

I look back on my experience with College Works as the single most growth-inspiring period of my life. I went into the program expecting to get a great resume item for a Business Management major, but I was surprised at the unforeseen volumes I learned about myself, working with the public, projecting myself as an adult, and seeing a project through from start to finish.

Important lessons, I found, are seldom learned easily. Every day I ran my business the best I knew how, consulted my District Manager relentlessly, and fell asleep at night contemplating a few things I'd learned the hard way that day.

In truth, I cannot think of a better way to gain a great deal of experience in a short amount of time. In job interviews I've had since College Works, I am yet to encounter a situation in which I could not relate something I learned from managing my painting business.

College Works kept me on my toes and demanded my best, for which I am grateful. I have no doubt that going through the College Works program was the best choice I could have made for the quality of experience I gained in a single year.

Mark Stenner