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One of Madeira's Best

Madeira High School (MHS) student Max Plessinger is a junior in the Industrial Diesel Mechanics program at Scarlet Oaks Learning Campus. He is also a three time recipient of the campus' highest academic honor.

Scarlet Oaks is one of the four campuses that comprise Great Oaks - a career-technical high school that serves Madeira and 35 other school districts. Over 30 different technical programs are offered at the four career development campuses which students complete their junior and senior year.

Max is in the Industrial Diesel Mechanics program where he's learning to repair engines, use gas and electric arc welders, operate and troubleshoot industrial equipment, and assemble, repair and maintain hydraulic systems – along with other skills. Scarlet Oaks Learning campus has enabled him to fulfil a dream he's had since he was a child. “ Ever since I was younger I always loved semis, agricultural equipment, and heavy equipment,” Max explained. “I always like to mess with the equipment I have at my house and do the maintenance myself.”

During his first year in the program he has already learned "hot work"(welding), and how the engine, driveline, and brake systems work on a semi-truck. He is hard at work gaining the skills needed to become an industrial mechanic. As a class leader in his lab work, Max is a program ambassador who travels to the campus' feeder schools to explain to freshmen and sophomore what they do in the Industrial Diesel program. He is also a Skills USA ambassador and gives speeches to obtain a background in public speaking.

In addition to working on his career goals, Max is a straight A honor roll student with perfect attendance at Scarlet Oaks. Each academic quarter the campus recognizes student leaders like Max who have earned a 3.0+ GPA and have a 95%+ attendance rate with their Top Gun Award. The MHS junior has already won the Top Gun Award three times this year.

Max will be starting a part time job at Kenwood Country Club doing small engine repair, turf equipment/golf cart repair, and general maintenance. He plans on attending Owens Community College for Caterpillar's Think Big program or for John Deere's program. Both are 2.5-year programs designed to alternate between college classes, lab work and paid internships.

A Top Gun is defined as 'one who is at the top' which defines Max in both his Industrial Diesel Mechanics program and his academic classes. The undeniable best part of it all came from Max when he said “I selected this program to learn and do something I love.”



Pictured: Max Plessinger