



## **2019 HCC Scholarship Recipient – Joshua Crockett**

### **Reflections on the One Voice Trip**

As a student of Heartland Community College and as a resident of Normal, I have come to believe that things only get better when every individual has the opportunity to reach their full potential—which often starts with receiving a quality education, support from those around you, or an added push that can only come from this great community. These qualities of the Bloomington-Normal area are no secret, but what I didn't fully realized was just how dedicated our local leaders are to ensuring that every person is capable of thriving here.

Attending the annual One Voice trip to Washington DC, which is focused on finding additional resources and funding to bring back home, was an incredible experience. Being there with our community leaders, I was able to hear about their hopes and dreams for our community, what we need to improve upon, and what it will take to get there.

Being the recipient of the Heartland Community College scholarship was an incredible honor in and of itself. The College leadership at Heartland are dedicated to bettering our community and the lives' of every Heartland Hawk, and I am grateful for their recognition. After attending the One Voice trip, I took time to reflect on what I could take away from it all. I walked away even more convinced that doing what is good and right may be hard, time consuming, and often go unnoticed, but it is always worth pouring back into others. I have seen that firsthand in our great community and I am proud to say that I will calling Bloomington-Normal home for years to come.

