

JOSHUA SUMMER



EQUIPMENT/DIESEL TECHNICIAN

PROFESSIONAL CAREER PROFILE

EDUCATION



Minnesota State Community and
Technical College, Moorhead, MN
Diesel/Heavy Equipment Technologies
AED Accredited Program
A.A.S. Degree Program
Graduation Date: May 2012

Winner: 2012 Tools Scholarship,
The mikeroweWORKS Foundation

HOME: Alexandria, Minnesota



CAREER GOAL

I decided to be a diesel technician for Titan Machinery, a Case IH dealer for farm equipment. Set to graduate in spring of 2012, I love what I do and hope to have a long, dirty and fun-filled career.

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CAREER QUESTION AND ANSWER

1. How did you become aware of the equipment technician career opportunity?
A good friend of our family originally gave me the idea to pursue a career as a service technician for Case IH. They also informed me about the sponsored "Forging the Future" program in which I am currently enrolled.
2. What were the factors in your decision to choose to be an equipment technician?
I wanted to be happy with what I was doing. Farming, turning a wrench, and getting dirty are the things I love to do. Working for Case IH is right up that alley.
3. What do you like about being an equipment technician in your current job?
There is never a dull moment and I am always learning something new every day I work. It really makes the job exciting and fun.
4. How do you recommend that a student explore this career opportunity?
There are diesel shops all over this country and they provide services in numerous fields. My recommendation is to get in touch with one of these shops and they will be more than willing to point you in the right direction.
5. How do you suggest that students prepare for an equipment technician career?
Start young by tearing apart and learning small mechanical engines and pieces of equipment to get a basic understanding of mechanical knowledge. This will help you greatly in the long haul towards a career as an equipment technician.
6. What type of education should students get to prepare to work as a technician?
You will need a two year AAS degree in Diesel Technology to get you moving on the right path. From there the company you will work for will supply further educational instruction and direction.
7. What are your thoughts and plans for your career moving into the future?
Right now I am starting as a service technician and plan on progressing into a service manager; and then on to upper management positions.
8. What else do you want others to know about your experience and this career choice?
Diesel engines are very numerous and all over the world. The career opportunities that go with this are plentiful and well respected.
9. What are the benefits you see to a career in equipment technology?
A long and prosperous career with many opportunities for advancement and specialization. There are always new challenges and exciting opportunities to have fun and get your hands dirty.