

Josh's Story

My journey with RAP has been one of success. It all started in grade 11 when I was in Mrs. Rieger office for our usual talk about life. I noticed she and had a bunch of info about RAP and I popped the question. "what's up with that?" She told me it was an early look into the real world and that you can get a head start on your potential career in the trades. My interest was peaked, next day I was filling out all the papers and signing my life away to join the real world. I had a really awesome team of people helping me find a placement in my grade 12 year so I could start working half days at my placement. After the football season ended Marcel the Careers: The Next Generation Rep called me up and said he might have a potential placement at Martin Deerline. About a week later I had an interview lined up and was on my way to being hired the day after. Trying to balance out all the school work and working for the better half of the day proved to be difficult but I feel I was much better prepared than most are coming out of high school. After my 3 month probation was complete I was given the option to apprentice in 1 of 4 trades Heavy Duty, OPET, Automotive and AG Tech. Naturally being a kid from Saskatchewan I chose Ag, best job I've ever had. Granted I've only had a handful of jobs but none the less I love what I do. I also won't complain about the pay checks that go hand in hand with the technical experience I've gained. I'm heading to school in January to complete my first year of apprenticeship training and hope to be a fully ticketed Journeyman by the time I'm 22. I also received a sweet \$1000 RAP Scholarship!

