

GRADUATE PROFILE



Graduate: Jason Serfling
Program: '13 LATI Diesel/ThinkBIG

Lake Area Tech's Diesel program is a great option for students interested in securing a job in a high demand, mechanical field. At LATI, we take specialization a step further by offering students options in the Diesel program including the ThinkBIG program.

Jason Serfling recognized the potential the ThinkBIG option provided and enrolled in the fall of 2011 knowing he'd be juggling the responsibilities of having a young family across the state, travelling from Watertown to Rapid City, and keeping up with his grades.

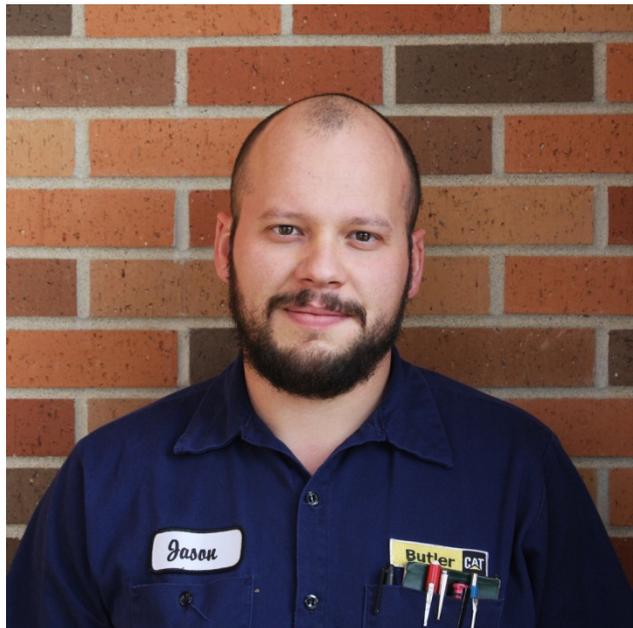
LATI partners with CAT dealerships in the two-year ThinkBIG program. ThinkBIG students spend approximately half of their time on-campus at Lake Area Tech. The remainder of the time is spent on-the-job training at sponsoring CAT dealerships. Jason's on-the-job training was in Rapid City, where his wife and young child lived. His strong ambition to succeed prevailed.

ThinkBIG Instructor Corey Mushitz commended Jason by saying, "Jason's attendance and attitude was second to none. While Jason was at LATI, he showed a willingness to learn above and beyond the "average" student. Keeping this in mind, Jason's family wasn't always here in Watertown while he was here at school. He and his family moved to Rapid City before he graduated."

While enrolled, Jason received the distinguished Mike Rowe Works Foundation scholarship that is associated with AED (Associated Equipment Dealers); this scholarship is only awarded to an AED accredited program/school and is strictly derived from the students GPA.

Jason, his wife, and two children now reside in Sturgis. He continues to work for Butler Machinery Company in Rapid City.

ThinkBIG students graduate with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Diesel Technology, and an official Caterpillar endorsement.



Lake Area Tech graduate Jason Serfling is a 2013 graduate of the Diesel/Butler CAT ThinkBIG program and recipient of the Mike Rowe Works scholarship.