

Merry Christmas 2006

This year has been another great year. Taylor, as a sophomore at Lakota East High School, played rugby this past spring enjoying the team sport and physical contact. He applied and was accepted for a leadership program through Norwich University in Vermont spending 3 grueling weeks of military flavored training and classes in July. His day began at 5AM and training stressed teamwork and leadership culminating in an arduous mountain hike applying the skills they learned to survive. He is currently a junior looking at colleges with interests in architecture, history and aviation.



Katelyn finished her pre-med undergraduate degree from Kent State University graduating Summa Cum Laude and scored in the top 10% in the nation on the MCATs. She attended school all year round to do this in two years, but made the most of each short semester break. This year included a spring break trip to Delray Beach with college friends, a retreat to a ranch in Tennessee helping her work on personal issues and strengthening her mind,

body and soul. In August, all of us (including her friend Alex) took a special graduation cruise to the Hawaiian Islands to celebrate her hard work and accomplishments. Instead of wearing a cap and gown on the day of her commencement, she was in a bikini leaping off a water falls cliff, surfing, snorkeling and relaxing on a beach in Kauai!

Rather than beginning her 4 years of medical school at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Katelyn decided to slow down and take a year off – not all that uncommon. Learning independence, she is living in Kent while working



and volunteering with children. She will begin medical school at NEOUCOM in August 2007.

Rich and I are thankful for the time with each other and our two children. We enjoyed every moment of our Hawaiian cruise, making the most of each day, each island and each majestic view. Regardless of the time of day, we treasured even the 2:45AM pitch-black freezing temperatures at 10,000 feet on Mt. Haleakala, just to experience the most beautiful sunrise in the world – we truly did “live in the moment” – *Carpe Diem*.

Always with love,
Brenda, Rich, Katelyn and Taylor