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### Deliberately Driven

Hard work was driven into me at an early age from my dad and grandpa. From my dad's calloused hands, to his worn-out work boots, I was born with an example to live up to. A role model as solid and genuine as the Idaho roots I have in my blood. My earliest memories of learning to work are on my grandpa's back property. We dug ditches, mowed the lawn, raked leaves, pulled weeds, dug post holes, tilled the garden, and harvested vegetables and berries. Along with the progress gained on his property, each afternoon was not complete without words of wisdom from my grandfather. Now as a young man, hard work is a gift that I do not take for granted. I'm the kind of guy who is willing to put in the hard work to reach my goals and help others. I've set my eyes on achieving a college education in Idaho State University's Welding and Business program. This educational aspiration will not be easy, but with strong character, work ethic, and a mission to help my community, I will thrive.

I am driven to be an aluminum and stainless-steel pipe welder. I want to own my own business that specializes in wastewater treatment. My mission behind enriching wastewater treatment plants is to assist struggling communities by providing them with clean water. I want all families in the United States to experience the same life-giving fresh water that I have access to. My company's pipe welding would

help aid wastewater treatment plants as they strive to offer clean water to local residents and the surrounding ecosystem.

As a student and Teacher's Assistant for my welding instructor I have worked approximately 200 hours in the shop welding. Hard work has given improvement with my skill as a welder. As a student I have been able to succeed as a welder in the shop and outside of the shop with the many resources that are at my disposal.

Not only do I plan to apply myself to my education during the academic school year in college, I plan to travel to Alaska in the summer for continued education and service. To prepare myself to be an entrepreneurial pipe welder, I plan to work at a kid's camp in Alaska. As a young high schooler, I was able to participate in this camp's wilderness expeditions and saw a need for hands on welding experience. I can put my education to work, help a nonprofit organization, and gain real life experience.

I firmly believe that our nation needs driven young men and women who have a backbone of grit and integrity. I am a young man who thrives on hard work, likes to get his hands dirty, and knows the importance of being a lifelong learner. My parents have invested in me a strong character. Now it is in my hands to launch into the world.