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How does the road to BIS correlate to Robert Frost's poem? Or even life and every decision we make for that matter. Actually very well I think.

It's interesting because for many of the students who entered this program through Alpena, they are taking the road not taken. There are two programs you are incessantly encouraged to take. They tend to be Alpena's nursing program and the Concrete Tech program. They seem to be the road that is beaten and pun intended, paved concretely.

However, this road I'm taking to BIS is the one most don't seem to be traveling down. It does seem quite possibly overgrown in underbrush in its ambiguity in that I don't know quite exactly where it is leading to. I'm not for certain where I'll end up at the end of this course or program but I know I'm moving forward toward something somewhere.

With that said, I would say I am but one traveler and will with a degree of apprehension as well as reflection wonder what the other road would lead to. Still I have chosen the road less traveled and am all the more excited to have my own story and gone my own way just as well than to carry on like a stampede. I am hoping that one day I can turn back and say there at that point, when I made that decision, it was then that it made all the difference.

I think what led me to this road, to this program is that uncertainty, especially in a place and time when everything feels temporary, a place where careers are far more elusive than a job, and a job is only a momentary method to row the boat in choppy waters. I think in order to find yourself competing with a different set of people and perhaps far less is to honestly take that less beaten path and embrace and accept that uncertainty with poise and balance. I would say having that moment of retrospect and, dare I say, epiphany, is the moment I chose to try a different course and a different program going somewhere...different.