



CAPE ALUMNI

The CAPE's focus on academic and personal development relies heavily on its community partners and fosters volunteerism, citizenship, life long learning, and community involvement . We encourage our students continue their community involvement well into their post-CAPE years. Here are a few examples of students giving back to the community.

Chelsey was awarded the Leaders of Tomorrow Award for her volunteer efforts. During the summer of 2006 she travelled to Africa where she spent a month helping to build a library. She returned there during the summer of 2007 to help to finish the project. She was totally responsible for all her expenses, \$6,000.00 per trip. She fundraised with support from her family, friends, and CAPE in order to pay her way. Chelsea finished high school with honours. She then went on to complete a three year diploma in environmental studies at the college and then moved on to Lethbridge College for a two year program in environmental studies. She now also holds a science degree in environmental science, with honours from UBC.

Missy volunteered to travel to Africa to teach AIDS awareness during the summer of 2006, after High School graduation. Unfortunately the project was cancelled due to political unrest in the area.

In the spring of 2004, **Marc and Dale** were nominated for the Leaders of Tomorrow Award for their volunteer efforts.

Nolan received the provincial 2004 Great Kids Award for his dedication to volunteering. Nolan volunteers at the SPCA. He has joined the Volunteer Centre's youth initiative and the Palliser Health Youth Advisory Board.

Kristie received the highest honour from Girl Guides of Canada, the Canada Cord award on February 7, 2007. The Canada Cord is a special award girls work towards in their three years as a Pathfinder. The requirements include service, bridging, and citizenship activities, first aid and leadership, and completion of specific parts of their program.

Derek, a CAPE student for three years, received the Leaders of Tomorrow Award in 2007.

CAPE tracks its students as they move through high school and beyond. We find them scattered through Alberta, Canada, and the world engaged in endeavours spanning a wide range of fields and professions. We have musicians, animators, actors, doctors, engineers, audiologists, mathematicians, physicists, teachers, teacher assistants, nurses, accountants, machinists, truckers, mechanics, and so on. Here are a few examples.

Sebella, a CAPE student for several years, studied cello in Germany with one of the best musicians/teachers in the world in a very selective program at a major university. She went on to play cello with one of Germany's best orchestras. She is now back in Canada and is attending the University of Calgary, in education, majoring in languages (German, French and Spanish). While at CAPE, she performed in two school-wide CAPE drama production, one of which toured England for a month.

Katrina, a CAPE student from grade 3 through grade 8, while at CAPE she participated in five regional science fairs and 3 National Science Fairs earning many awards. worked on a Masters in World Health in Holland after graduating from the University of Lethbridge with a degree in Neuroscience. She received a considerable scholarship to pursue a research study on AIDS Education in Africa during the summer of 07. She went on to work with WHO. On September 5th, 2018 in Groningen, The Netherlands, she defended her PhD thesis titled *The right to health as the basis of universal access to essential medicines: A normative framework and practical examples for national law and policy*". She will be continuing her research as a Post Doctoral Researcher at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto and at the International Centre for Reproductive Health/WHO Collaborative Centre at Ghent University, Belgium.

Anthony, a CAPE student for 3 years, discovered his artistic talent while at CAPE. He attended the Medicine Hat College and later the Vancouver Film School. To date he has worked on 15 film projects as a visual effects artist, 5 as a cinematographer, 4 as an animator, 1 in the camera and electrical department, and one as part of the crew. He is currently working on his own film project as the writer and director.

Thomas and Robert, students at CAPE from grades 1-9, have pursued their interest in music. They formed a band, performed in Medicine Hat, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Saskatoon, and many more western cities. They have toured Alberta and British Columbia in the summer of 07, have toured across the Canada in June 08, in October 08, and again in May/June 09 08. They have professionally released CDs/EPs, were guests at a Calgary radio station in the spring of 07, and were invited to several festivals from Victoria to Calgary to Nova Scotia. They have performed at many music festivals as members of the same band and with their own bands. Robert participated in a production of Jesus Christ Superstar in Victoria. Robert is now attending

the Vancouver Film School specializing in sound and recording. Thomas and his band continue to tour across Canada, the United States and Europe and are about to release his latest CD. Robert is working in IT and continuing to play and record bands in and around Victoria, B.C.

Jenae, a CAPE student for several years, moved to Ireland to study medicine. Upon receiving her medical degree, she returned to Canada, specialized in Psychiatry at University of Toronto and is currently working as a geriatric psychiatrist. While at CAPE, she performed in two school-wide CAPE drama production, one of which toured England for a month.

Alex, a CAPE student for several years, attended the University of Toronto and was planning to become an actress. While at CAPE, she performed in two school-wide CAPE drama production, one of which toured England for a month.

Brock, a CAPE student for several years, attended the University of Waterloo earning a degree in Mathematics. He is now working for a major insurance company and planning to attend law school.

A.J., a CAPE student for several years, graduated from a Louisiana University with a degree in Biophysics and later received a medical degree.

Alex is currently at the University of Alberta in Plant Biology and working with/for his professor on research.

David studied accounting and is presently “wheeling and dealing”, working the corporate world.

Heather studied Spanish, went to South America for a short teaching position as a volunteer but stayed to teach full time. She then acquired a Physiotherapy degree, operated her own centre for a number of years. She now lives in the U.S.

Stephan, got a little lost for a while after high school but got back on track earning a McGill University degree in Physics, and, as of last year, was planning to get his Ph.D. in Physics.

Sofie, after some time working as a model, attended McGill University and has become an actuary.

Riki studied power engineering in Red Deer and is currently working in the field.

Alja attended the University of Lethbridge, earned a teaching degree in Music and is an accomplished musician. She currently teaches piano.

Tanya, attended the Medicine Hat College and is now taking classes while waiting to start her degree in Dietetics and Nutrition at the University of Alberta..

Nicholas attended the Medicine Hat College and is presently in his third year of Engineering, Electrical Computer Engineering, at the University of Calgary.

Ivan attended the Medicine Hat College's pre-med program and went on to medical school.

Simon left CAPE in June 2002, attended high school in Medicine Hat and then went on to become a journeyman electrician. He is now the co-owner of a company, the proud father to a little boy, and plans to eventually become an electrical engineer.

Nick attended CAPE for several years moving into high school in 2002. Nick faced some challenges but he did completed high school, went on to do an honours degree in economics and political science. He has been working for more than five years now as a senior trade commission officer for the government.

Andrea finished her bachelor of social work in July 2019 and is now working at a Montessori school.

Matthew, after two failed attempts at enrolling, managed to join our community. severely handicapped by anxiety, he was unable to speak with anyone for almost two years. Gradually, with coaching, he began to interact. He successfully completed high school, apprenticed as a cabinet maker and is working.

Alyssa, diagnosed with AHDH, struggled but persevered. Even though told to forget about university, she graduated from high school and acquired a university degree.

Michael, hindered by severe anxiety, struggled through high school and did not earn his high school diploma. After working for some time, he was hired by a local company and successfully trained earning his certificates. He now works in the oil field, fracking.

Josh, very bright but with multiple needs, completed high school but dropped out of college. He is now going back to work on a science degree and, in his own words, "really regrets spending so much time in the office".

Nolan, diagnosed with ADHD with Oppositional Defiant Disorder, earned his high school diploma, volunteered within the community, discovered a passion for cars, now works as a mechanic specializing in big rigs and, in his spare time, renovates old cars.

Cody stayed with us a long time. CAPE was his home and refuge from the world. He faced many challenges but completed high school, and is moving on with his life, a competent articulate young man. He is currently working part time while completing his nursing degree. He plans to get a Masters in Nursing.

Kyle was hindered by anxiety and ADHD and stayed with us an additional year. While with us he dabbled with music playing base guitar in a little group. He is now quite an accomplished musician and is working towards a teaching degree from the University of Lethbridge after attending Medicine Hat College.

Zach was a handful, as he himself said in a thank note “I must admit I was too much to handle back when I was a kid at cape I was difficult to be honest ... I think about my regrets all the time just wanted to apologize all these years ...I had a rough life leading up to grad and if Mrs D could hold on to a troubled me then I should be able to buckle down and graduate like I did “.

Kim struggled while with us but persevered. She completed high school, went on to the Medicine Hat College earning her management/business credentials and was managing a clothing store in Medicine Hat when we met again after many years.

Aaron came to us three years behind academically and severely afflicted by digestive issues brought on by anxiety about school. Three years later he aced all of his PAT exams. He went on to complete high school, enter the work force, start a family and become a valued member of his community. His niece, who also attends CAPE, is his biggest fan.

Vanessa attended CAPE for several years. She completed high school and is currently preparing to be a nurse and working part time.

Danielle graduated from high school, worked for a time as a pharmacy assistant and is currently training as a nursing aid.

Carter, attended the University of Lethbridge after high school. He has recently started his own recording studio.

James, attended Medicine Hat High School after leaving CAPE. Attended the University of Calgary to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Now he is in his internship year. He has

been involved with Engineers Without Borders for 3 years, spending the summer the 2013 with a start-up in Ghana. He was awarded the Seymour Schulich Scholarship for Academic Achievement and the Jason Lang Scholarship. He is also a Rhodes Scholar attending Oxford University in October 2017.

Nathan completed high school and then completed an engineering degree at the University of Alberta. He currently works as an engineer and flies drones professionally.

Max attended CAPE for grade 8 and 9. After he completed high school, he worked in construction, a trade he completely loves.