

## HARD WORK EQUALS SUCCESS

"I will never put my name on a product that does not have the best that is in me."

This was a famous quote by John Deere which meant that he would put forth his utmost, fullest effort to make a product that would exceed his own high standards, and if he didn't, he would refuse to put his name on it. This quote applies to my life because I strive for perfection in everything I do. I do not want something that I have either done or accomplished to be less than superior quality. Whether in school or in the field, the impact of harvest on my life will continue to shine through me with my work ethic, leadership and decision-making skills.

I have been around the harvest all my life and enjoy spending each summer growing closer with my family. The harvest has helped me obtain a hard work ethic through long hours and the completion of difficult jobs. For instance, one evening I had to help my dad put axle extensions on a dual-wheeled combine which is about a four hour project. I then had to complete homework after that. On the harvest, I have operated the combine for one year and the tractor and grain-cart for three years. I demonstrate leadership by taking charge of how a field should be cut. I also serve as the lead pilot vehicle when we move our convoy. Operating the tractor and grain-cart really improved my ability to make decisions. I had to decide where and when to unload combines to make sure my timing was efficient. It was also important for me to decide how many trucks I needed to haul the remaining grain away as the field neared completion. My decision was crucial, especially when the elevator or the next field was a great distance away from the current field. One of my biggest accomplishments on the harvest run was when I ran tractor and grain-cart for six combines. I was the only cart and I kept all the combines cutting in fifty bushel to the acre wheat. I didn't believe I would be able to accomplish this at first, but I proved to myself that I could. Through this experience, I revealed to myself that I could accomplish even greater things in life.

Next year, I plan on attending college to obtain my degree in Agricultural Technology Management. This degree would allow me to be a manager of an implement dealership or a territory manager. I know that accomplishing this won't be easy, but with the help of hard work that I have learned from my past, I can make my dream come true in the future.

