



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of TIMOTHY SPATH



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Timothy Spath of Hilton, New York, is the recipient of a \$4,000 Charles Hampson Grant Scholarship and \$1,750 Sig Memorial Scholarship for a total of \$5,750 from the AMA Scholarship Program. Tim is the son of Todd and Carol Spath.

A graduate of Hilton High School, Tim was a scholar athlete in the top 10% of his class accumulating a GPA of 95.52 out of a possible 100. In high school, he was active in junior varsity track, varsity cross-country, and varsity swimming as well as Ski Club and Stage Crew. He was inducted into the National Honor Society his junior year and maintained membership throughout his senior year.

Tim participated in the Science Olympiad in the Wright Stuff Competition. The competition required participants to build a free-flight device and compete for the greatest time aloft. Tim competed multiple times with airplanes built from plans and from his original designs.

In addition to his scholastic accomplishments, Tim contributed to community service events and maintained a job. He helped raise money for the Rotary Club in his area, volunteered at a marathon aid station, rang a bell with the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign, and took part in several public functions through the local school district.

School counselor Cheryl Ohls wrote, "Tim has the maturity to balance extra-curricular activities, sports, and a job extremely successfully," Tim proves this by maintaining a 20-hour-a-week job at the local public library in addition to his extensive activities and school schedule. He has also worked splitting wood, ice cream sales, and CNC programming to profile and drill circuit boards.

Coming from a family of modelers, Tim has been one since the age of 10. His father, grandfather, sister, two uncles, and two cousins have all been or currently are AMA members.

Tim began his experience with various Free Flight designs. He has scratch-built a glider including a wire-cut foam wing and multiple Radio Control electric and glow-powered kits. Tim is designing and building a profile *Hawker Hurricane* and has begun work on a brushless electric motor to power the aircraft.

Tim plans to continue his education at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He is enrolled in the Honors Program and plans to study mechanical engineering.

“The introduction this hobby has given me in structures and control systems,” Tim wrote, “is an interest that I feel will last for the rest of my life.”

Best of luck in all you do, Timothy. Congratulations.

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