Earning an Associates of Arts degree from CCC put Micah Gwartney on the path to success and to North Carolina State University where he later earned his Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in animal and meat science. Gwartney says, “Starting my college education at Cleveland Community was a great decision. The college was close and has a great reputation and I was able to transfer to the college of my choice and pursue a major that I was passionate about and interested in doing every day.”

As a CCC student, Gwartney served as vice president of the Student Government Association, worked as a lab tech in the biology department, and served on the committee that initiated the Tobacco Cessation rule on campus. He was also actively involved in Gamma Beta Phi and Phi Theta Kappa honor societies and nominated by instructor, Rebecca Hare, for Who’s Who in American Junior Colleges.

Today, Gwartney says the foundation CCC gave him was invaluable as he works at the San Angelo Packing Company as an Assistant Quality Assurance Manager. “I’m not finished with my education. Right now, I am taking courses to complete my MBA in Agribusiness and M.S. in Food Microbiology. I can always thank CCC for getting me started,” he adds.