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## MINNESOTA YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: AARON, JOHN AND TANNER

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### WSA 03 – NORTHEAST MINNESOTA OFFICE OF JOB TRAINING

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CHISHOLM—The Minnesota Museum of Mining is a treasure hidden in northeast Minnesota! The Minnesota Museum of Mining harbors a wealth of mining history and affords tourists a unique opportunity to “see” the history of mining and railroads on the Iron Range. The Minnesota Museum of Mining was *more* than a historical landmark to a few local teens this past summer!



Chisholm youth workers, Aaron, John and Tanner were all participating in the Summer Youth Employment Program via the Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training. The worksite supervisors, Marty Henry and Aaron Gayhart, are incredible supervisors and they go “above and beyond” to ensure that the youth workers learn a variety of job skills from helping with groundskeeping duties and preserving museum artifacts to painting locomotives. Every day at the museum was filled with new learning

opportunities for them. Gayhart stated “the kids we had this year were phenomenal, they had an excellent work ethic.” The youth workers felt that they were valued members of the team at the museum and they took pride in keeping the museum grounds and buildings looking magnificent.

For Tanner the days flew by as he learned lawn care duties, working on a team, and improving his mechanical skills and knowledge. Tanner’s supervisors shared that he was a “good role model” for the other workers as this was his second summer at the museum. Gayhart went on to say that “any employer that gets Tanner in the future will be very fortunate.” Tanner has two years left of high school in Chisholm and then he is planning to pursue a career in welding.

Both Aaron and John were new to the museum and were eager to learn about the history of the site and gain many new job skills. John will be a senior at Hibbing High School this fall and he has a strong interest in working with the Department of Natural Resources in the future. John shared that he has learned to take initiative at work, to work safely and he has discovered that he really enjoys working on a team. John was amazed that the tourists who visit the Museum come from all over the world, such as: China, Sweden, Japan and many states.

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Aaron will be a junior this fall at Chisholm High School. Aaron stated that the Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training Summer Youth Program helped him find a summer job, earn money and “kept him busy.” Marty Henry sees Aaron as a helpful co-worker, who is learning to be an effective team player. The Summer Youth Employment Program will provide the youth with the foundations necessary to learn important job skills and the value of a “job well done!”

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