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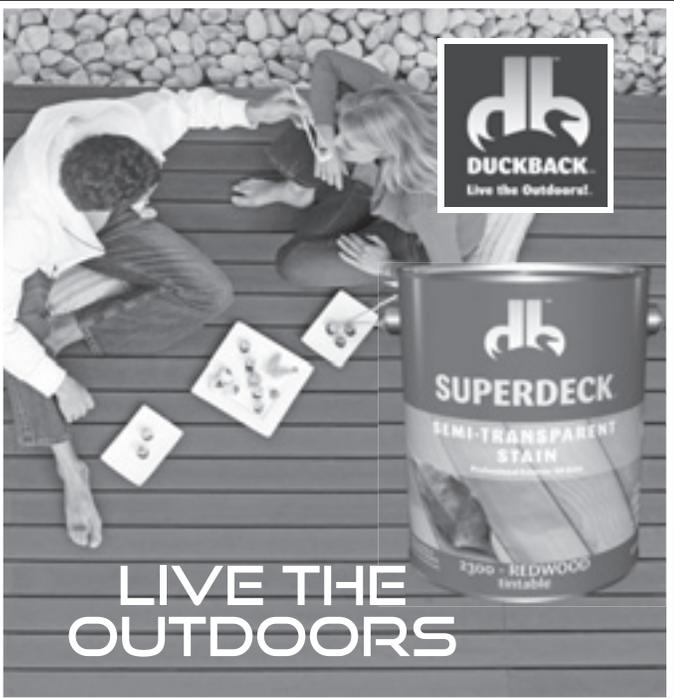
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Where Are They Now? Jonathan Coolidge

From EAVP to practicing physician

By Mary Ofenloch, President, Andover Service Club

Hundreds of students have applied for the Andover Service Club (ASC) Merit Scholarship throughout the past 55 years. One of the most outstanding of those applicants was Jonathan

Medical College (AMC). Even as a second year med student, he could see how much physicians give back to the community they serve.

In 2006, his third year at AMC, Jonathan applied for an ASC Merit Scholarship and was awarded \$1,000 in scholarship money for his outstanding educational and service history. He received high praise and outstanding recommendations from the Professor of Emergency Medicine at AMC; the Assistant Director of the Chemical Skills Program at AMC; and a close family friend.



Jonathan Coolidge, then ...

Coolidge, son of ASC member Margo Coolidge and Dr. Duncan Coolidge (retired), now Andover Selectman Coolidge.

Jonathan and his family came to East Andover when he was three years old, where he attended East Andover Village Preschool (EAVP) and AE/MS. At AE/MS, he played basketball and soccer, becoming co-captain of the soccer team in eighth grade. Jonathan graduated on the honor roll and received the Andover Lions Club Citizenship Award. He also became Senior Patrol Leader of the Boy Scouts Troop 489, a participant in the Andover Fourth of July parade, and various service projects in the Andover community.

While attending Proctor Academy, Jonathan played football, lacrosse, and basketball, becoming co-captain of the basketball team in his senior year. He graduated from Proctor as a member of the National Honor Society.

The choice to pursue a career in the medical profession took Jonathan to Worcester, Massachusetts, where he attended the College of the Holy Cross, earning a degree in biology. Then, he went on to Emory University in Atlanta to obtain a masters degree in epidemiology, followed by two years at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention in Adult and Community Health.

While at CDC, he realized he wanted more personal contact, so Jonathan applied, and was accepted, to Albany

Jonathan's mother, Margo, said she and Duncan never encouraged their son to enter the medical field because, coming from a medical background themselves, they knew the amount of stress and time involved in the pursuit of a medical profession. She said, however, that they would always support him in whatever field he decided to pursue. Needless to say, they are extremely proud of all of his accomplishments.

When I asked Jonathan to tell me how he feels about the years of his life in Andover, this was his reply: "I've lived up and down the east coast now, living for years at a time in New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, and Georgia – but my time in Andover will always be special to me.



... and now, with his parents Margo and Duncan Coolidge.

This small town helped shape and mold me, forming the core of who I am today. Growing up amidst the woods and fields of my back yard, and my neighbor's yard, and the neighbor's yard next to that, taught me to be both self-sufficient and determined.

"But Andover taught you how to care as well. How could you not, growing up in a town that reaches out to their neighbors when they are down, donating clothing and cash after the tragedy of a fire, doing fundraisers through school, or just unasked-for help from the neighbor to lift something heavy out of your truck. Perhaps it was some of this altruism and caring attitude that helped lead me to a career in medicine.

"Despite having lived outside of Andover for many years, and despite See Coolidge on page 36