

# What They're Saying About The Able Trust

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High School HighTech

## Meet Joseph

Joseph (JJ) was part of the Lake County High School High Tech (HSHT) program for two years at East Ridge High School in Clermont. He had an interest in working on cars, so he enrolled in East Ridge's Automotive Collision Tech Career and Professional Education (CAPE) class. Through his automotive collision tech class, JJ found that he really enjoyed working on vehicles but was not sure what career/education opportunities were available.

Through HSHT, he participated in a variety of career experiences that allowed him further exploration of the local automotive industry. During his junior year, HSHT assisted JJ in obtaining a weekly internship at Christian Brothers Automotive. In his senior year, JJ was awarded The Villages' Miata Car MX-5 Club scholarship to continue his automotive education. JJ is currently enrolled in the Automotive Collision Technology Technician program at Lake Technical College, which is designed to prepare students for employment in the automotive collision repair and refinishing field. So often it takes years for someone to choose their profession. JJ didn't have to spend years, he was able to make an informed, smart decision due to HSHT and East Ridge's CAPE courses.



Joseph & his mother

The Able Trust is proud to play a part in creating valuable, real-world experiences like this one, helping students with disabilities to explore career options, find their passion, and learn to navigate a path to success.

## About

The Able Trust HSHT program provides high school students with various types of disabilities the opportunity to explore jobs or postsecondary education leading to successful careers.

The program is designed to: 1) improve participation in education, vocational and employment-related activities for youths with disabilities; 2) increase their enrollment in postsecondary education and training; and 3) help them identify and pursue a successful career path.

During the 2018-2019 school year, The Able Trust HSHT program served 1,250 students with disabilities at 43 sites in 41 counties and achieved a graduation rate of 99% for all participating seniors.

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