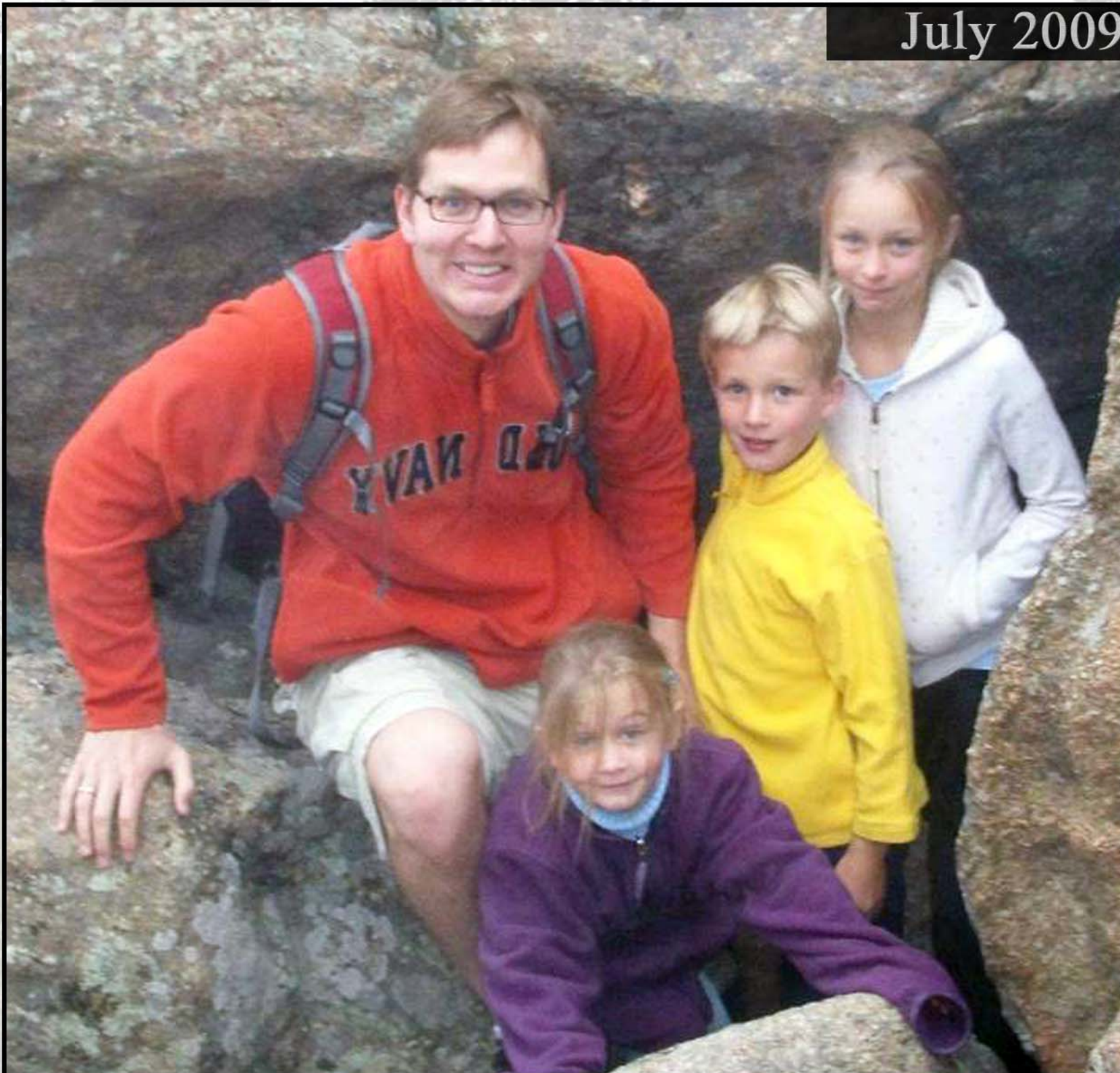


Student of the Month

July 2009



Ben Terry

Ben Terry is a second year PhD student working as a Research Assistant under Dr. Mark Rentschler. He spent his first year at CU working with Dr. Rentschler's bio group to develop a new surgical tool for laparoscopic surgery. The group recently successfully tested their new device on a live porcine model and is now writing a paper summarizing the work. He'll be embarking on a new device, an intestinal crawler, later this summer, which will be the basis for his dissertation.

Ben received the Master of Science degree from the Colorado School of Mines and is returning to school after a decade of work as an engineer in the medical device development industry. He worked on teams developing a wide variety of commercial medical devices such as a Total Parental Nutritional Device, Rapid Bacterial Analyzer, Ultrasonic Eye Arc-Scanner, and a Bioprosthetic Heart Valve.

Outside of school, Ben enjoys coaching his daughter's T-ball team, being a den leader for his son's Cub Scout pack, and any other family-oriented endeavor. He also finds satisfaction remodeling houses. He and his wife, Rachel, are currently working on their 5th home remodeling project which will be their abode while in graduate school.

