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### Joshua Cyle Blodgett - Ready for Adulthood

by Tamara Blodgett



#### Susan B English high school senior profile . . .

Josh was born in Honolulu in October of 1989 where he lived until he was almost three. At that time, the family got out of the military and moved to Gig Harbor , Washington where his father started working in the extended family's custom home construction business.

Josh lived a couple years there then moved about fifty minutes north to the small town of Poulsbo. Josh attended Kindergarten and first grade at Braidablik Elementary School. He was home schooled in grades second through fifth. When a satellite office presented a new opportunity the family moved to Sedro-Woolley, a little more than an hour north of Seattle. Although Josh did home-school in the eighth grade the rest of his time in Woolley was spent in the local public schools. He attended his

*How has living in Seldovia affected you?*

As compared to other places I've lived it made me realize there was a bright side to life.

*What is your favorite memory in the time you've lived here?*

Moving out of a temporary house and into our new house after the long remodeling project was finished.

*What has been your favorite subject?*

Spanish is my favorite subject.

first year of high school there, then that summer his family moved to Seldovia.

Josh loved the tranquility of Seldovia and the weather and was happy to have his own room when he finally moved into the newly remodeled house. The school was much smaller than Sedro-Woolley High which has a student population of a thousand students. The smallness of SBE has afforded him the ability to make a couple of great friendships and enjoy life at a more leisurely pace.

He is very close to his grandparents whom live in Eastern Washington and travels to visit with them regularly. He looks forward to his next visit with his extended family. Josh has signed up for the Delayed Entry Program in the Navy which has effectively begun the clock ticking on his enlisted service time while he is a senior in high school. It also allows him to enter as an E-2 instead of an E-1 (higher pay, etc.). The military offers a steady paycheck, health care, meal and lodging allowance, which Josh said, was part of the appeal to him.



The Blodgett family - left to right: Dan, Cameren, Josh, Levi, Tamara, Joel

*What is your favorite sport or hobby?*

I hate sports. I like to play video games, I am very musical and like to play the piano, I also like solving “puzzles” along with reading good books.

*What will you miss most?*

I will miss the freedom of surplus recreational time.

*What are your plans for the future?*

I have joined the Navy and hope to get into the Cryptological Technician Interpreter Program (CTI), save my money then retire early to Mexico .

*What are you most grateful for?*

I am most grateful for having a loving, supportive and caring family.

*Who was an important influence on you?*

My dad was the most influential.

*What is your favorite band/song?*

My favorite band is Korn and my favorite song is *Paint it Black* by the Rolling Stones.

*Your favorite catchphrase is...?*

Guns don't kill people; people kill people.

*Final Words:*

I would like to see more funding for small schools like Susan B. English.





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