

# Learn and Earn 2021

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# Goals/Expectations

- I expected a production//manufacturing setting, based on things we learned with virtual tours and the rest of the learn and earn program.
- I was not expecting to do as much hands-on work as I did.
- My goals are to learn more about occupation options to help me figure out a plan for my future, and to learn more about the industry my placement is in.

# Job Titles

- Human Resources
- Marketing Manager
- Custom Designer
- Production Manager
- General Production

# Tasks/Skills

- Cutting material
- Marking
- Wheel assembly
- Ticket printing
- Order processing
- Unloading shipping containers
- Updating spreadsheets
- Moving orders throughout production steps

# Highlights

- Tracing/cutting pieces for the custom shoes
- Updating the competitor information spreadsheet
- Getting a feel for different processes and trying to be efficient with them

# Things I found surprising

- Listening to music or other audio media while you work

As long as it doesn't interfere with your job, anyone can listen to audio from their phone.

- Machinery age

Almost every piece of equipment, such as the sewing machines, are high quality and have been in use for many years.

- Some of the methods used for producing shoes

Bootstraps, cutting custom patterns

# Professional work setting

- Soft Skills

Being in a real professional environment gave me basic professional experience that differs from what I could learn in school.

- The people I remember the most were those who were friendly and talked to me.

I can use this with my own professional relationships.

# Vocational plans before/after

- I currently do not have any set plans for a job after high school and college.
- My experience with this program and the internship can help me make a more informed choice.
- I am now aware of more positions/occupations that I previously would not have considered.



# Plans moving forward

- Attend college for some kind of engineering

Most likely mechanical, possibly aerospace or civil.

- Participate in the Learn and Earn program next year
- Use the skills I learned in school and in future jobs

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