

KYLE SCHROERING

Always Alert:

Kyle Schroering's Days as an EMT and Pre-Med Student

Graduate: Class of 2006 Occupation: Emergency Medical Technician/Student

It is 2:30 in the morning, and Kyle Schroering slumbers on the couch in the back room of the Ferdinand firehouse waiting for his pager to sound. For Kyle, this has become a routine part of his job as an emergency medical technician (EMT), but he will quickly express that with his job, typical days do not exist. When describing his career, Kyle says, "Crazy things happen every day. This line of work is unpredictable."

Beginning work at either 6:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m., Kyle works a twelve hour shift. When he arrives at his station for the day, he and his partner converse with the previous crew about their shift. Eventually, they must check the ambulance for parts that need maintenance and tend to them. Then, they must wait for the sound of their pagers. When his pager sounds, Kyle must stop everything and rush to aid the victims in need. Contacting dispatch the entire way, Kyle and his partner set off in the ambulance to try to save a life.

For two years, Kyle has practiced the art of saving lives, but only during the summer and on weekends. Majoring in biology, he currently attends Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana. A liberal arts college for men, Wabash provides Kyle with many beneficial classes that he does not need to take for his profession; he believes these classes make him a well-rounded individual. Kyle involves himself as a member of the Wabash basketball team and President of the Best Buddies organization-along with many other activities. Kyle still finds time to study; this requires much effort and usually not much sleep, but he loves all his freedom since graduating from high school. After Wabash, Kyle hopes to attend the Indiana University School of Medicine to become a pediatric surgeon.

Because Kyle enjoys traveling and acquiring knowledge about new cultures, he aspires to attend a mission trip in a third-world, Spanish-speaking country to assist with basic medical needs there. "A recent trip to South America," Kyle relates, "has sparked my interest in the possibility of world-wide travel and the eye-opening experiences that are out there to explore. My trip opened my eyes to the need for the most basic of health care in these countries." While there, he learned that people should go places where they may not feel comfortable because their beliefs will be challenged, and the results will benefit them.

Although Kyle has enjoyed his experiences after high school, he will never forget the memories and friends he made at Forest Park. A 2006 graduate, Kyle was involved in various clubs and sports. He has fond memories: two basketball state championships, successful baseball and soccer careers, but most of all, time with lifelong friends. Kyle advises Forest Park students to step outside their comfort zone, find their interests, value their relationships with teachers and classmates, and treasure the whole high school experience. Most of all, Kyle counsels, “Do not wait for things to come to you. Go out and achieve.”