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Alumni Spotlight

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Connor O'Reilly

Class of 2023



Connor O'Reilly graduated from CVCC's Auto Service Technology program instructed by Jamie Yax in 2023. Connor decided to attend the Auto Service Technology program after talking to Mr. Yax who "sold him" on the program. Connor has always had an interest in cars, but didn't know much about them and wanted to see if that interest was strong enough to work in the field and make a career out of it. The decision to attend CVCC was really exciting for Connor because he felt as if it was one of the first "big" decisions he got to make for himself. CVCC has had a huge impact on Connor; he now has a deep passion for cars and plans on staying in contact with Mr. Yax, someone he highly respects and enjoys talking to!

Connor is currently attending the University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH) where he is studying Medium/Heavy Duty Diesel Technology. During his time at UNOH, Connor will work on diesel engines and vehicles designed for shipping, farming, construction, and more such as semi-trucks, buses, and rail engines. He will also learn general knowledge of the vehicles and their engine components, learn how to troubleshoot problems, and use computer software to run diagnostic procedures - knowledge that he already has a good grasp on thanks to his time at CVCC. After graduating, Connor plans to work for a diesel shop until he can hopefully open up his own shop!

Connor's advice to current and future CVCC students is to fully immerse yourself into your program because you won't get anything out of it if you're not applying yourself; push yourself to have the desire to learn and keep furthering your education however you can!

CVCC wishes you the best in all your future endeavors. Keep up the great work, Connor!

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