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# Joseph Davis

## EXERCISE SCIENCE

**Joseph Davis '06 has a quiet, almost shy demeanor, but don't let that fool you.** His contagious smile and enthusiastic spirit is on full display when he begins to talk about making a difference and giving back.

Davis, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in exercise science, knows all about helping hands. He has been giving back and serving his community since the 8th grade, when he began volunteering his time as a coach for a summer league team in his hometown of Temple. "I wanted to help kids the way I was helped," Davis said.

Raised by a single mother, Davis said it was his junior high basketball coaches, Karon Taylor and Bruce Etheridge, who gave him positive male role models to emulate.

"They were like father figures to me," Davis said. "They would pick me up and take me to practice and counsel me. I didn't have a father at home, so they were really important to me." In fact, it was

Etheridge who told Davis about Schreiner. "He attended school here and told me it was a good place," Davis said.

But when Davis first stepped onto the Schreiner University campus in 2002 as a freshman he wasn't so sure he had made the right decision. "I was really withdrawn when I first came here because it was so different from my hometown," Davis said.

However, it didn't take long for the Schreiner spirit to start working its magic. "There are a lot of open arms here at Schreiner," Davis said. "It is the family atmosphere and the helping hands reaching out to you that make it special."

After being an integral part of the Mountaineer basketball team for the past four years, Davis said he knows he wants to coach at the college level.

But no matter what the future holds, Davis said he is ready to start the next phase in his life. "I will miss the friends that I have met here, and I will miss being one big family, but I am ready."

