

# Senior Kadyon Kraklio wants to start his own diesel automotive shop

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Senior Kadyon Kraklio is planning on starting his own diesel automotive business after finishing his schooling at Kirkwood Community College.

Kraklio, who graduated at the end of the first semester, owns a diesel truck, a 2009 Chevy Duramax that he bought from his dad four years ago, and has spent hundreds of hours working on his own truck and those of his friends.

Kraklio is currently employed at Durant Collision in Durant. Mr. Craig Moeller, the shop owner, said Kraklio has worked there for 2.5 years.

“He's a very good employee,” said Mr. Moeller. “He's here all the time. If he has to be somewhere else, he tells us in a timely manner.”

Kraklio got the job when he brought his truck in for a wheel alignment after he had rebuilt the front end. When Kraklio picked up his truck, Mr. Moeller found out Kraklio had done all the mechanical work on his own.

“Well, if anytime you ever need a job, come look me up,” Mr. Moeller told Kraklio.

Kraklio came back about three or four months later and asked if that job offer still applied. Kraklio has been working at Durant Collision ever since.

Kraklio wants to start his business by starting on side jobs in his parents' garage in Wheatland. When Kraklio is ready to build or buy his new shop, he wants it to be close to the interstate to have a good flow of business and to get his name out there for people to see.

At Durant Collision, Kraklio tears down wrecked vehicles that come in. Kraklio has to fill out an estimate sheet of parts the vehicle needs and then puts the vehicle back together. He usually has to put in a new radiator condenser or a turbo intercooler and has to recharge the cooling system in the vehicle.

Kraklio's goal for his own business is to have a 14-bay shop with seven mechanics and a few office people.

Kraklio plans on making his own performance parts for trucks, and he will sell these parts on a website to reach people from anywhere.

Kraklio will also have all of his own performance parts in stock for people to buy.

When Kraklio starts getting enough business to work for himself, Mr. Moeller said, "If I had a diesel that needed fixed, I would send it to him."