



FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM PARENTS AND PLAYERS

Dear Dave, Dean, Todd and DCam,

It's hard to believe Logan's time with you has come to an end. We are so grateful that she has had this year with you, as she has enjoyed every minute of it. At first we wondered if Logan would actually go through with leaving home to live in Kelowna. It seemed unthinkable that she could move in with complete strangers. Not only was the billet experience wonderful for Logan, but they are going to take our second oldest daughter next year and hopefully our third and fourth children in years to come. We have decided that a year with you in Kelowna is going to be a valuable part of our children's upbringing.

Logan phoned us on the second last day of the program. She wanted to read us her "goodbye letters" that she wrote to you and all the coaches in the Pursuit program. After listening to her letters, Paul and I were speechless. We both felt quite emotional. We knew Logan was happy in Kelowna, but we had no idea how much respect and admiration she had for all of you. We have always felt Logan had a special ability to observe, evaluate and explain things instinctively for the way they really are. Based on this, and her letters to all of you, we would like to thank everyone for showing Logan and all the children so much respect and kindness each and every day you were with them this year. Your teaching methods and approach seem to bring out the very best in them.

We have never seen Logan so happy and so at peace with herself. You have raised the bar in terms of her personal goals and expectations, not to mention her confidence. We are so happy for Logan. The kids in her group have become like family to her and she cares for each and every one of them. In the space of 10 months, they have become a true team and have pushed each other to become their very best. She will miss them immensely. The Pursuit program has helped Logan to learn her personal strengths and weaknesses, in hockey and personally, (something that takes most of us until we are adults to achieve). Logan has learned that her very best effort is all that anyone can ask for and it is enough. Somehow this year, and all of its experiences, have taught Logan how to enjoy life and be happy with her accomplishments. You have truly changed Logan's life and her future, for the better.

Dear Pursuit of Excellence, this is Phil Jones, good news I just got back from a tryout up in Greeley Colorado. It went great it was by far the best I've ever played in my life. I got awesome reviews from all the coaches at this tryout and thanks to you guy's I made U16 midget AAA (Wranglers - used to be the Outlaws). This team last year was ranked 15th in the entire country (U18s) and I can't thank you enough. You guy's are unbelievable coaches and great guy's. After just one year of playing for you I went from in-house to AAA. Thanks again and keep on being great coaches. I hope to see you again soon.

Phil Jones

Dave,

Well, first off, let me say your program was extremely valuable to my son, Will, in many aspects to include great Life Skills lessons and, of course, superb hockey skills. I could not give proper credit in words here in this message to all the help that was provided to Will and me throughout the year. Whether Will needed assistance in High School concerns or help with hockey, your staff was always First Rate and did 'above-and-beyond' the call of duty in doing the right job. The billet family was great and provided great support again to both Will and me, also.

Without a doubt, my son, Will, would not be where he is today without having completed the Pursuit of Excellence Ice Hockey program. Upon graduation and completion of the Vancouver and Las Vegas Global Showcases and the Vancouver Challenge Cup tournament, Will has received three different offers to continue his hockey pursuit next year. First offer for Will was to play for the Minot State University, North Dakota, Beaver Hockey club, an ACHA (American College Hockey Association) Division-1 hockey program. A great offer, but Will was also trying to make a Junior hockey program. So, Will tried out for Junior hockey clubs in Ontario around the Toronto to North Bay areas. After a three day mini camp, Will was given an offer to play for two different Junior-A hockey programs. Will accepted and signed to play next year for the South Muskoka Shield Junior-A Hockey program out of the GMHL (Greater Metro Hockey League). While playing hockey next year for the Shield, Will has registered to complete courses on-line for Minot State University. Hopefully, after a year or two of Junior-A hockey along with his completed university courses, Will can pursue an NCAA hockey program and complete his degree.

All in all, my son Will's opportunities only became possible due to your excellent program, great instructors and staff, and superb billet family, and of course, the hard-work attitude you ingrained in Will to strive for excellence in all he does as a person and as a hockey player.

Thank you very much and best of luck to all next year!

Cya soon... Chris

PURSUIT 2006-7 AFTER 1 MONTH INTO PROGRAM

As parents, we are absolutely thrilled with the program and our son's attitude change! I never imagined it to be so awesome! Thanks for everything you guys have done , Del

... As I already mentioned to you Irene, what ever you guys are doing, keep on doing it! I am amazed how quickly I have heard major changes in Rebecca! She has repeatedly said that this is so much harder than she ever thought it would be, but she would not change anything for being a part of the program! Thank you!

PAST FEEDBACK

Thanks Dave. ... without everything you guys did for me I would not have been able to succeed! It was a lot of mental toughness that got me through everything and you guys made me stronger and you guys did everything for me and made me who I am today! You guys are the reason that I have the chance of a life time with this USHL tryout this week! I hope to see you guys in NJ! Thanks alot!

**Dear Dave, I am writing to thank you not only for the best year of my life, but also giving me the opportunity to have the best summer job I could ever ask for. Coming in to this year I had no idea what to expect; but I could never have expected a year as good as this one has been. I have improved so much not only on the ice, but as well off the ice as a person.
Kai**

Hi Dave I just got back from the AAA Practice and wanted to let you know that I am walking on air, amazed at the improvement the Pursuit Program has had on my skill and ability. I did not know how much improvement until I stepped back on the ice here amongst the players I competed against for a spot. You should see my shot!!!!!! I just can't believe it, can't believe there coming off my stick.

I just wanted to say thank you so very much. Sincerely, Ben

**Dave, I am writing to let you know that I made the Wisconsin AAA team. I owe it all to you and the program. I am sure you know that last year I played house and bantam B, so this is a huge improvement for me. I just wanted to say thanks again.....
-Jordan Menz**

We want to express our appreciation for the opportunity our son has had to be in the Pursuit of Excellence this year. At first we wondered if this would be "too much hockey" for him but, if anything, his love of the game has increased as a result. He was always among the top players of his age group but his skills have improved dramatically. His slap shot had increased by 17 miles per hour by Christmas and his skating is much more powerful, efficient and fluid. The video analysis tape you provided clearly identifies the areas of skating improvement. He now does those things without thinking about them. His understanding of the game has deepened and he has learned how to identify the weaknesses displayed by his opponents and take advantage of them through the skills you have taught. Off ice his maturation has been considerable. Ken & Betty-Ann Sabey

It's not often that you get more than you expected. We did! Our two sons, aged 13 and 15 years, first came to the Pursuit of Excellence program in its inaugural year 2003-2004.

Under the tutelage of Dave Roy and the fine young men on his coaching staff, their development went well beyond our expectations. But, this program doesn't come without a commitment. You will get out of it what you put into it... and much more. We watched as our sons were developing into better, more dedicated, and more disciplined young men. Skills

they will carry throughout their lives, the ability to work hard for something they are passionate about. By Christmas our eldest son had increased his peak skating speed by 4 miles per hour and his shot by 10 miles per hour. Our younger son also showed significant improvement as well.

It was a magical year, one in which they often exclaimed, "This is the best year of my life!" What was not to love? Four hours of hockey per day, five days per week, it was a joy to watch these teenagers develop bonds not only with each other but also with Dave Roy and his coaching staff as they shared this very special space in time. In the spring our eldest son was listed with the Everett Silvertips and had the honour of being invited as one of 46 players to the Best Ever Under 17 B. C. Provincial Hockey Camp. None of this would have happened without this program.

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The Gregory Family.

.....THE biggest deciding factor came when I met David Roy in person. There is something extremely special about this man. He is one of those rare individuals who is 100% involved in all that he does. His passion for hockey, skating and skill development is unparalleled and yet equaled by his passion for people. He effects people... he makes them want to be better. As a parent, you pray that your child is fortunate in life to meet people who will guide him, teach him and nurture him as you would... maybe even better? When I met David Roy, I could hardly believe that we could be fortunate enough to have our son learn from this man... not only how to be a better hockey player, but how to be a great individual.

Cheryl Soleway

(FOR THE PEOPLE WHO SAY THAT 1 YEAR OUT OF MINOR HOCKEY WILL HURT A PLAYER'S GAME PLAY)....

Hi Dave,

I thought you might be interested in the results of the first Kelowna Bantam AAA exhibition game last night - 11-1 victory over Salmon Arm.

For whatever reasons, the coach put together a David Roy line - Street, Sabey and Swetlikoff. They put up 13 points - 5 goals and 8 assists. A pretty good response to the innuendoes that David Roy boys can't handle game situations.

Keep up the good work!

Ken & Betty-Ann Sabey

**Our daughter absolutely loves the Pursuit of Excellence Program. In her own words, "It's awesome. I can't believe how much I've improved already. It's the best coaching I've ever had and it's really fun to work hard. I wish we had hockey in both the morning and the afternoon!" We are also very pleased with the life skills that she is learning and in a short time we can already see a difference in her maturity and confidence.
Chris and Bev Callen**

**.....What I like best about the program is that while my boy is becoming a better hockey player, he is also becoming a better and more disciplined person. The skills he is learning in hockey will carry over to the rest of his life. He is learning discipline, goal setting, teamwork, and the importance of hard work and sacrifice. We count it a privilege to be part of this program and would recommend it to anyone who wants to be better at hockey and life.
Steve Garcia Kelowna BC**

**.....We are still left a little astounded at the positive and rewarding experience our son attests to on a daily basis. His life away from home is so full of growth and development, physically, mentally and emotionally
Debra and Jamie Schwartz
Lloydminster, Alberta**

**.....The quality of this unique hockey experience is first rate and it teaches the students more than just hockey skills. The life skills and goal setting components of the program are very strong and the exposure to nutrition, off ice training and sport psychology are very helpful to the player's total development. The players would not be exposed to these concepts in a normal hockey environment. And when it comes to the sport of hockey itself, David Roy is renowned for his innovative on-ice and off-ice training techniques.....
Hardy Wentzel/ Westside, B.C.**

.....Your organization and commitment has been transferred into the daily routine of our son and the other students. We have noticed an improvement in our son's focus, organization and willingness to set and attain short and long term goals. Our son has developed a genuine desire to improve his skills, and we find that he works at it in much of his free time.

My wife and I are very pleased with the quality of outside assistance that you are using in terms of physiologists and sports psychologists, and we are thoroughly impressed by your entire facility and staff. In fact we are thoroughly impressed, beyond our expectations, with the entire program. We would recommend your program to anyone that has the desire to have their child improve their hockey skills, personal development and focus. Now that we are in the program,

it is hard to believe that we spent any time debating whether or not to do it. The answer is so obvious. We have certainly made the correct decision.

Sincerely Debbie and Adrian Van de Mosselaer

First of all we need to tell you once again that he had a fabulous year last year and the skills he developed and the self-confidence you inspired in him can never be taken away.....

Brenden still says that the best year he ever had in hockey was his year spent in your program.

Elena

Natalie and I would like to express our sincere gratitude for all you do for Jordan. We so greatly appreciate your values and your Christianity that you share with the kids. Just know that you are making a tremendous difference with Jordan. When he was home over Spring Break, he showed great personal growth. When he made the Wisconsin AAA team, he told us he felt like God gave him that team. We owe a lot of the thanks to you for your leadership, your mentoring, and your faith. Paul and Natalie

I want to thank you for the great year you have given Dalton. He has loved every minute of the program! What I have appreciated, even more than the hockey skills and "ripped" abs Dalton has developed, is emotional maturity I have seen in him. I am totally impressed with the value system you have in the program, i.e., holding them accountable for their actions, the community service they perform as a group, and the other things they learn, such as boxing, to help make them more well-rounded teens.

I think you know how much we value the Pursuit of Excellence program, as we've asked if Dalton can come back into the program for a second year. It's a great program, with everything a kid needs to be successful, both on and off the ice. Barb

.....Justin has absolutely loved the program. Not only has he improved on the ice, but the life skills that he has learnt are something that he will carry with him all his life. He has learnt how to help the needy, how to work as a team, how to be a good sport, elements that affect our young people these days, and the most important of all, he has learnt respect. He has also met many many good friends in the program. We are impressed how he has grown as a young teenager over the last year, and are looking forward to being in the program again next year.
Kim & Glenn Schultz

.....But most of all, it allowed him to grow as an individual, emotionally, physically and spritually, David Roy has shown our son leadership, guidance, and life skills that exceed all our expectations. If pushing the limit's to ones abilities, either it be physically or emotionally, this year both J.J. and David have exceeded those challenges.

We have so much faith in this program we are putting J.J. back in for a

second season, for this has been the best year ever educationally and for his hockey development. We are confident that J.J. will always be a dedicated student/player and will contribute greatly to the lives of those with whom he comes in contact with. Thank you.
Laurinda and Darren Kalawarny

Although the decision to send him away for a year was the most difficult we have ever made, we know it was absolutely the right decision. The skill development and physical training have been phenomenal. The improvement in Mark's skating and strength from the beginning of the year to the end is terrific. And, maybe most importantly, he has really enjoyed the experience. The confidence he has built will carry him through whatever he does with his life. Beyond the great hockey training, the increase in speed and skills, he has developed friendships and relationships that he will carry with him forever. He was blessed to have Brent and Michelle MacArthur as his host family. We could not have asked for a kinder or more generous family for Mark. I know they will always have a special place in our lives. Sarah & Mark Williamson/ Colorado

.....We appreciate the opportunity for Brenden to work with Kim Dillabough. Kim has encouraged Brenden to strive for his personal best and has brought him to a whole new level with his goal tending. Brenden has gained an appreciation for the hard work and commitment that Kim has set out for him. He has been an extremely positive coach for Brenden not only showing him what to do but also watching him progress and encouraging him to learn more.

Brenden has not only developed his hockey skills but he has grown as a person. David you have taught Brenden so much about self discipline and have modeled for him the values that we have always taught at home. He has great respect for you. He has developed an appreciation for hard work and discipline. The hockey program helped Brenden manage his time better and he became more committed to his school work. He not only maintained his marks but actually improved his marks in Math and French.

Brenden had told us on his last day of the program that he knows that no matter where his future in hockey will lead him, he will never forget this year and the opportunity that you have given him. When faced with disappointment at the beginning of the year, we had told Brenden that when a door closes God always opens a window. God opened a window for Brenden through you David, and we will be forever grateful for what you have done for him.

Craig and Elena Tostenson

..... in March, during our visit to Kelowna. we were delighted to see how well Ric had adjusted and how happy he was. We believe that his attitude and adjustment to his new life and environment can only be accredited to the excellent manner in which your program had been organised and managed, also to the caring host family who have supported him unconditionally and cared for him during his stay.

During his participation in the program he has acquired life skills which he would unlikely have learned elsewhere. There has also been a very noticeable change in his character, as he is now a very self disciplined, mature and level headed young man who shows an element of responsibility, respect and care for others.

The disciplinary measures instilled during the program have taught Ric the values and the necessity of correct diet and total respect for his body. He has developed into a mentally and physically tough athlete with an unbelievable passion for the game.

We were very impressed with the huge improvement in his skating and hockey skills and nowhere is this more evident than on the skating analysis video.

We are so proud of him and what he has achieved.

Ric has been at his happiest during his time in the program and he is really dreading the reality that he will soon be leaving the program, his coaches, teachers, his new friends and his host family.

John and I would like thank you, Dave, Todd, Dean and all the other coaches and management of the Pursuit for Excellence Program for giving Ric the greatest opportunity of his lifetime.

Anita and John Del Basso/ Australia

(Further Email to our office, the next hockey season regarding Ric from Australia)

Ric was also asked to play in the under 18 in Feb and go to Lithuania. He has declined as he is finally taking his studies serious. The coaches rang and begged us to still allow him to join the team but Ric made the decision and said no.

I will write an email to Dave when I get a chance as we would like to tell him that people, teachers and Coaches never stop telling us what a mature person and talented Ice hockey player he has become, he left a boy and came back a gentlemen. His reputation is reaching all parts of Australia and he has become very respected at school and in ice hockey. Thanks Irene

FEEDBACK RE: FAITH CHANGES

- This year has really changed me. It has made me more mature and enthusiastic about everything I do. It has made me a harder worker and has given me more faith. The one big thing that changed in me this year was my faith. It just sky rocketed since that Miles MacPherson show at Sky Reach Centre. It has made a big difference in me.**
- This was a great program and it changed me both as a hockey player and as a person. It fulfills everybody's dream; amount of ice time and supplies you with knowledge of nutrition, junior hockey, stretching, and psychology. I loved the program.**
- The Pursuit has brought me closer to God. It has made me think about others more often. This is the best hockey academy in Canada. This is the greatest experience I have ever had. It is a life changing experience that I will never forget.**
- Through this program, I became a Christian. I became more independent and more mature and able to control my temper. I became more caring for others and I learned to live away from home.**
- I have matured a lot and Dave made me think about a lot of things...filling peoples buckets, the Sex Ed. I'm really glad Dave decided to incorporate God into this program. I know it must have been a hard decision but God was obviously guiding Dave throughout the year. I have changed a lot religiously. At the beginning of the year I wasn't sure what I believed but now I am a Christian and Dave helped me decide and make that decision. I'm still reading the Bible Dave bought me.**

- I have always believed in god , but was never a Christian . Thank you Dave for opening my eyes to the Lord. ..It has been the gift of gifts. I also feel I am more caring and have more sympathy for people's feeling now Thanks for the greatest year of my life!!!
- I show less attitude and more gratitude. I try to treat people as I would like to be treated. I also have become a lot closer to God.
- As a person I believe I'm a more polite. I don't have a problem giving my time to other and I have become an overall better Christian. The reason I have become a different person is because of the leadership Dave and all the other coaches have shown me.
- I think Dave has made me want to read the bible and made me want to be nicer to people. (He did this not by force but by giving us a chance)
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- So how is everyone at your end, is Dave Roy back on the ice yet? Mark has become a quiet convert to Christianity due to Dave and takes the bible Dave gave him everywhere. He stunned us just before he left for Canada by holding a very well balanced and thought out discussion on religion.
- Outside of Gideons life at "hockey school" - Gods hand has really been moving in Gideons life - he is planning on being baptised when he comes home in March. We have suggested to him that he should share it with Dave - or someone at school and I don't know if he has had an opportunity. I thought I would mention it because you may be blessed to find out what has been happening in his spiritual life.
- Would you pass on some encouraging news to Dave in regards to Kyle's spiritual growth. He has had a real time of awakening to the real meaning of Christ dying on the cross. He had heard of this before but never grasped what that means for him personally. He has asked us for a Bible to read (as he forgot Dave's Christmas gift of a Bible at home in Manitoba). As well we are starting a family bible study on Friday nights and he has been very involved and commented to me that he did not realize there was so much more to know about living the Christian life according to God's word. It is exciting to see him take these steps.

Anyways...I thought Dave would like to know that this program has been effective in reaching Kyle.