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**Andrew** (18) has had a busy year. First off, we must mention that he GRADUATED [high school](#)! He's been delivering pizza for Pizza Hut, was tremendously involved in the [International Thespian Society](#) as his chapter's Historian, and he was active in McKinney's Young Actors' Guild. It was a rare moment when he was not involved in a play of some sort; and he shined in every part he played. But his most memorable role was his portrayal of Nick Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, for which he received an award for Best Supporting Actor. Andrew also performed at the [National Thespian Festival](#), took a 50 mile canoe trip, and road inside a hot air balloon. He says the hot air balloon ride was one of the high-lights of his year; it was right up there (no pun intended) with getting to see childhood friends Bryce, Dailen and Micah this summer. With Andrew's academic scholarship, he is now attending UNT ([University of North Texas](#)). Andrew hopes to be able to study abroad in Ireland, and he looks forward to someday being able to "support (himself) through acting, and if that doesn't work—become a teacher."

**Heather** (14) is in Honors Band this year. She also made All-Region Band, is a Mentor for the sixth grade students in AVID ([Advancement Via Individual Determination](#))—a national program preparing students for the rigors of college—and she is excelling in school, because of her self-motivation, even though she has all Pre-AP classes. She has set some very high goals for herself, of which her mother is sure she is capable of accomplishing if Heather sets her mind to it. In her "spare time," Heather loves to draw, enjoys membership on the site "[Deviant Art](#)," and is involved in student council and National Junior Honor Society. She enjoyed [TCU Band Camp](#) and Horseback Riding Camp this past summer. Though she DOESN'T enjoy mowing the lawn and edging (she's had to do it some since all her brothers have flown the



coop), she does enjoy babysitting and dog sitting. Oh, and she has three geckoes, which were found all around our house, and she can identify each one by name.



Holly know.)

**Jonathan** (21) just passed the half-way mark for his two year full-time LDS mission in the [Washington Tacoma](#) area. He is enjoying missionary work and is currently teaching several people. He also loves doing service for others. (If anyone wants to be added to the list to receive Elder Toomey's emails, please let

**David** (25) is doing very well in [school](#). He will have earned nearly a 4.0 GPA. He is majoring in Integrated Studies—[Psychology](#) and Sign Language. This past summer David worked in Texas and Louisiana as a Technician for [Vivint](#) to pay for his college education. He even paid off his car!



**Holly** continues to happily serve as Ward Relief Society Secretary, as a service missionary at the Dallas Temple Distribution Center, and PRN for an [assisted living facility](#). She completed one of her bucket list items: [Hot Air Balloon ride](#) in Colorado. It was amazing! This fall she went back to school online in BYU-I's [Pathway Program](#). She has been enjoying immersing herself in learning, particularly studying the scriptures and reading and viewing so many inspirational messages.

**Harold** set and achieved a goal to run a half marathon or further [every Saturday this year](#). So far he has run two full marathons each month on



average. Both he and [Roxy](#) are at [Marathon Maniac](#) Level [6](#). Harold ran a marathon in 10 States, meeting the minimum requirements to join the [50 States Marathon Club](#). Harold and Roxy both ran [four marathons](#) in four days over Thanksgiving break to prepare for Harold's [100 mile](#) run on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Harold still works for McAfee, an Intel company, as a Product Security Architect. He served as president of the [ISSA North Texas Chapter](#)—a large information security non-profit organization. He serves as Executive Secretary in their super ward. He [tutors](#) a dozen students in Calculus and Physics most evenings. In his spare time he helps with [Eagle Boards of Review](#) and as a merit badge counselor.

We wish we were eloquent in our words but we are not. So you are stuck with just hearing how much we love and appreciate each of you. You have a special place in our hearts and prayers.

Our tip for the season: Before you send out those gift checks and cards, saying, "[Buy your own present](#)," make sure the check is in the envelope. ☺

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*Merry Christmas!*

With love from, the *Texas Toomeys*

