APPRENTICESHIP Student Spottings Benny Bemis

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS YOU ACHIEVED DUE TO YOUR YA WORK EXPERIENCE? WHAT SPECIAL PROJECTS IF ANY DID YOUR EMPLOYER ALLOW YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN?

I would say overall was just learning to get better at welding, and working in what feels like a community. I got to work on building fabrication bases that will eventually be put somewhere else the world.

WHAT WOULD YOU TELL OTHER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN YA ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES IT PROVIDES?

Pick a business that you might be interested in as you get older, so you always have a backup job if things don't go the way you were thinking.

HOW HAS YOUR EXPERIENCE IN YA AFFECTED YOUR POST HIGH SCHOOL DECISIONS? WILL YOU CONTINUE ON YOUR YA CAREER PATH (REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP, COLLEGE, MILITARY, ETC.)?

Yes, my experience definitely affected my decision on what I want to do when I graduate. I might end up continuing my YA career path, but not right away. I will try to get my journeyman in construction first then decide what I want to do.



HOW HAS PARTICIPATION IN YA IMPACTED YOUR HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION (GPA, ATTENDANCE, ENGAGEMENT)?

I would say it made my GPA go down a little, as I learned how to deal with issues in the business. I wouldn't recommend to students if they can't handle pressure from a boss. It didn't affect my attendance at all. The YA impacted my engagement, as I was willing to learn and try new things even though I didn't know how to do them at first.



