

Extraordinary Califon School Alumni

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Califon School has a rich history of providing an excellent education to the children of Califon. In addition to academic excellence, a Califon School education provides its students with a strong foundation in leadership development; self-confidence and public speaking skills; a love of volunteerism; and participation in music, sports, and other extra-curricular activities.

Because of this, Califon School students continue to succeed at Voorhees High School (VHS) and beyond. Even more, our Califon School “extraordinary alumni” also have a rich history of “coming home”. Whether it is a visit with a favorite teacher, to show their support at a school concert or sporting event, or to help out when needed, our Califon School alum are there when we need them!

For the past few months, three of our extraordinary alumni have been lending a hand at Califon School on a weekly basis!

VHS eleventh graders **Tristan Downey** and **Andrew Schundler** are co-advisors working with the Califon’s sixth and seventh grade Destination Imagination (DI) Improvisation team. Fellow eleventh grader, **Kevin Smith**, has been tutoring fourth, fifth, and sixth graders in math.

Let’s learn a little bit about these “extraordinary alumni” who continue to make Califon School proud!

TRISTAN DOWNEY



Tristan Fogg Downey graduated from Califon School in 2010. That spring, his Destination Imagination team went all the way to the DI Global Finals in Knoxville, TN. For the past three years he has come back to Califon School to help advise upcoming DI teams. This year he is helping to coach his brother Eli’s team.

At Voorhees High School, Tristan has a 4.01 GPA , taking honors math and English and AP Biology. He was inducted into the German Honor Society this year. Tristan has played soccer for three years at VHS as a striker. He also works part-time for a local accountant, and plans to major in computer science in college.

ANDREW SCHUNDLER



Andrew Schundler, Califon School 2010 graduate and former member of the Knoxville-bound winning DI team, has also been advising this year’s sixth and seventh grade “Improv DI team”.

Andrew is the founder and producer of ASchundler Films, a freelance videography business that he founded in September 2011. He has worked with over thirty clients, including the United Nations and the international nonprofit PeaceJam.

He is the co-president and CFO of H2O 365, a small non-profit that is raising money to build wells in Africa to fight the Global Water crisis. In 2011, Andrew attended a two week summer program at Oxford University studying British History and International Relations/Politics. While there, he studied with students from 92 different countries.

Andrew is a member of the National Honor Society and a National ScriptFrenzy Winner. He received the Hunterdon County Amazing Kid in Business award for outstanding work in his small business, ASchundler Films. Andrew has a GPA of 3.94.

Andrew will graduate from Voorhees High School at the end of his junior year and will attend Biola University in Los Angeles, majoring in Film and Media Production. Andrew will also be enrolled in the Torrey Honors Institute, Biola's Honors Program. He was able to finish high school after three years by taking all honors and AP since his freshman year, and by also taking courses online and over this upcoming summer.

KEVIN SMITH



Kevin Smith graduated from Califon School in 2010 and is currently a junior at Voorhees High School. He has been tutoring fourth-sixth grade students in mathematics at Califon School every week, which is part of an AP Biology service project. Kevin took Honors Geometry at VHS as an eighth grader, and is now taking AP Calculus AB.

Kevin's schedule this year also includes AP English Language and Composition, AP US History, AP Biology, and Honors Spanish IV. He was on the High Honor Roll (all A's) the first and second marking periods of this year. He has a 4.08 GPA.

Kevin is a member of the National Honor Society and the World Language Honor Society. He is a member of the VHS Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and the Marching Band.

Kevin earned his Eagle Scout Rank in March 2012. His Eagle Scout project was the installation of an outdoor classroom behind the gymnasium at Califon School. He has travelled to Appalachia the past three summers to work with the Appalachian Service Project, and was a camp counselor at Mountain Farm's summer nature camp last summer.

Kevin plans to study Biomedical Engineering in college.

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