

Nathan McKerley – 2007 JCS Graduate

When Nate began Kindergarten at Jubilee, the school operated out of the DePaul Institute in Mt. Lebanon. “I remember at that time, Jubilee had combined classes for 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grades, but our Kindergarten class was so large that the school began to offer separate classrooms for these higher grades. It was cool to realize we were the first class to do this.” Today, Nate is in his first year of study at Rochester Institute of Technology studying mechanical engineering. “My ultimate pursuit is robotics, so I want to minor in Electrical Engineering along with my major. I’m also involved with the off-road car racing team RIT Baja, and RIT Cru, a Christian campus ministry.”

Looking back on his years at Jubilee, Nate remembers a shared focus: The teacher’s loved to teach, and students were taught to love learning. “I truly enjoyed the learning process and was curious to learn more about any subject,” says Nate. “Everything felt designed to feed my natural curiosity in fun and engaging ways.” This love of learning went on to fuel his involvement in FIRST Robotics, an organization for young adults that builds science, engineering and technology skills; and his internship at 4moms, a company that develops innovative juvenile products. It also led to Nate being named a Nat’l Merit Scholar Finalist in 2011.