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Student Connection



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Raymond Kawolics

Nordonia Hills



Raymond Kawolics, a senior at Nordonia High School, is currently enrolled in CVCC's Transportation Systems program instructed by Chuck Russo. Raymond's passion for cars stems from his childhood, where he enjoyed playing with toy cars and observing his father's work on vehicles. Therefore, when the opportunity to attend CVCC arose, he eagerly seized it without hesitation.

Reflecting on his experience, Raymond expresses how attending class feels more like working at an auto body shop, attributing this to the physical classroom and Mr. Russo's expertise, who brings extensive knowledge from his work at Ford. Raymond admires Mr. Russo's dedication to their success and his respectful demeanor towards all.

One of Raymond's most cherished moments in the program is bonding with classmates while collaborating on their senior project: restoring a 1937 Jaguar. He highlights the excitement of discovering each year's senior project car, a tradition eagerly anticipated by all seniors. Additionally, Raymond finds joy in acquiring skills such as tire service and basic maintenance during his time in the program.

Offering advice to incoming students, Raymond emphasizes the importance of perseverance and hard work, assuring them that the initial adjustment period will be worthwhile. After graduation, Raymond plans to pursue a career in automotive repair, specializing in collision repair and car detailing. He also entertains the idea of exploring opportunities in law enforcement or a similar field involving youth engagement.

Beyond his academic pursuits, Raymond enjoys playing video games and assisting his father with car maintenance at home. Congratulations on your achievements, Raymond, and keep up the excellent work!

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