

On July 28, 1984, I was born to Harry and Donna Quandt at Parkview Memorial Hospital. I was born at 4:17 am and weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces. Then I had a two year old brother, Tony, and three years later would be blessed with another brother, Neal. I have spent my whole life here in New Haven, Indiana. I attended pre-school at the United Methodist church, grade school at St. John the Baptist school, and then high school at New Haven High.

My Dad is a teacher and while us kids were growing up my mom only worked part time. She was very involved with my life both in and out of school. My parents have always been supportive of my decisions and have encouraged me in everything I do. As a result of this, I am very adamant about parent involvement in their children's lives and how it affects them in schooling. Since my Dad is a teacher, he has always been concerned with my academics. Having a teacher in the house was nice because I never had to worry about homework problems. My two brothers are two of my best friends. Like any normal siblings we fought when we were younger, but quickly grew out of it and I now have great relationships with them.

I have always been outgoing and full of energy. Growing up with two brothers I was always playing sports and became involved at a young age. At 3 I took tap dance, and a few years later, gymnastics. During the summers I played in a tennis program for the Parks and Recreation program in town. In 4th grade I began to play sports for school. While still playing tennis in the summer, during the school year I would play volleyball, basketball, soccer, and was a cheerleader. Also, in grade school I was involved with the school plays and the Student Council.

Attending a private school gave me the opportunity to create personal relationships with my teachers and obtain many long lasting friendships. During elementary school I did not apply myself as much as I could have, and unfortunately, did not enjoy school. I struggled at times keeping myself interested, but with the help of my parents, gained more confidence and motivation as I entered middle school. I knew academics would never come easy to me, and just accepted the fact that I was going to have to work hard to achieve good grades.

In high school I continued to play tennis, soccer, and participate in the Student Council. I also joined the French Club, cadet teaching, peer tutoring, and Student Leaders. I was a member of the National Honor Society and Rotary Club. I continued to be determined to attain good grades and even tutored other students in subjects that I was strong. I learned time management skills from playing sports, being involved with many extra curricular activities, and keeping up with my academics. School became more and more enjoyable for me and through high school I received good grades and graduated 11th in my class.

Through the cadet teaching program I was involved in, I decided I wanted to become a teacher and began to look at colleges. I had also spent time in the special education department at my school and realized that I enjoyed working with those students and the self gratification was overwhelming. While on one of my college visits to Manchester College, I learned of their education department, and along with my advisor, who was very helpful with answering questions, made the decision to attend Manchester. I am looking forward to the years here at Manchester and with the help of my four year plan hope to achieve many goals.

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