

Joseph McDonald, an [Atterbury Job Corps](#) student, shadowed Congressman Pence on September 23, 2009, the 45th Anniversary of the Job Corps and wrote the following piece in the Oct. 2 edition of the Atterbury Job Corps Newsletter:

First, I want to say I am very thankful to be able to go to Washington, D.C. and to Job Shadow in Congressman Mike Pence's office. Thank you Mr. Pence for giving me the opportunity, and thank you Atterbury for making it all possible.

It was a busy day that starts when I went with Kurt, an intern in Mr. Pence's office, to a hearing on discrimination in the work place. They talked about laws that are not fair and how to change them.

When we returned to Mr. Pence's office I went with Will and we picked up Mr. Pence. When the Congressman got in the car I felt really important by the way he greeted me. He told me how happy he was that I came. Mr. Pence took me with him to a weekly luncheon he has with some retired Congressmen and other people. Mr. Pence spoke and he blew me away with his knowledge and answers to questions on the healthcare bill and insurance companies. He truly inspired me with his words.

I was surprised about the high esteem others give Mr. Pence. I know him as my congressman, but in Washington it seems every single person said great things about him and that he is going to run for President some day.

I was privileged to attend some other meetings with Mr. Pence and on the way to one we sat in the back seat of the car and I was able to ask him if when he was younger if he ever thought he could make it from Columbus, Indiana all the way to Washington, DC. He said, "The things I value in life are God, Family, and Hard Work." He said the secret to America is that you can do anything you set your mind to. Those words really stick in my mind.

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