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Senior Project: Entrepreneurship Experience

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In the school year of 2016-2017, I completed my house building entrepreneurship experience with the company called TnT Construction. It is owned by Eric and Troy Trygstad, and the company was founded in 2001. The company has built 114 homes and I have helped on a total of four of them, this year I helped then with building a house in Brookings, South Dakota. The house is located on Larkspur Ridge Drive on the south side of Brookings.

The first steps I took to coming up with this idea was that I want to do something that most people wouldn't know about and would intrigue people. I brought this to life by asking my uncle Troy Trygstad if I could be mentored by him at his business. After he approved of me working with the company I was able to assist in helped to creating the home. I was able to learn how to frame a house, us power tools, and all sorts of hand held tools. I was able to see a lot of the subcontractors doing their work as well, I was able to see the concrete workers doing their jobs, the electricians putting wire in the home, and see how the plumbers lay out the pipes of the house.

In order it illustrate or depict my project better to people at the project fair I created a scale model of the home. This model was very time consuming and it took a lot of preparation on my part. The model was made out of plywood and it was spray painted after I had completed it. Me and my father created it together and we had to cut every door, window, and who had to cut them to certain lengths. This model took a lot of mathematic skills and took a lot of

measurements with the tape measure. I had to label each and every room of the model so that any person looking at it would be able to tell what it was.

While on the job I learned that you have to be focused on what you are doing. A lot of the processes you are that take place aren't completely safe so you have to be very cautious with what you do and where you are at. I have learned that you should always follow the rule of measure twice and cut once when doing any thing in construction. Also I have learned that more times than not the product of what you are working on won't be perfect. And last I have learned that you need to follow directions closely because some of the tools and things need are specific to that certain part of the building process.

If I could have done anything different it would have been the actual start time of the house, I would have wanted it to be earlier. The house has been pressed for time the whole process, if it would have been able to start earlier the processes would be a lot easier. Also it didn't help one of the subcontractors had a setback of a month because of a part the company need for its concrete truck. This is about the only thing I would change with my project it has came together quite nicely and is looking like a finished product.

The experience I have gained through this entrepreneurship experience have left me with a lot of valuable tools to use in the future. Over all I enjoyed working with my mentor and liked working on my project, it was an experience that I will always carry with me and I have gained a lot of knowledge on what the working world is like.