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# Student Connection



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## Alexandra Elsbury

### Nordonia Hills



Alexandra Elsbury is a junior at Nordonia High School and is enrolled in CVCC's Construction Trades program instructed by Paul Yuravak. Alexandra recalls being very impressed and excited when she visited CVCC on a school field trip and knew that she wanted to attend the school as soon as she could. When it came time to decide what program to attend, she wasn't sure what career field she was interested in after high school, so she decided to go with the program that she felt would teach her the most helpful life skills, like how to fix and build things.

*"When I found out you learn how to build a house in the Construction Trades program, all I could think was how cool, I want to learn how to do that!" -Alexandra Elsbury*

Initially, Alexandra didn't think construction was a field she'd be interested in after high school, but after her time at CVCC she is now considering doing a construction apprenticeship after graduation. Ultimately, her goal is to be an entrepreneur.

*"Alex is an outstanding student. She is the class treasurer and the treasurer for our SkillsUSA local chapter. She participates in all of the leadership opportunities that are available to her, she is heavily involved in CVCC's Women in Leadership group and helps organize all of the community service projects and fundraisers for CVCC. Alexandra was also a huge help and asset this year with volunteering at the registration tent at the Wreaths Across America event back in December. The Construction Trades program would not nearly be as successful as it is this year without all of her hard work, time and commitment." -Paul Yuravak, Construction Trades Instructor*

Alexandra's favorite experience in class so far was visiting Pulte Homes on a field trip. Not only was it a fun experience, but Alexandra said the students learned more about framing and had the opportunity to see residential homes in three different stages which was very insightful. Her advice to future CVCC students is to not be scared going into your program and to take advantage of all the opportunities given to you. *"I'll admit, I was a little intimidated the first week of classes. I felt as if the other students already had experience with construction, something I didn't have. However, that feeling went away almost immediately, which goes to show the positive environment in our program."*

*"I have gained so much leadership experience during my time at CVCC. Mr. Yuravak teaches his students more than construction. He has taught us how to be a good person; someone with manners. He has instilled leadership qualities in all of us since day one. If you're involved in the construction program, you want to be a leader." -Alexandra Elsbury*

Outside of academics, Alexandra is involved in National Honor Society and the color guard team at Nordonia High School. Alexandra also participates in a Medina winter guard team, similar to color guard but without the marching band aspect. Keep up the great work, Alexandra!

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