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## LCCPA Student Spotlight: Cal Hammen

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### **Tell us about Cal Hammen.**

I like to hunt and fish. I enjoy school. I want to study mechanical engineering at either UW-Stout or Michigan Tech.

### **What is your biggest internal conflict?**

Being overwhelmed with the amount of school work I have. The LCCPA leaves it up to you as to when you complete something and my LCHS classes have hard and fast deadlines.

### **Describe your growth as a person over the last couple of years.**

I have met more people and expanded my friendship network. I have learned more about my work ethic. My experience at Performance Welding pushed me to work sometimes even when I didn't want to which really improved my work ethic. I have become better at engaging with others, especially people I don't really know.

### **Who is your idol?**

My dad, because he has always been there. He is always kind and loving to my family. We share a lot of common interests and I enjoy spending time with him.

### **What do you most dislike?**

Very few things, but I don't like when people are rude and disrespectful, generally related to the inappropriate actions of others.

### **Where do you want to live your adult life?**

I want to live in the area with a family of my own. I would like to maybe go West for a while like Mr. Larson did and return home.

### **Describe your approach to school.**

I want to be successful. I need to get my work done and do my very best. I take pride in my work.

### **How do you stay organized?**

I work out of my back pack. I have a good memory of what I need to do. I could be more organized and develop a calendar of my activities. Being on time is very important to me.

### **Name the top 4 attributes that a successful person should possess.**

- Do everything to the best of your ability
- Have a good work ethic
- Be organized and timely
- Model your behavior after those you look up to

### **What makes you happy?**

Being successful. Doing things with people I enjoy being around. Having fun with friends. I enjoy learning and laughing.

**What do you want to be really good at?**

Being able to talk to people. Come up with new ideas in the engineering world. Personable and a good listener.

**What are the top things you have learned/gained in the LCCPA?**

My career goals have been firmed up through experiences in the LCCPA. I have been able to structure how I prioritize things. Balancing the varying deadlines.

**What was your favorite career experience?**

Going to Oshkosh Truck was very cool. I enjoyed seeing the innovation related to vehicles. Amerequip was the most beneficial which helped me determine the type of engineer I wanted to become.

**Words of Wisdom for the younger LCCPA students...**

Keep an open mind throughout high school. Get good at prioritizing because it becomes difficult at times.

**Words of Wisdom for the staff of the LCCPA...**

Continue to be fair and respectful to all students. Continue to increase your knowledge of your area to better help students.

**What do you tell friends and extended family about the unique education provided in the LCCPA?**

It's a great opportunity. I am a year or two ahead of my friends in other schools related to my career plans. I talk about the working at your own pace. The extensive experiences in and out of the classroom which help shape your path. I don't know of any other schools that focus on this.

**Best day ever...**

When I shot my first buck with my dad. Honestly, I have had a lot of best days. I have been very fortunate.

*Cal lives with his mother (Stacy) and father (Dan), sisters (Karsen and Sofie), and dog (Scout). He is a junior looking to pursue a mechanical engineering degree. He enjoys hunting, fishing, spending time with family and friends. He likes to create ideas and solutions.*

***Plexus***

*Isaiah Engle [21]*

On October 24th, The freshman students in the Engineering Pathway at LCCPA went to a company in Neenah called Plexus. Plexus is a large company that specializes in building various parts for electronics. At Plexus, we were greeted by a woman at the front desk who gave us each security badges and brought us to the conference room. They then told us about the company and what they do. A gentlemen explained that the although the company has been around since 1979, the Neenah Building was built recently within the last 5 years. Soon we were shown around the workspace where they actually build the parts.



They showed us how they organize things such as whether something is lead based or does not have lead. If things were marked with blue, they had lead, if it was marked with green, it did not have lead. They told us about how the floors and desks were white because if a part was dropped, it could be found easily. They also showed us the robots that put the circuit boards together. Because the parts are so small and delicate, they are not able to put them together themselves. My favorite part was when they showed us their x-ray machine. To show us how it worked, the tour guide actually showed us the inside of his iPhone. One interesting fact the tour guide told is that the ventilation from the machines is pumped under the sidewalk so the snow will melt and reduce the cost of salt and the risk of hurting the workers.

Overall, the trip showed us that there is more to engineering than just "getting your hands dirty". They showed us how they need to keep things clean and orderly in order to have a functioning and fast moving production. I think this is important in any type of engineering because it makes your job easier.

## ***FVHCA: Agnesian Health Care***

***Logan Verboomen and Steven Haack ['21]***

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From going to a group fourteen people at our last career experience to about thirty people one room was nerve-wracking for both of us. Even the fact that it was a much larger facility to go to made this experience different. The first thing we noticed was how informational this experience was. It gave us background about several different careers and helped us understand what daily tasks each career did. In addition to the large amount of information we were given, the speakers never seemed to bore us.

The nursing section of the career experience was very interesting. The presenter had two videos that described what a nurse actually does. These videos that the nurse picked gave a different standpoint on being a nurse. We know now that a nurse is there by your side when things get bumpy in the road for a patient and are responsible for caring for the patient in a rough state. One thing we had an opportunity to do was to practice performing CPR on a patient. Two of our classmates were chosen to do this. What stood out was how our classmate Tess Laborde commented "This is hard" while doing CPR. This gave a perspective on nursing. We then realized that being a nurse is a hard and emotional job to handle.

Although the nursing session was great, we thought the physical therapist career presentation was excellent. There were tons of information, but the part we thought that stood out the most was the interactive part. What we mean by this is that we got to try what they do on a regular basis out. This felt better to take a chance see if you are really meant for this job. Beside the interactive part, the presentation taught us that a physical therapist helps out not just with injuries, but also helps out people affected from a stroke, heart attack, etc. They help them get back on their feet to regain their strength.

The Pharmacy presentation taught us a lot as well. In my opinion it taught me more than all the other sessions. In pharmacy I learned that there are many places that a pharmacist works. Some places are hospitals and grocery stores. I also learned that you need to go to school for more than 4 years in order to be a pharmacist. Another interesting fact I learned is that each type of pharmacist has a different job. Finally, I learned that pharmacists earn almost double the amount of money that nurses do.



## ***LCCPA Work Based Learning***

***Jaedon Botker ['18]***

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Ever since I was in 7th Grade I have been interested in Manufacturing and Engineering. When I started at LCCPA I thought that it would be best for me to enter the Manufacturing and Engineering pathway. Each year our school holds an event called the Partner Breakfast. At this event we share with our business partners how we benefit from the charter program and what types of courses we are taking that are involved with our pathway. A couple other guys and myself were paired up with Robin and Lori from Van Zeeland Manufacturing. We showed them around the charter school, and then talked to them about what classes we were taking and what our plans were for summer. About a week later Mr. Pratt called me down to show me an e-mail from Lori. It said, "Hello Mr. Pratt we spoke with Jaedon at the partner breakfast and were wondering If you could help us get him in for an interview?" I was really pumped when I saw it. Mr. Pratt handed me an application form and I went home that night and filled it out. I came back the next morning and was ready for my Interview. It went great, I was offered the, job and I was going to be working full time that summer!



Once summer started, I was working from 6:30a.m.-3:00p.m. in the Finishing department. Some of the tasks that I did were laser engraving parts, running the hydraulic press, deburring set screw holes, and running the black oxide line. The first few weeks were a little rough because I wasn't sure about everything that was going on, but I soon figured out how things worked out around there.

My favorite thing about working at Van Zeeland is that I am always working on something different each day, and I am in a shop setting. All of the guys in the shop are fun to work with and they always have a positive attitude. Robin and Lori are great people to work for. They are very flexible with my hours if I have something come up at school that I need to be there for, or if I have plans with my family. I have learned many important skills at Van Zeeland that will help me as I move from high school to my career. Some of the skills are the shop skills that I described above. Other important skills that I have learned while working at Van Zeeland are being dependable and hardworking and always being counted on to get your job done on time. I want to Thank Robin and Laurie for giving me an amazing opportunity that is helping me prepare for my life after high school.



***Little Chute Career Pathways Academy students attending Voices Of Men at the Paper Valley Hotel. Great students taking action to help prevent sexual assault and domestic abuse. Change begins with the actions of a few. Congrats on taking the risk to make us all better!***

### ***Voices of Men: A Reflection***

Voices of Men is an organization that was founded in the Fox Valley in 2007. Its vision is to engage men in the process of ending sexual assault and domestic violence by creating a culture in which boys are taught "Healthy Manhood." The Voices of Men conference was held in Appleton on November 7<sup>th</sup> and was attended by a contingent of LCCPA students. Below is a reflection from one of our attendees.

"Yesterday was truly eye opening to me. I learned a lot, and was really able to relate to some of the other things talked about. As a male who tends to do things that are "not manly," I really understood the things that they said about male stereotypes. It also made me realize that I add to the problem when I say things such as, "man up." I have already worked hard to implement what I learned from yesterday into my life. For example, I texted my girlfriend right after the program and asked her, "What can I do to be better?" In the pamphlet, it suggested talking to important women in your life and asking how you can improve. Along with this, Alex and I had a conversation about inappropriate, sexist jokes at rehearsal, last night. We talked about how often we heard them, and how we can work on getting them out of our own, and our classmates, vocabulary. Overall, yesterday was a very eye opening and thought provoking day, and I plan on taking what I learned and doing a lot with it."

We are very excited to have a group of students who are interested in making a difference at LCCPA. We want to thank Sarah Fleming and Makenna Rasmussen for spearheading the development of a student group to address this issue in our school!