

My name is Levi Vaughan, I grew up on my family dairy in East Thetford VT. I'm still unsure what exactly I will do when I get out of school, but I know that I am set up for success in a large variety of careers pertaining to dairy farming and agriculture. UVM and VTC are vastly different experiences. The transition was easier than I expected coming into UVM, but the classes have definitely ramped up in difficulty. My time at VTC taught me a lot about what it really takes to manage a working dairy farm. I learned a lot of things that I can ultimately bring back home and apply directly to my family farm. UVM is starting to turn me into a scientist. I have taken more chemistry and biology courses than I ever thought I would. At first, a lot of the courses I took here at UVM didn't really make sense to me; I didn't really see much value in them as someone who is likely going to end up working on a farm. However, as I gain a greater understanding of these subjects I am starting to see the connections. I am so incredibly thankful for being given this opportunity to pursue higher education to this degree. If I was not awarded this scholarship I probably wouldn't even be in college.