

## Scott Skiles

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Scott Skiles is a previous graduate from Stewart School who now excels at North High School. He plays basketball, rocks the guitar, peer-tutors, and fixes computers.

Over the years Scott has won many awards. As a sophomore he won a \$500 scholarship to Ivy Tech for winning a computer technology contest. He also has accumulated a total of \$10,200 in scholarship money to the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, the college he intends to attend.

Scott attended Stewart from 1997 to 2001. Before coming to Stewart, Scott attended a pre-school in Indianapolis. He recalls the very long drive. After pre-school, first, and second grade Scott came to Stewart. While at Stewart he played basketball under Mr. Maulin, and was on the Math Bowl team, but Scott admits it was mostly for the donuts and orange juice. The subject Scott looked forward to the most at Stewart was Social Studies (culture), but now as he looks back the subject that helped him the most in later life was Math. This was also the most challenging subject for Scott.

Scott remembers Stewart well. Some of his best memories, were... pretty much all of them. "I remember the family-style learning atmosphere, Pin Dodge ball, Capture the Flag, the music, the birthday celebrations, the many field trips... the list goes on and on." He also remembers his old teachers. Mrs. Hallowell taught science, Mr. Carmichael taught social studies, Ms.

Breeding and Mrs. Carmichael taught math, Mrs. Gordon taught music, Mr. Maulin taught English, Mr. Scalf taught computer, "and of course" Scott recalls, Mrs. Pat taught art.

Through all of this there is one memory that mostly all students who attend Stewart School come away with, the homework. Scott, along with lots of other students when they were at Stewart, thought there was a lot of homework. He shares his thought on this very controversial subject; "The work at times seems like an absolutely incredible amount, but I promise you, if you do it, there is nothing later on in school that will *not* make sense to you." There were also some other benefits of doing the homework. For Scott, doing this homework alleviated the workload in middle school and high school and allowed him to do and learn what he was interested in.

Stewart helped Scott in many ways. First, "It taught me everything later schooling tried to." Second, it helped him with his time management as stated in the last paragraph. And third, it gave Scott what no other school could, an article about himself.

His advice to students: "When you can drive, don't speed, speeding tickets are expensive. Be wary of the people you hang out with as you get older. If they make you uncomfortable, find new friends- life is too short. Stay focused on school, but keep everything in proportion. You and your family come first, always. Try to wake up everyday and think about something new you can do or

try. Have an appreciation for everything that surrounds you. Don't worry, be happy." -Scott Skiles

