

John Tidwell, this year's graduating salutatorian at Celeste High School, was born to Mark and Rachel Tidwell on October 26, 1990, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. His father, a U.S. Marine, was called to serve in the Gulf War, and his family subsequently moved to a military base in California's Mojave Desert, where they lived for several years. John and his family returned to Texas, where they have lived ever since. John attended a private school in Greenville until the sixth grade, when he transferred to Celeste ISD. Since then, he has spent time living a quiet life in the rural community of Kellogg.

When he graduates John will attend Texas A & M University at Commerce, where he will study social psychology. He hopes to one day acquire a doctorate.