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Student Connection



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Ryan Shijo

Brecksville-Broadview Heights



Ryan Shijo, a student at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, is currently enrolled in CVCC's Job Training program under the guidance of instructor Stacey McNamara. Opting for CVCC was a deliberate choice for Ryan, aiming to explore post-high school options and discern his passions.

Among his various job shadowing experiences, Ryan particularly enjoyed his time at MetroHealth Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy. Interestingly, both his parents work in the field of physical therapy. Additionally, Ryan has gained work experience at Heinen's and Dick's Sporting Goods. Through these opportunities, he has identified an interest in pursuing a career as a physical therapy assistant after graduation.

Reflecting on his time at CVCC, Ryan acknowledges the invaluable opportunity it has provided to explore career paths and preferences. Despite not being particularly fond of traditional schooling, he has found a renewed appreciation for learning through hands-on experiences offered at CVCC.

Described as responsible and receptive by his instructor, Ryan exhibits enthusiasm in seizing every opportunity presented to him. He actively seeks to broaden his understanding of various career options and has already engaged in job shadowing with a desire to explore further. Ryan's dedication is evident in his punctuality, completion of tasks, and effective communication skills. His primary motivation for enrolling in Job Training was to cultivate work experience and identify areas for personal growth, a goal he has achieved through employment at various businesses, where he is valued for his versatility and teamwork.

Beyond academics, Ryan enjoys playing golf and basketball and is an active member of Deaf Teen Quests, a community supporting hard-of-hearing teens. Keep excelling, Ryan!

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