

Ed-Co Alumni
Dan Kirby - Class of 2002
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A knack for tractors led Dan Kirby to becoming an Automotive Paint Technician. He graduated from Ed-Co in the class of 2002. After high school Dan went to Kirkwood college for Automotive Repair and Refinish. When asked how he got where he is today, he stated, "My dad painted tractors and cars my whole life so it was something I grew up around. He did it as a hobby and I figured if I was going to do it as a career, I better get some education on it. I wanted to do something that I was passionate about but could also pay my bills. I researched it, found a school that was only a one year program, and I dove right in. While in college I placed third in the state at an auto body contest and I knew at that point I was onto something. I then got a job at the biggest auto body shop in Cedar Rapids right out of college. I became the manager in three years and have been with the same company since 2003." Dan's advice to high school students is "Do what you're most passionate about and can make the most money and go and get it. The world owes you nothing. It's up to you to get to where you want to be in life. Work hard and don't let anyone tell you you can't do it." Hard work and taking an interest in his hobbies led this Viking to success. Go Vikings!