

## **PEP Testimonials**

Read what current and former parents and students are saying about PEP

I must say, I continue to be extremely impressed with PEP. We have now homeschooled in 3 states and PEP is by far the best program we have seen anywhere. It strikes a well-crafted balance by "not being a private school," yet plays a substantial role in augmenting our homebased efforts to school our children. The instructors are top-notch and we are grateful to have such a great resource so close to home.

**Brian and Nancy** 

PEP Parents

## Ode to PEP

Your parents announce that you are going to PEP
You have heard the stories about its rep.
Not sure what the first day will hold
You can't even fake being bold.
Love it or hate it
There is a date.
When all things are due
They are none too few.
You are inspired to think more deeply than ever
The truths you unfold will change you forever.
A tight bond grows with fellow students
Which comes from enduring challenging moments.
In the end you enjoyed it and the feeling of success
I guess parents really do know best.
Austin

Can I brag a bit? My daughter is a National Merit Semi Finalist! She scored a perfect 80/80 on the Writing portion of her PSAT (the qualifying test for the National Merit Program). She credits her tutors at PEP for making her learn proper grammar! We all know that homeschooling and PEP produce excellent students and now we have some measurable proof! **Carol** 

PEP Parent

PEP Student

Our involvement in PEP has caused us as a family to be more informed about the Christian worldview and more aware of opposing worldviews. We are better prepared and seek to relate more to the world and worldly views. This has equipped us all to be better ambassadors for Christ!

Barb

PEP Parent

I feel so blessed that you took on the work of developing PEP. I'm sure you get quite a few thank you's for your work ... but truly thank you from the bottom of my heart. There is no way that I could provide the Christ-based education with the quality that is being provided at PEP. And it is exactly what I wanted for our children.

Gail

PEP Parent

After graduating from Hillsdale College with a degree in Mathematics, I accepted a position as an investment analyst for a Venture Capital and Investment Group. During the interview process, my employer explained that he wasn't concerned with how well I knew their business; he wanted to make sure I knew *how to think*. I feel I was fully equipped for college and now the work force thanks to my PEP education. Because of the writing skills that I learned in my Rhetoric and English classes at PEP, several schools liked my essays enough to offer me academic scholarships. On a spiritual level, I benefited from PEP throughout college. I found strength not only from the values and habits that I developed in PEP, but also from the friendship with one of my teachers that remains to this day.

## Blake

PEP Student

My first day of high school and of PEP was September 11, 2001. It was also PEP's first day of existence. On that day of firsts, I had no idea what an impact PEP would have over the next four years. The teachers demonstrated a passion for truth and for serving Christ with every aspect of my life. They inspired in me a love of learning and truth, and most importantly, a passion for serving Christ. I saw modeled in their lives what it means to be a "living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God," and that demonstrated to me that it is possible, and so, so wonderful, to live totally for Jesus. I can say wholeheartedly that PEP prepared me very, very well for college and, most importantly, for life. As a student at Hillsdale College known for its rigorous academics, I found the transition to college-level classes very easy due to PEP's curriculum and college-like structure. PEP made me used to writing multiple papers and it taught me to think on my own and be able to teach myself. I was far better prepared for college level academics than most of my peers, thanks to PEP.

Michelle

PEP Student

I am so thankful for PEP because it is <u>truly</u> an extension of what we are teaching our children. It is so important and such a blessing to have this program in our children's lives, which confirms what we teach and is an encouragement to them. It is also such a blessing to have the "school atmosphere" for them to enjoy without having to combat Satan's schemes from ungodly teachers, administrators, and even other students. We praise God for you and PEP.

Margaret

PEP Parent

I love PEP because it allows me to homeschool my kids in high school-level subjects without having to overcome my deficiencies in those areas! The PEP teachers are excellent, academically and spiritually! What more could a mother ask?

Susie

PEP Parent

For me, PEP has been a way to get a little more advanced schooling besides what I get at home. It's been challenging, yes, but definitely worth it if you're willing to give it your all. Plus, it's allowed me to make a lot of new friends, not only this year, but also in all the years past. Honestly, I can't imagine being homeschooled through high school without PEP. I've been in PEP from the very beginning (hard to believe it's been 4 years!) and I've almost come to view my PEP friends and teachers as another family! I've had great experiences in PEP and I'll be sorry to leave, but I know that God has a plan for my life from here. I also know for sure that I have a foundation to stand on that is more than just thin air. Thanks to PEP teachers, and of course, my parents, I have the ability to defend my faith. That, to me, is better than all the "extra" education in the world. I'll miss you all!

Rachel

PEP Student

PEP has the professional, experienced teachers and excellent educational resources of a quality school along with the freedom and values of a Christian homeschool.

## Sandy

PEP Parent

PEP means relief for my wife – as opposed to burn out from teaching every subject of multiple grade levels or even just one grade of junior high or high school, besides accomplishing all of her other responsibilities.

Steve

PEP Parent

Deep thanks to all of my beloved PEP tutors, who have ensured my survival, if not thorough enjoyment, of academic life. Any writing assignments I have thus far at Centre College have been very doable. I never thought I would say thank you for making me write a 12-page paper, but here I am! Math is not so daunting and I will never have to take a Calculus class because my SAT score in math was adequate. Next term, if I am to take a science class, I will likely choose Chemistry, something I never thought I would say. Spanish is going very well and I'm in Spanish 210 rather than 110. And the convocations here - is anyone else in this college as excited as I am about seeing Aretha Franklin, Yo-Yo Ma, Romeo and Juliet by the Tchaikovsky Ballet and Orchestra, and others? Thank you, Mrs. Futoran - your love for beauty and culture is infectious. Thank you to everyone at PEP. You have given me energy, passion, and love of learning as well as the determination to do the best that I can do. PEPers rock!

**Kelley** 

PEP Student

I want to thank you for what you are accomplishing with my daughter at PEP. This course has been a lot harder than she anticipated (although I tried to warn her), and she has worked very hard. She even had doubts, at first, as to whether she could do this, but we were adamant that she stick with this because we knew it would be a good experience in several ways for her. She has gained more confidence in herself and is learning a great deal. One of the critical things that she has learned is not to procrastinate and to prioritize her time. Mom and Dad can teach these things until we go crazy sometimes, but it often takes an outsider to get these concepts through. We have seen some very noticeable and positive changes in her study habits as well since classes started - and that is very good! I know you have taken on a tremendous burden with these kids. In my daughter's case, you are making a big difference in her life. From my wife and I, thank you!

Rick

PEP Parent

Thank you for all of the time, effort, and heart you put into this program. It has been a challenging and educational experience for our son. He focused his attention, organized his schedule, and met this challenge head on. We are looking forward to next year.

Margie

PEP Parent