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Something about cars has always fascinated me. I have always had a love for cars, just like my dad. Watching, thinking, and listening to him work on and fix cars has always been interesting to me. He has told me, “One way I can make the roads a safer place, is to fix people’s cars and trucks the proper way every time.” This quote has stuck with me ever since he told me that. This is about the time I knew I wanted to follow my dad's footsteps in the automotive industry. He unexpectedly passed away at the age of 41. I was crushed mentally, and physically. But I knew I had to take everything he had taught me with his short time here and put it to use and make him proud.

After looking around for a job in the automotive service industry, I landed myself a job at Uptown Chevy in Slinger WI. Going into this job I felt pretty confident with what I was doing. Right away I impressed the higher up techs there, causing them to have a lot of respect for me, lifting a big weight off my shoulders. To this day I have been working the hardest I can to achieve my dream.

Fixing and working on cars can be very challenging, but that is exactly what makes it all worth it. The feeling of accomplishment when you fix what you have been working hard on a vehicle or trying to replace a part or something electrical. Seeing the customers happy and how they begin to trust and depend on you to fix their vehicle is huge in so many ways. The only way to gain trust from customers is to do the work right the first time every time. Cars are an always changing and innovating industry. Therefore, it's not a very repetitive career, with all the new technology to learn. So, I will be a lifelong learner, up on the newest technology trends.

My ultimate goal I am working towards is re-opening my dad's automotive business called “All American Automotive.” I want to carry on his dream. The way I have been progressing and learning at work, I am feeling very confident about achieving this dream. Cars are a way I can stay close to my dad and working on them has helped me cope with losing him. If I can keep my dad's legacy of keeping the roads safe, I will do whatever it takes.

As of right now I am in the apprenticeship program through Uptown Chevy, taking tests to get GM certified. This will give me a very large jump once I graduate high school. Once I graduate, I plan on having the Automotive scholarship to WCTC to gain my ASE certifications. Making me a fully certified master mechanic. The Automotive industry will always be competitive and continue to increase in numbers. I feel fortunate to be involved in an industry that my Dad truly loved and now one day, I will carry on both his and my dream together.