
MINNESOTA YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: JUSTIN

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Justin is an 18-year-old high school senior who has been working with the WIA Youth Program since January of 2011. He was placed into a Work Training position at Brainerd High School, the school he also attends full-time as a student, working with the custodial department. Justin can be seen in the hallways every afternoon proudly wearing his BHS Staff blue t-shirt and changing garbage bags, sweeping floors, or driving the floor scrubber. Through his time working with the Youth Program, Justin has seen his share of

ups and downs. He has had family struggles, fallen behind in classes and had a period of poor attendance. Justin said that his connection with his Worksite Supervisor and his desire to keep working was what kept him going in school and helped him get his life back on track.

Justin graduated with the Brainerd High School class of 2012 and was hired by the Brainerd School District for a summer custodial position. This job has the potential to turn into permanent employment next school year if he successfully obtains his Boiler Operator's License. He was very excited to share the news of both of these accomplishments seeing the confidence and sense of pride he has gained through his perseverance.

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