

## SUCCESS STORY: CONNER



Conner came to the Winona Workforce Center at the end of his senior year of High School. As with a lot of youth living in a small farming community, Conner found part-time jobs on nearby farms while attending school. Early on in high school, Conner struggled with anxiety, where he would miss over one month of school every year. He decided to battle his anxiety by becoming active in a lot of programs that would keep him busy. He stayed dedicated to his studies and graduated at the top of his class with a 3.54 grade point average, was captain of the speech team, president of the National Honor Society, a Big Brother-Big Sister volunteer, and was president of the Winona County 4-H. Through the youth program, he began working at the Winona County Extensions Office. He was already familiar with Extension due to his role in the 4-H club. Conner took on a variety of projects and tasks at the Extensions Office, including helping to organize the Winona County Fair and facilitating the robotics portion of the Summer Youth Hot Jobs Camp. When Conner's work experience at the Extensions Office was winding down and his first year of college was about to begin, he decided to apply for a shipping and receiving position at Fastenal. Conner got the job and continues to work there part-time, as he attends college at St. Mary's University. When asked about Conner's productivity and progress at the Extensions Office his supervisor said, "He is such a delightful young man and always worked hard while he was here. I know he's going to be successful some day because he just has that mentality." It's Conner's dream to finish college and continue his education with Law School. While he was at the Extensions Office Conner never missed a day, showed up late, or failed to get his work done.

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