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SUCCESS begins with John Faith

... HONOR STUDENT
... WELDER

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From the moment John Faith picked up a welding torch at age 14, he knew he'd found his calling. "Welding came to me like *that*," he says. "When I heard about the opportunities in this field, I was definitely excited." John studied welding at the A.K. Smith Area Career Center, first in night school, then as a student at Michigan City High School. Now an ASME Code welder and "multi-crafter" at Freezing Systems & Service, Inc. of Michigan City, he helps construct cryogenic equipment and chilling systems for the food processing, automotive, water treatment, and pharmaceutical industries.

CAREER MINDED: John attended Knapp Elementary and both Barker and Elston Middle Schools, and he graduated from MCHS in 2009. An honor roll student, he began his career at Freezing Systems before he graduated, in a placement arranged through the high school's Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education (I.C.E.) program. These days, in addition to welding, John excels in machining skills and has traveled to job sites across the region. "He's a great asset to us," says John's employer, Chris Redlarczyk. "He's always looking for a better, more efficient way to make something."



MANY TALENTS: In his spare time, John enjoys riding BMX bikes - and tinkering around in the family garage with his father, who is also a welder, customizing bikes and scooters. He has an artistic side, too, and enjoys making roses and other sculptures out of metal. "My teacher, Mr. Parker, encouraged that," he points out. "Welding is an *art*."

SECRET TO SUCCESS: "It's very important to have a good attitude. If you *want* to do good things in this world, you *will* do good things."



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