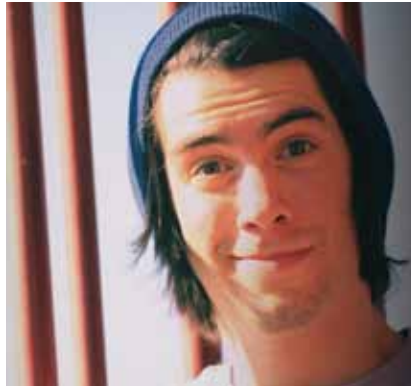


## .. HFA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ..

### Ryan Shorosky

Ryan Shorosky is a landscape photographer whose work explores the importance of our connections to the natural world. He currently spends time in the province of Newfoundland where he portrays the environment and its inhabitants through large-format photography. He hopes to further investigate his own heritage in the area by tracing back his connection to hemophilia through photographs and visual media. Mr. Shorosky plans to publish a book of these photographs, along with his own writings.



### Patricia DeRatto

Patricia DeRatto's youngest child, a boy, was born with severe hemophilia in May, 1991. This was completely new territory to her as neither of her other two children had any chronic medical problems. She was determined to learn all she could about hemophilia so that she could provide him with the medical care he needed. As he and her other children went through school, moving toward their goals, Ms. DeRatto realized that she was not being the best role model she could be. After considerable work, she has earned an Associate Degree and plans to enroll at John Tyler Community College to earn the credits needed to transfer to a 4-year university and earn a bachelor's degree in Sociology.



### Tom Blake

Tom Blake just finished the spring semester of his sophomore year at Manchester College. Because math and numbers have always intrigued him, he aspires to a degree in accounting. After graduating from college and earning his CPA certificate, he plans to move to Chicago or Indianapolis. His goals are large, and he feels one of the main reasons he dreams big is because of being a member of the bleeding disorders community. Five years ago, Mr. Blake was invited to join a Youth Advisory Council, which inspired him to strive for greatness and taught him to dream big. The impact of this group on his personal development has been immense, and he will be forever indebted to the hemophilia community.

**“One person can  
make a difference and  
every person should try.”**

*John F. Kennedy*

### Samantha Swygman

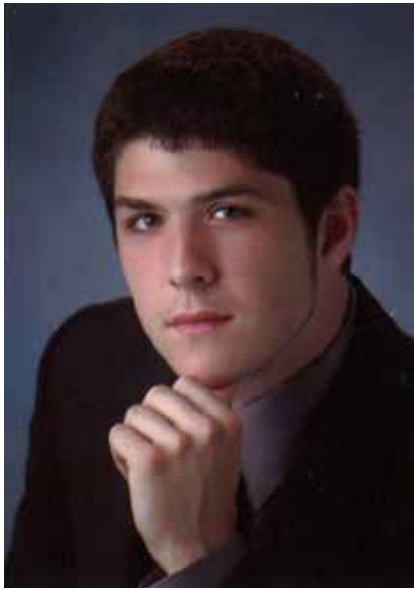
In order to prepare herself to wholeheartedly serve others, Samantha Swygman decided to serve for a year after high school as a missionary, assisting the community around her in countless ways. She plans on attending the University of Georgia in the fall, where she can devote herself to studying the art of nursing. Going forward, she is filled with enthusiasm for her future patients who, regardless of their state in life or physical ailment, will need love and encouragement.



### Rex Climer III

Rex Climer III is finishing his freshman year as an engineering major with a minor in agriculture at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He wants to specialize in agricultural engineering to help in the design and maintenance of tractors and the computers that are now integrated into nearly all agricultural equipment. His love of the outdoors and enthusiasm for hands-on work can be a challenge for a person with a severe bleeding disorder, but he keeps himself in good physical shape in order to protect his joints and maintain excellent coordination.



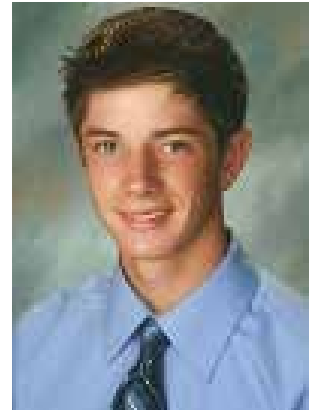


### Travis Albright

Travis Albright is currently applying for admission to, and hopes to graduate from, the Gerald Ford School of Public Policy by the end of his senior year at the University of Michigan. The hemophilia community has been a profound influence in both his current career choice and in his life. He has constantly been inspired by the children, young adults, and role models who have taught him so much. In the future, Mr. Albright plans to become more involved with advocacy for the hemophilia community by educating those who plan for careers in the field of public health policy.

### Jordan Horn

Jordan Horn believes that one of the greatest things a person can do is help others. Her sister's struggle with different illnesses, including von Willebrands, throughout her life has influenced her desire to go into the medical field, where she can combine her love for science with her love for volunteering and helping people. Miss Horn believes that dreams are one of the most important things to hold on to; they give you something to strive for and believe in. Her dream is to attend Olivet Nazarene University and help others by becoming a physical therapist or a physician's assistant.



### Eric Shepherd

Eric Shepherd currently attends Wright State University, and is working on an undergraduate degree in Biology, while taking pre-med courses for entry into medical school. His career goal is to become a doctor and specialize in infectious disease or hematology/oncology. His aspirations include continuing to serve in areas of the world that have great physical and emotional needs. Mr. Shepherd hopes to live a life that makes a difference to those around him.



### Kristi Friesen

Choosing an academic field was not difficult for Kristi Friesen. Based on her love of healthy eating, she decided early on that she wanted to be a dietician and practice clinical dietetics. Over time, her desire has evolved to incorporate a focus on HIV and the practical application of nutrition as a form of treatment. Because she grew up in the hemophiliac community (her two brothers have severe factor nine deficiency and she is a carrier), Ms. Friesen has had an interest in HIV for a long time. She transferred to Bastyr University in the fall of 2010 to complete her bachelor's degree in Nutritional Sciences.



### Ryan Lally

Ryan Lally will be attending the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia in their 6-year Doctor of Pharmacy program because he believes he would make an excellent pharmacist. Because he suffers from von Willebrands Disease, he knows how important a good pharmacist can be to an individual. He understands how important it is for a pharmacist to work with both the patient and doctor to find the proper treatment protocol, and knows exactly how the research, manufacturing, and distribution of medication can, indeed, make a difference in a person's life. Mr. Lally wants to be a part of this process.

