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12 Eagle Scouts Honored

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A group of twelve Eagle Scouts of the senior class of 2010 at Lovejoy High School were recently honored for their outstanding achievements as scouters. This group of seniors represent 12% of the young men in their class. In addition to scouting these young men participate in various sports, leadership and scholarly organizations at the school.

Brad Berrett is a member of Troop 1234 in Allen. His Eagle project consisted of collecting supplies and cash for an orphanage in Peru. All together Brad collected 400 pounds of supplies and \$2,000. He and his father personally flew to Peru to deliver the supplies and cash to the orphanage. Brad has participated on the Lovejoy soccer and football teams, and is a member of PALS (Peer Assistant Leadership Skills). He is currently collecting supplies and donations for an orphanage in Costa Rica. He plans to attend Brigham Young University and serve as a missionary for the Latter-Day Saint church.

Chris Cunningham is a member of Troop 358, chartered by Creekwood United Methodist Church. For his Eagle project, he organized his troop to landscape around the Cottonwood Creek Baptist Church worship sanctuary. As a member of Cottonwood Creek, he has served as a student leader and camp counselor in the student ministry. Chris was on Lovejoy's state 3A semi-finalist varsity football team, the varsity wrestling team where he was awarded the 2010 Coach's Award and an inaugural inductee into Lovejoy's National Honor Society. This fall, he will attend Texas Tech University majoring in business.

Steele Downing earned the rank of Eagle while attending Troop 1234. He organized a service project that included dozens of scouts that cleaned out the Stacy Ridge Park wooded area. Steele is active in the sports program at Lovejoy, including the semi-final state championship football team. He is an advocate for children with handicaps and has lectured on the subject at school assemblies, churches and television news programs.

Garrett Graham earned the rank of Eagle in Troop 1234. He organized an Eagle project to clean and repair a work shed at the Samaritan Inn of McKinney. Garrett graduated early, and is currently serving as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He was one of the original Spirit Masters at Lovejoy, and played leading parts in several plays, including "Beauty and the Beast", "The Sound of Music", and "Seussical the Musical". Garrett has been accepted by Brigham Young University Idaho where he will study after completing his missionary service.

Christian Hughes is a member of Troop 1234 in Allen. His Eagle project consisted of organizing a team to assemble more than 50 blankets for children in crisis situations. He actively participates in the Lovejoy band and robotics team. Christian currently works at the BSA Scout Store in Allen.

Nick Inman is a member of Troop 306 in Allen. His Eagle project consisted of renovating a courtyard at the First United Methodist Church where he attends and participates regularly -- he is active in youth group, bells, orchestra and has served on multiple mission trips in the US and Mexico. Nick excels in academics, plays on the Lovejoy High School baseball team and is a member of the Lovejoy band. Nick plans to attend Austin College and major in biology.

Brian Johnson is a member of Troop 1234. His Eagle project provided 12 book cases that he and his troop made from scratch. These book cases are currently in use at Lovejoy Elementary School. Brian is a member of the Lovejoy theatre troupe, and has played leading roles in "Suessical the Musical", "Beauty and the Beast", "The Sound of Music" and "Bye Bye Birdie". He has participated in the Lovejoy choir for the past four years, and won state ensemble awards twice. Brian played 5 years of hockey for the Allen High School team, and plans to try out for the Brigham Young University hockey team this summer.

Broox Nevil has been actively involved in the scouting program for many years, starting as a cub scout at age 8. He is a member of Troop 1234, sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Broox completed his Eagle requirements by heading up a project that collected personal care items and donated the items to a medical clinic that assists the needy. He continues to participate as a Venture scout and looks forward to returning service to the program as a future scout leader.

Jake Rosza earned the rank of Eagle while living in Boise, Idaho. His Eagle project focused on collecting dozens of eye glasses which were donated to a third world country. Jakes has participated in wrestling and football. He was a state wrestling competitor in Idaho. Jake enjoys art and uses his talent for promoting the Hope For The Best Campaign. His after graduation plans include studying dentistry at BYU or UCLA, and missionary service for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Charles Susong is the founding class president at Lovejoy High School and co-captain of the cross country team and the 2010 Prom King. He is studying Chinese language at a Dallas area Buddhist temple and has received an appointment to the United States Military Academy (West Point) following high school.

Patrick Thompson is a member of the National Honor Society. He was a member of the Lovejoy football team that advanced to the 3A semi-final state playoff. Patrick is a regional qualifier on the school's powerlifting team, as well as an annual participant in the Relay for Life. His post-graduation plans include attending Oklahoma State University.

David Tuck completed the Eagle requirements by organizing a project to landscape the back courtyard at Lovejoy High School. David is a member of St Jude Catholic Church and Troop 358. He volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, the Food Pantry and Catholic Charities, is a member of PAL's, newspaper staff and plays football and baseball. David has been accepted at University of Arkansas where he plans to major in Kinesiology and journalism.