

Take This Job and Love It - Stan Reeg

Stan Reeg's incredible success story is one of inspiration for people of all ages. During his journey, Stan met a variety of folks that offered valuable resources, such as those at the Job Training Program he enrolled in at Clinton Community College.

Just as in 1985, CCC supports area workforce needs and continues to offer career assessment tools to those looking to change careers or improve their skills. Visit our Career & Transfer Center to learn more about opportunities such as programs that offer a certificate and diploma, or continue to an Associates Degree. The Career Coach assessment provided by the State of Iowa will align people with programs that fit their skills and interests. The CCC Career & Transfer Center is available to those that need it when they need it, including dedicated work stations to do the assessment and career research.

It is hard to quantify the full value of an education. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data consistently show that, in terms of dollars, education makes sense. Statistics show, the more you learn, the more you earn. Median weekly earnings in 2018 for those with the highest levels of educational attainment—doctoral and professional degrees—were more than triple those with the lowest level, less than a high school diploma. Weekly earning average for those with an Associates Degree is \$862 per week, an 18% increase over employees with a high school diploma. And the higher the level of education, the lower the unemployment rate. The unemployment rate for those with an Associates Degree is just 2.8, compared with the overall unemployment rate of 3.2 percent.

Stan and Betty also believe in sharing the fruits of their labor as is evident in their gifts to the Clinton Community College Paul B. Sharar Foundation scholarship program and to the Eastern Iowa Community Colleges Urban Center. They find joy in giving their time, talents and treasures to others. Clinton Community College students will benefit from the Reeg Scholarship for years to come. The Reeg Scholarship is awarded to non-traditional students who are making a change in their career path, people much like Stan in 1985. This generous gift offers financial support and so much more. Having someone believe in your skills, believe in your future, and believe in you, can put you on the path to unlimited success.

Take This Job and Love It can inspire the next Stan Reeg on the path to success!

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