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How the Water Industry has Affected my Life

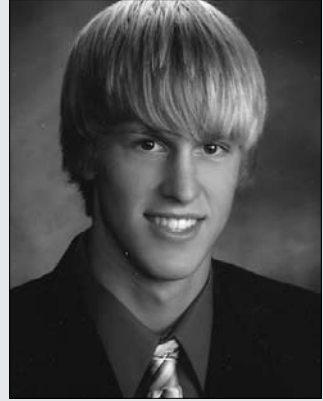
The water industry has affected my life greatly because my father owns a drilling and engineering company. I have worked for my father for the last three summers while going to school in the winter. I have learned a lot of different things while working in the ground water industry. It has taught me to have a good work ethic along with teaching me the many different skills related to the industry.

I am currently attending Michigan Technological University to obtain a bachelors degree in Geological Engineering. Next fall, my plan is to return to Michigan Tech and continue my education. My goal is that I may be able to work in several different areas of the water industry installing wells, water treatment plants and help clean up contaminated ground water and prevent it from spreading.

Working in the water industry has shown me how important it is to have pure ground water. It has made me want to choose a career that will allow me to help keep ground water pure for generations to come.

I have learned a lot about the water industry and the skills required to work in the industry by working for my father. I have learned to operate machinery, fix and replace pumps and other skills that are necessary in the water industry. In the most recent summer that I worked for my father I learned about drilling environmental wells to detect pollution in the ground water.

With this knowledge I have learned about the water industry. We need to continue to take care of our ground water that we have. I would like to continue to be a part of this by becoming a Geological Engineer and help preserve the ground water for future generations.



William is typically called Will or Willy. He is a freshman at Michigan Technological University studying Geological Engineering. He has completed the Fall semester and was on the Dean's List for academic achievement.

Highlights of his time at Michigan Tech have been seeing the Keweenaw area both through classes and by living in the area. One of his classes took him on fields trips to several mines and to secluded shoreline area of Lake Superior with massive rock formations. The mine tours included entering the mines for a narrated tour and his parents were allowed to be guests of one field trip during parent's weekend last fall.

He has spent his summers and school breaks working for Pearson Drilling Company and a local farmer.