

Jonathan's Story:

Thanks to Vision Shaping Treatment™

His Dream of Becoming a Pilot Can Come True!

"I didn't pass an eye test before I was ready to enter high school," Jonathan recalls, "and my mom took me to the eye doctor." The 14-year-old had never worn glasses, but an eye exam by Dr. Michel Gambino showed Jonathan needed vision correction. Jonathan, whose initials are J.E.T. (Jonathan Edward Tanner), is often called "JET" by family and friends, and, coincidentally, has had dreams of someday becoming a pilot.

"JET" explains, "My dad has had his pilot's license since I was born, and I've always been around planes." He knew that vision requirements for pilots are stringent and must be able to be corrected to 20/20. The vision correction option Dr. Gambino discussed with "JET" and his parents was a method of actually reshaping his cornea with custom-designed gas permeable contact lenses that he would have to wear only at night.

The process, called orthokeratology or Vision Shaping Treatment™, began with corneal mapping, which allowed the contacts to be made to specifically correct Jonathan's nearsightedness. After four years wearing the lenses, which he now wears only every third night, he has maintained his 20/20 vision, and also held onto his dream of piloting a plane someday.

Now a freshman at Grayson County Community College, "JET" hopes to continue his education at Texas A & M to earn a degree in aerospace engineering, then get his pilot's license.

"My lenses are a lot less hassle than normal contacts," he says, "and I like the convenience of not having to wear them in the daytime. The worst thing about them, for a guy," he says jokingly, "is that one is slightly tinted pink (so you can tell which lens is for what eye)!"



Jonathan Edward Tanner (JET), 18, is pictured by his father's plane, a 1946 Cessna 140. Paul Tanner says of his son, "JET has worn the lenses for four years now; we are happy with the results."

For more information about Vision Shaping Treatment™(VST), which utilizes custom-designed gas permeable contact lenses to permanently change the shape of your cornea while you sleep, contact Gambino Eye Associates, for a consultation. VST is an FDA-approved, safe and effective vision treatment method for both children and adults which allows you to be free of glasses and contacts during daytime hours. VST is a less costly, non-surgical alternative to LASIK surgery.