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Summer 2010



## Top Ten Graduates



### Eli Bergsma

*Son of John Bergsma & Dr. Jean Ray*

Eli was involved in Science Olympiad for three years and track and cross country. He was also active in 4-H and in his youth group at Peace Reformed Church. He plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall.



### Stephanie Betcher

*Daughter of James & Rita Betcher*

Stephanie was involved in track and field, volleyball and basketball, was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and the Honors Choir. She was also active in the Peer Listening program, Teens Against Tobacco Use and her church choir. She plans on attending University of Michigan to pursue a career in medicine or business.



### Kelly Chisholm

*Daughter of Bob & Ann Chisholm*

Kelly participated in the high school plays and musicals, was a member of the National Honor Society and in the Jazz Band. She was also active in the Peer Listening program. She plans to attend Western Michigan University with a major in Aviation Maintenance. Post grad, she would like to receive her commercial pilot's license.



### Trevor Dalton

*Son of Jeff & Shari Dalton*

While at TK, Trevor was on the soccer, wrestling and robotics teams. He also spent his time volunteering at sporting events and performing piano recitals at nursing homes. He is interested in studying physics or software engineering at either Western Michigan University or Michigan Tech.



### Alex DeVries

*Son of Lonnie & Kathi Smith*

Alex was on the football, wrestling, and tennis teams. He was involved in the school plays and was a member of National Honor Society and Student Council. He was also an AYSO soccer referee for the past four years. In the fall, Alex plans to attend University of Michigan to major in marketing and statistics.



### Ben Dickerson

*Son of Timothy & Theresa Dickerson*

Ben was a member of National Honor Society and active in the Boy Scouts of America. He also enjoys camping and outdoor sports. In the fall, Ben plans to attend Western Michigan University to become a commercial airline pilot.



### Christian Henne

*Son of Dennis & Rebecca Von Itter*

Christian was on the football and bowling teams and a member of the National Honor Society. He was also active in his church and Civil War reenacting. He plans to attend Davenport University in the fall.



### Michelle Howard

*Daughter of Ken & Valerie Howard*

Michelle was on the varsity swim/dive team, track team and the freshman & JV soccer teams. She was also a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, Michelle was involved in many mission trips, as well as, Toys for Tots. She will be attending University of Michigan College of Engineering, majoring in computer and electrical engineering.



### Nic Scobey

*Son of Jason & Chris Scobey*

Nic was a member of the National Honor Society, Odyssey of the Mind, band and the ski club. He was actively involved in his church youth group, volunteered at Mel Trotter, MDA Lock In and a mission trip. In the fall he plans to attend Calvin College to study Pre-Med.



### Steve Zatzke

*Son of Brian & Patricia Zatzke*

Steve was on the JV and varsity soccer teams and played the trumpet for the concert band, symphonic band and jazz band. He plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall to study chemical engineering.





## GET INVOLVED TK STUDENTS!

Every spring at our 8th Grade Student/Parent Orientation, we urge students to become involved in school “outside the classroom walls.” At the orientation, I talk personally about the students who come back to TKHS after graduating and say, “I wish I would have done this or I wish I would have tried that.” We emphasize to students (and their parents) to not be one of those students after four years of high school to say, “I wish I would have...”-- Get involved!

At some time, you may have heard it said that it is important for students to get involved while in high school. But some people are unsure of exactly what this means to “get involved.” While academic studies should be one’s primary reason to be at school, there is still much to be learned by taking advantage of the many opportunities outside of the classroom. Through participation in activities such as membership in student clubs/organizations, athletics, and volunteer work, students gain valuable skills that will complement their academic education and make them a well-rounded individual.

Involvement is the best way for students to associate themselves with their school and to realize that they are a valuable part of their community. Those who are involved tend to better develop relationships with other students as well as staff, resulting in connections that will be important for success in high school and beyond. Colleges/universities and employers consider a student’s involvement very seriously when choosing their candidates. The more involved a student is in co-curriculars, the more marketable he/she is when filling out a college, scholarship, or work application.

Here are a few helpful student involvement tips:

- Choose opportunities that interest you. From time to time, students may be tempted to join a group or tryout for a team because it seems that everyone else is doing it. While participating with friends is fun, students should get involved with activities that appeal to them. This way, not only will students get the most benefit from their involvement--but they are more likely to remain active in the group.
- Don’t be afraid to try something new. If a student has never tried an activity, but has been interested in it, now is his/her time! Part of the fun of involvement is trying new things.
- Students should not limit themselves to one type of involvement.
- Find a balance. Research shows that more involvement leads to more benefits, however, don’t overdo it. Students are encouraged to engage in various out-of-classroom activities, but they shouldn’t allow it to affect their academics or wellness.
- Don’t take on new activities all at once. When deciding which activities to get involved with, students should make sure to start slow and add activities as they get comfortable with their schedule. Taking on too much at one time can lead to a student being overwhelmed.

At TKHS, we have about 30 student clubs/organizations, almost 50 athletic teams, and a lot of volunteer work for students to get involved in “outside the classroom walls.” Whether it is an academic club, athletics, Student Council, Science Olympiad, musicals, Business Professionals of America, or any other activity--students need to make it happen. These opportunities are here for our students, but they have to take advantage of them. Quoting Hall of Fame hockey player Wayne Gretzky, “You’ll always miss 100% of the shots you don’t take!” So students, take a shot and get involved!!

\*Helpful student involvement tips from the Illini Union Parent Programs Office.

By Tony Koski  
High School Principal



## From the Superintendent:

It's been both an exciting and challenging year. We have again made significant progress in our "Power Standards" project to improve instruction, we are completing a three year construction project that will forever improve the educational climate for our kids, and at the same time, we are navigating the difficulties that come with a need to cut budgets while trying to maintain programs and staffing during this time of reduced state funding.

Through an early retirement incentive program we hope to be able to minimize, and if possible, eliminate the need to lay-off staff. We are also continuing to work very hard to retain the quality programs we have utilized in the past to ensure that we are academically competitive with districts who receive more funding than we do.

I want to take this opportunity to again thank our parents, staff and community for the tremendous support they provide the students at Thornapple Kellogg. This support and teamwork translates into improved student achievement and benefits the future of the young people of our district.

We are all very proud of our student's accomplishments this year. Here are just a few of our "Points of Pride" for the 2009-10 school year:

- Lee Elementary, Page Elementary, the Middle School and High School all earned "Green School" recognition and TK was one of three districts who earned a green school "Chairman's Award" from the Kent ISD.
- This spring our elementary schools and middle school all received an "A" on their state report card. High School grades will be released next fall.
- Three of our "Odyssey of the Mind" teams qualified for the state finals.
- Lee Elementary raised over \$20,000 for the American Heart Association through their "Jump Rope for Heart" program. This was more than any other school in Michigan.

As proud as we are of what has been accomplished this year, we look forward to an even better 2009-10 school year next fall. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer with your family! See you in September.

Sincerely,

Gary Rider  
Superintendent

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## Upcoming Board Meeting

June 14, 2010

All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in Middle School Room 1616, unless otherwise noted.

## BOXHOLDER



# THORNAPPLE KELLOGG HIGH SCHOOL 2009/2010 Graduates

Trey James Adams  
Tyler Aaron Agostini  
Kaylee Jean Akey  
Brooke Renee Allen  
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Rachael Kaye Ayers  
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Rebecca Lyn Campeau  
Kelly Rebekah Chisholm  
Nicholas John Christensen  
Angela May Ciluffo  
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Nathan James Converse  
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Megan Noelle Crape  
Sarah Elizabeth Cronkright  
Cung Bik  
Louise Lynne Curths  
Daniel Joseph Curtis  
Lara Eugenea Dahlke  
Trevor Patrick Dalton  
Matthew David Davidson  
Hannah Marie Davis  
Eduardo de Mendonca

Alyssa Joy DeGroot  
Cassandra Marie DeHaan  
Gunner Issack DeLorenzo  
Rebecca Marie Denney  
Alex David DeVries  
Alex Jay DeVries  
Sara May DeWitt  
Benjamin Scott Dickerson  
Ian Michael Dodge  
Arbutus Nillie Drake  
Nakeesha Deane Durlin  
Shelby Lee Dutra  
Marcus Ryan Eckhoff  
Evan Scott Ellsworth  
Valerie Danielle Evans  
Audrie Joy Ezinga  
Cassandra Lynn Fein  
Ryan Michael Ferguson  
Caroline Elizabeth Fild  
Kellie Marie Foote  
Megan Irene Foote  
Amanda Rene Fox  
Joseph Steven Fox  
Jacob James Francisco  
Danielle Rae Fredenburg  
Jeremy David Freeman  
Amanda Lynn French  
Caroline Marie Fuller  
Lyndi Ann Garrison  
Katrina Ann Geers  
John Allen Gerou  
Nathaniel Cornelis Glas  
Levi Jeffrey Gleason  
Ashley Loren Glenn  
Stephannie Marie Gonzalez-Abreu  
Dillon Patrick Goosen  
Jacob Lane Gorter  
Steven Tyler Gross  
Nicole Mari-Joline Grummet  
Megan Nicole Hager  
Brittany Jo Hall  
Breton David Hampel  
Anastasia Christine Hauschild

Amber Marie Hays  
Joshua Allen Hays  
Justin Miles Helmholdt  
Christian Robert Henne  
Nicholas Paul Herr  
Eric Thomas Heynig  
Justin Mitchell Hicks  
Joanna Rose Hillman  
Shayna Rae Hillman  
Kelly Robert Hine  
Kyle Wesley Hine  
Randall Benjamin Hodges  
Millicent Ann Hoffman  
Jillian Rose Holmquist  
Jessica Thomas Hornak  
Michelle Lynn Howard  
Elizabeth Ann Hurd  
Kaley Victoria Jachim  
Rachel Mary Jazwinski  
Jeremiah Wade Johnson  
Katherine Johanna Kamp  
Bryan Jon Kars  
Kayla Rose Katsma  
Shelby Ann Kenyon  
Ashley Noel Kidder  
Maxwell Edward Kiel  
Adam Jacob King  
Amie Kathleen Kissinger  
Audrey Caroline Koetsier  
Jaykub Glenn Krohn  
Cameron James Kulhanek  
Jessica Leigh LaBay  
Jillian Leigh LaLone  
Michelle Christine Lenartz  
Maximiliano León Patiño  
Qian Yu Liu  
Casey Jo Lockman  
Jeffrey William Lockwood  
Connar Ann Loew  
Brandon Michael Luft  
Cody Scott Lydy  
Rosalia Mantilla Méndez  
Travis Scott McKenna

Christopher Lee McKinstry  
Keli Naydine Mellen  
Bret Michael Miller  
Anthony Vinh Montgomery  
Jacob Aaron Myers  
Ashley Christine-Marie Neeson  
Katherine Marie Nesbitt  
Kimberly Diane Niblock  
Caitlin Elise Nosanov  
Timothy Charles Olsen  
Keith Olson  
Cody James Palmer  
Joshua Dale Palmitier  
Alexandra Jane Pelton  
Andrea Marie Penfield  
Steven Tyler Pennington  
Victor Alfredo Perez  
Jazlin Mae Petersen  
Kylie Rose Pigman  
Tyler Joseph Postma  
Kenneth Russell Price  
Taelor Anne Price  
Tyler McKenzie Rafferty  
Matthew Dylan Ras  
Katherine Brooke Rekis  
Kelsea Lynn Richardson  
Theodore Linden Jay Rosenberg  
Sarah Elizabeth Roskam  
Corey Scott Roth  
Hannah Marie Sabri  
Marina de Castro Santos  
Murilo de Castro Santos  
Aarika Lynn Schilz  
Jordan Michael Schnicke  
Crystal Joy Scholma  
Lydia Ann Scholtens  
Carrie Jean Schultz  
Chase Hamilton Schultz  
Nicholas Owen Scobey  
Donovan Daniel Scott  
Joshua David Scott  
Karri Sandra Helen Selleck  
Ali Hamdani Shaw

Caleb Nathan Skaggs  
Jared Michael Smendik  
Christopher Kenneth Smith  
Trenten Joseph Smitter  
Hannah Clair Stark  
Paige Jean Starkey  
Joshua Marc Steensma  
Jennifer Lyn Sterman  
Tyler Alan Stover  
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Jacob Brayden Thorington  
Kathryn Rose Tobin  
Nicole Marie Todd  
Matraca Marie Tolan  
Malachi Trickle  
Morgan Spencer VanderKolk  
Matthew Carl VanDongen  
Brett William VanKuienburg  
Jessica Renée VanRhee  
Melissa Ann Van Stee  
Tanner Curtis Velting  
Paige Elizabeth Vogel  
Kelsey Elizabeth Webster  
Clayton Nicholas Weesie  
Grant Cameron Weesie  
Kelsey Rae Weidmann  
Travis Timothy Amos Welton  
Brittany Selinne Wilkinson  
Matthew Allen Williamson  
Morgan Lee Wingeier  
Rachel Ashley Young  
Kyle Michael Zahl  
Steven Garrett Zatzke