



EyeRide for Sight Biographies

Cyclists

Tom McClellan, 19

Born in Gloucestershire in South West England, Tom is a graduate of Downside School. At Downside, Tom participated in the Chamber Choir and Jazz Band. He also played rugby and hockey and served as the captain of the cricket team. Upon graduation, Tom received the Gregorian Medal, Downside's most prestigious annual award.

In 2006, Tom and his classmates Fred and Oliver volunteered with "A Sporting Chance," an organization in Cape Town, South Africa that works to give underprivileged children a chance to compete in various sports. While in Cape Town, Tom, Fred and Oliver had the opportunity to coach hundreds of children in various sports. In the fall, Tom will attend Trinity College in Oxford to study Classics.

The EyeRide for Sight is a particularly personal endeavor for Tom. Both his grandparents suffered from cataracts and glaucoma and his mother has diabetes, which also affects her sight. With a history of glaucoma and diabetes in his family, Tom knows how important it is to have regular eye exams and maintain a healthy lifestyle so that he can preserve his eyesight.

Fred Mahon, 19

Recently named South-West of England Orienteering Champion, Fred Mahon, can navigate his way through just about anything. Born in the World Heritage City of Bath, England, Fred is a graduate of Downside School. At Downside, Fred played hockey and cricket and was a member of the cross country team. He also participated in the kayaking and sailing clubs.

In 2006, Fred volunteered with "A Sporting Chance" in Cape Town, South Africa along with Tom and Oliver, providing hundreds of children with valuable skills to successfully compete in various sports. Fred will attend the University of St. Andrews in Scotland to study History in the fall.

Alex Galvin, 19

Born in Ipswich in Suffolk, England, Alex is a graduate of Downside School. At Downside, Alex played rugby and tennis and served as the captain of the soccer team. Alex also ran cross-country and participated in the kayaking and badminton clubs. Upon graduation, Alex was awarded with the Stokes Memorial Prize, given to promising scientists and named the South-West of England Orienteering Champion. Alex will attend the University of St. Andrews in Scotland to study Math in the fall.

Alex is proud to support EyeCare America to help save the sight of others. Both Alex's grandparents suffered from cataracts and his grandmother had age-related macular degeneration.

Ben Leigh, 19

Ben Leigh, a London native, is always looking for his next philanthropic endeavor. Before heading to San Francisco for EyeRide for Sight, Ben spent a month in Africa teaching.

A graduate of Downside School, Ben participated in orienteering and was the captain of the cross country team. Ben also enjoys kayaking.

Ben will attend Durham University to study History in the fall.

Support Team**Oliver Lombard, 19**

Oliver Lombard is no rookie to cycling. The Bath native recently cycled more than 500 miles to Santiago, Spain. A graduate of Downside School, Oliver played hockey and cricket and served as the captain of the rugby team. Oliver also participated in the powerlifting club.

In 2006, Oliver volunteered with "A Sporting Chance" in Cape Town, South Africa along with Tom and Fred, providing hundreds of children with valuable skills to successfully compete in various sports. Oliver will attend Newcastle University to study Economics in the fall.

Ben Hodge, 19

Born in Cardiff, Wales, Ben Hodge has always had a passion for healthcare. Recently he worked with Cancer Research Wales to help raise money for cancer research.

Ben learned about the importance of regular eye exams from his grandfather who suffered from cataracts. Ben's grandfather successfully underwent cataract surgery and was able to save his sight. Because of this, Ben understands the importance of taking care of his eyes.

A graduate of Downside School, Ben played rugby and was the President of the Monkton Society and the captain of the weightlifting team. Ben also enjoys skiing and is an avid motor racing fan. Ben will attend Kingston University in London to study Property Management in the fall.