

“DO WHAT YOU LOVE, LOVE WHAT YOU DO.”

COLE SEIFERT

... MANUFACTURING TECH GRAD
... MACHINIST ... EMPLOYEE-OWNER
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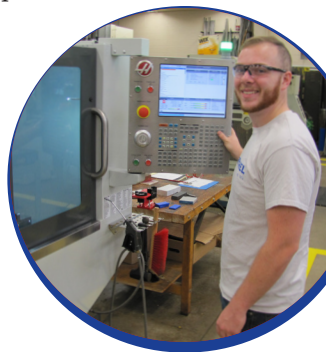
This 2017 Michigan City High School grad is pursuing his passion for machining – and living his dream.

TRYING TECH: As a high school sophomore, Cole Seifert had a world of options. A strong student, he considered college... or maybe he'd follow in his dad's footsteps as an auto mechanic. Then friends convinced him to check out the Machining class at the A. K. Smith Career Center (now known as Modern Machine Technology). “I ended up loving it, from day one.”

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: At A. K. Smith, Cole learned everything from blueprint reading to running lathes, mills, and grinders. When a new CNC (computer numerically controlled) machine was donated to the class, he attended training on the equipment alongside his teacher, Chris Smith. “Mr. Smith taught me to have pride in my work. He pushed me to make parts exactly on tolerance, always the best quality.”

DREAM JOB: As a senior, Cole landed a coveted paid internship at Urschel, a world leader in the design and manufacturing of commercial food cutting and milling equipment. A month after graduating, he was hired full-time to operate a vertical grinder at Urschel. Now age 20, he is one of the youngest machinists at the employee-owned company, which is based in Chesterton. “I wake up every morning happy to go to work. I plan to retire from here.”

KEY TO SUCCESS: “Find something you love. Find someone to pay you for it. Then, find someone to pay you the most.”



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