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My name is Chase Shoemaker; I attended high school in New Plymouth, ID. I grew up on a small farm and buffalo cow calf operation there. I graduated High School in 2007 and attended the College of Southern Idaho General Motors Automotive Technology program. I did my apprenticeship during summer and my co-op education at Hanigan Chevrolet in Payette ID. I graduated in 2009 with my associates in applied science and went to work full time as a mainline technician at Hanigan Chevrolet in May 2009. After graduating from CSI I was working full time and became partners with my father with the farm, I continued to operate with FSA loans and increased our operation by 30% in two years. I decided at this point agriculture was my passion. I made a drastic career decision and decided to attend the University of Idaho in January 2011 to pursue Agriculture education. I want to be an Agriculture Teacher because I have knowledge and experience working in the industry as well as experience working in a shop. I have excellent Ag mechanics skills from growing up on a farm welding and working on tractors and equipment. Also spending two years in a college level shop and I have two years of professional experience in a shop setting. I am very familiar with the OSHA rules and regulations and have closely followed them for many years. I am very aware of the importance of operating a safe and efficient shop.

During high school I had an great experience with my Agriculture teacher Mr. Barker. I was involved in FFA and had two excellent SAE projects. As a Junior I won Idaho first place and national gold placement proficiency for my job working for Noyes Apiaries. As a senior I won Idaho first place entrepreneurship proficiency awards and a second national gold for my buffalo herd. My buffalo project started with FSA youth loans to purchase animals and operating costs. I started with three cows and ended with twelve head at the end of high school. Mr. Barker helped and influenced me to attend college to do something that I love. I want the opportunity to do the same for many generations of students to come. I think that a high school agriculture program is important for all students that plan to attend college and will also benefit the students that aren't going to attend a four year university. The skills learned from FFA and in the Agriculture shop helps prepare these students to join the work force, these skills I can teach the students will give them an advantage over the average applicant to set them apart to successfully get a job.