playing on the basketball team and beating St. Peters in the final game for a completely undefeated season. He also loved playing Capture the Flag and Pin Dodge Ball. He really liked Water Day too. One year Mr. Carmichael went up on the roof and threw water balloons at the students.



Joseph thinks Stewart is special because it fosters an environment that promotes more advanced learning variety such as Spanish and more individualized learning. Learning advanced math so early has really benefited Joseph. Thanks to Stewart he was one of the only students to have a head start on Spanish when he took it in middle school.

He remembers many teachers, but the ones that he will never forget are his dad, (Mr. Maulin), Mr. Hileman, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Yates, and Mrs. Carmichael. He remembers them all for their contributions to his education and the fun things they did in their classes.

He participated in Spell and Math Bowl. He remembers having to solve problems and memorize words. He also played basketball. In his sixth grade year his team went undefeated the entire season. He was in chess club and was really good at chess.

In middle school Joseph followed Math Bowl but no other extracurricular activities because he was too nervous to tryout or he did not have the passion to follow through. In eighth grade he joined the golf team and has been somewhat successful.

He thought that although he procrastinated, the homework at Stewart was very worthwhile. The homework also enhanced his comprehension. In later schooling Stewart helped by giving him an early boost in his understanding and knowledge. He understood advanced things because Stewart had already taught it to him.

Some special trips he remembers are Chicago, Bradford Woods, Space Camp, going to the zoo, paging and The Third House. He liked them all, but his favorites were the food and the flight simulator at Space Camp. He enjoyed the puzzles at Bradford Woods. He liked the Dolphin Show at the zoo. From the third house he remembers meeting the senators and the grand Indianapolis Capital building.

Joseph fondly remembers the haunted house, the school plays, the Halloween party and the talent show. He thinks that bobbing for apples was harder than he expected it to be!

He received awards for Math Bowl, Spell Bowl and basketball. After Stewart he received awards for golf and National Honor Society. He is on the honor roll at East, and he won first place at Comical Contraption on an engineering field trip. Joe has volunteered in Hospice concerts for the last four years selling glow sticks with his father. He feels good after he volunteers.

He has traveled to Texas, Florida, and Carmel, Indiana because he has family there. He really enjoys the warm weather



of the south. He has also been to Tuscan, Arizona where they had signs saying "Beware of Mountain Lions" (no joke).

He attends Columbus East but will soon move on to college. He was sad when he had to leave Stewart because of the friends he would not see very often anymore. He plans to attend Rose-Hulman, Dayton, Trine, or Kettering University. He plans to major in some Engineering field. He is undecided right now but is interested in math, creativity, and the scientific nature an engineering field will demand. He is very proud of making it through A.P. U.S. history with a crazy but good teacher, Mr. Fribley.

His advice for students now is not to be lazy in school ahead. "Seriously, just do your homework and you'll do great."

(Editor's Note: Joseph has also received a Varsity Letter for golf his Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior years, the award for Outstanding Junior Golfer in 2006, and the Award for Mental Toughness in 2008. **Way to go, Joseph!**)