When Marcus came to NACTEC as a 12th grade student, he was well on his way to graduating from high school. He knew how to pass classes and take tests. He was generally a “good student” by all reports. What he got out of NACTEC was support for his growing interest in community-building and an awareness of the value of good work habits he was already developing. Here was a place with structure where he could apply his skills and focus his energy.

In his own words, “just being out of the village and still being able to finish up school work” was valuable. Even something as simple as the opportunity to earn his driver’s license has paid dividends and removed one of the most common barriers to employment in rural Alaska.

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