

# Hempfield teen has his sights set on medical career

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Tyler Cox is an academic star at Hempfield, where he competes in

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Cox is a member of SHOUT, the 60-member senior high youth group at Hempfield United Methodist Church. On a youth mission trip to New York City this summer, he worked with the homeless at a food bank and soup kitchen, where he cooked, served and cleaned.

Closer to home, he has volunteered for the United Way Day of Caring, Hands on House 5K run, Hempfield boys basketball summer camp and National Honor Society activities.

Now in the college application process, Cox is looking at the University of Pittsburgh, Rutgers University and Messiah College.

He said he's leaning toward Messiah because the small Christian school has a close-knit feel that appeals to him. "There are a lot of kids in my grade that I don't know," he said. "It's kind of sad."

In what little spare time he has, Cox enjoys reading about sports and listening to music — especially the Dave Matthews Band, Coldplay and Lecrae Moore, a Christian rap artist.

Another of his favorite Christian rap groups, the 116 Clique, introduced him to a Bible verse that is meaningful to him — Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."

"This is something that I try and do every day, but I am not always successful."

At all times, Cox said he tries to smile.

"I try to be friendly."

He believes his friends would describe him as "outgoing and always laughing."

"Some days it's harder than others. I usually have late nights (with games and homework), and I'm tired in the morning. But then I go to school and see my friends, and I perk up and smile."

Tyler Cox usually has a smile on his face. The Hempfield High School senior comes by it naturally. His father, Steven Cox, is a professional photographer and salesman. "My dad's a funny guy," the 18-year-old said.

And there are a lot of laughs in the Cox household, which includes 16-year-old triplets, Ashley, Melissa and Rachel.

"There's a lot of commotion in our house, except when they go out," the big brother said. "But I wouldn't have it any other way."

Cox, a three-sport athlete and an active member of his church youth group, credits his mother, Beverly, with setting him on his career path.

"She wanted me to consider the medical field," he said.

A school nurse, his mother arranged for him to shadow pharmacist Steve Wiley at Wiley's Pharmacy in Centerville. This summer, he worked there as a pharmacy technician.

Previously, he worked at Rita's Italian Ice on Columbia Avenue and at Dutch Wonderland.

The busy teen, whose favorite subjects in school are math and science, plans to pursue a career in medicine, perhaps becoming a pharmacist.

"I would like being able to help people," he said. "It would be neat to answer their questions."

Cox, with a 4.0 grade-point average, ranks eighth in his class of 582 students. He is treasurer of the National Honor Society and a member of the National Spanish Honor Society.

Last year, he took Advanced Placement statistics. This year, he is enrolled in AP environmental science, a new offering at Hempfield, and AP calculus.

All his other courses are honors courses, with the exception of English, which he decided would be too much on top of his busy sports schedule.

Cox is running cross country for Hempfield this fall for the first time and plans to play again for the basketball team in the winter and run for the track and field team in the spring. Until this year, he also played on the boys soccer team.

In his junior year, he was co-captain of the soccer and basketball teams and won a varsity letter in track and field.

"My parents got me into sports when I was little," he said. "I've always stayed active."

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