

learners to leaders™

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“THE SECRET
OF SUCCESS IS
TO DO THE
COMMON
THINGS
UNCOMMONLY
WELL.”

-JOHN D.
ROCKEFELLER

MARCH PERFECT ATTENDANCE

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PRESIDENT AND CEO, SMITHFIELD FOODS

I would like to offer my congratulations to you for your achievements during the past year. From the reports I have been receiving, all of you are doing an outstanding job. Keep up the good work.

At Smithfield Foods, we're particularly proud of our Learners to Leaders™ program in Sioux Falls because it was our first such initiative. We've added others since then, but Sioux Falls remains special. Your program is even more successful than we imagined, and much of the credit goes to you, the students, for your hard work and dedication, and our partners, the Sioux Falls School District, Southeast Technical Institute and our local company, John Morrell & Co. Parents also deserve praise for their support and encouragement.

Now that you have come this far, my fondest hope is that you finish what you started. After you successfully complete your STI classes and earn your high school diplomas, I encourage you to continue working toward your STI degrees.

One of life's lessons is that success requires hard work. Actually, it's a pretty simple formula: hard work = success. I read a while ago that the only place where "success" comes *before* "work" is in the dictionary.

In that vein, I'd like to offer some simple tips that will help you on the road to success:

- Do more listening than talking
- Be on time, all the time
- Take pride in your work, no matter what the task
- Learn something from every experience
- Treat others with respect
- Never give up

Again, congratulations on your accomplishments. I look forward to more reports of your successes as you move forward.

GET INVOLVED AT SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE!

Intramural Sports

STI students participate in intramural volleyball, basketball and bowling, and use city and school district facilities for their activities. Recreational programs are open to all students.

Professional Student Organizations

Campus student organizations enhance the education offered in classes with competitions, guest speakers, tours, and other forms of learning more about career fields. While at Southeast, try to participate

in one or more of these organizations.

Student Government

SGA activities during the year include Fall and Spring picnics, blood drives, and community service events. Throughout the year, Student Government members also participate in a wide range of campus and community activities. Representatives who serve on Student Government are selected from every program area. In total, about 70 students serve the campus through Student Government.

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- TONY DVORACEK,
LEARNERS TO LEADERS
PARTICIPANT

PICTURED ABOVE: BENJAMIN DUNLAP (RHS) AND TONY DVORACEK (WHS). BOTH OF THESE STUDENTS ARE CURRENTLY IN THE NETWORK SECURITY PROGRAM AND HAVE APPLIED AND BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOLLOWING THEIR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION. TWENTY-NINE OF THE 34 CURRENT LEARNERS TO LEADERS STUDENTS HAVE APPLIED TO ATTEND STI THIS COMING FALL.

STUDENT STATEMENTS:

LEARNERS TO LEADERS FROM THE EYES OF A STUDENT

WHO:

Tony Dvoracek

HIGH SCHOOL:

Washington

STI PROGRAM:

Network Security

Last year I was not quite sure what I wanted to be or where I wanted to attend school after high school. This seems to be the case for more than half of the senior class. Many students are not sure about this breathtaking decision that will decide the rest of your life. I chose to participate in a program at Southeast Technical Institute called Learners to Leaders to help make my decision a bit easier.

Through different shadowing opportunities I have obtained a firsthand glance at what a computer job takes. The fun classroom environment makes a class like Windows Server OS not only easier, but more enjoyable. With the first year of classes and my laptop rental paid for, this opportunity is a great experience and outstanding jump start on advancing my career.



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