

# In the Spotlight: Where Are They Now?

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**When NTHS members graduate, they continue in their journey to explore all the facets of their chosen career or technical field as NTHS alumni. Being a member of NTHS inspires those with an intrinsic desire to continue learning, to take responsibility for being a role model in the workforce.**

**Through smiles and tears, we watch a myriad of tassels wave into the winds of change as our NTHS members embrace college, careers, family and travel. So, we ask, “Where are they now?” Having all the attributes that makes NTHS members stand out from the throngs of young adults striving to discover their roles in our global community, these few are making a difference.**

Lloyd Yeager became an NTHS member in March of 2012 at his Indiana Elkhart Area Career Center. Yeager felt called to be a firefighter as early as his sophomore year, and his dedication has carried him into the beginnings of a fulfilling career with IU Health Goshen Hospital, an award-winning health organization. With so much media attention on firefighters after 9/11, many people finally understood that there is an innate feeling of being called to serve and protect.

Dedicating one’s life to fire safety is not a decision made lightheartedly, but with respect and an unselfish heart. When the alarm reverberates through a firehouse, a firefighter’s life is no longer his own – it is transformed into a guardian and a team member, one that has natural courage and can think quickly to save a victim and protect his company.

“My junior year in high school, I went through a firefighting class at Elkhart Area Career Center,” Yeager said. As a member of FFA and SkillsUSA, Yeager utilized essential information and training, which NTHS recognized as characteristics of leadership, citizenship, and service. With enthusiastic advisors Jim Kensinger and Kathy Byrd, Lloyd found his hard work and dedication to public safety appreciated and rewarded through NTHS.

“I went through EMT class during my senior year, and I started at Bristol Fire Department as a volunteer

that same year. Within the past two months, I started working as an ER Tech at IU Health Goshen Hospital,” Yeager added, “My firefighter instructor Mr. McCrindle and my EMT instructor Mr. Chomer were both instrumental in encouraging me during my training. I have great admiration for them.”

He is proud to be a part of this excellent organization. IU Health Goshen Hospital was named among the ‘Best Hospitals in America’ by *U.S. News & World Report* for patient care, staff efficiency, and teamwork. In addition, IU Health Goshen Hospital has the added distinction of ‘Best in Class’ as being in the top 1% of over 350,000 companies in the nation. This system serves six towns with more than 18 healthcare locations.

Yeager was actually considering law until talking with his dad who is an ER doctor at Elkhart General Hospital and IU Goshen Health Hospital. “I get to work side by side with my dad in the ER now, and I love seeing his passion,” said Yeager. When asked if NTHS membership opened doors for him, Yeager responded with a smile, “Yes! When I had my interviews at both IU Health Goshen Hospital and the Bristol Fire Department, I was asked what it takes to be a member of NTHS. The answer is simple. Caring.” NTHS is very proud to be a part of Lloyd Yeager’s life and career.