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# Student Connection



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## Lucas Culotta

### **Brecksville-Broadview Heights**



Lucas Culotta, a junior at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, is currently enrolled in CVCC's Engineering Technology program, under the guidance of instructor Rick Pinkava. When Lucas explored his options at CVCC, he contemplated a few programs but ultimately chose Engineering Technology due to his passion for building things and his liking for mathematics. This interest may have been influenced by his grandfather, who ran his own workshop and was always involved in building and designing various projects. Lucas also saw the Engineering Technology program as an opportunity to distinguish himself when applying to colleges. Although Lucas hasn't pinpointed his "dream job" yet, he knows he wants to be actively engaged, utilizing his hands rather than being confined to a desk behind a computer all day.

Lucas has thoroughly enjoyed his experience at CVCC thus far and eagerly anticipates engaging in more hands-on projects next school year. He commends Mr. Pinkava for his engaging teaching style, remarking on his ability to make every class entertaining and fun.

In addition to his academic achievements, Lucas has been inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) at CVCC and is a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) at his homeschool. Outside of his studies, Lucas works as a lifeguard at the Brecksville Recreation Center and is deeply involved in Para Swimming. He clinched victory at high school states held in Canton, Ohio, and recently earned a spot on Team USA after competing in Indianapolis! Lucas is gearing up for the Team USA Trials in Minneapolis, Minnesota, scheduled for the end of June, hoping to secure a spot as one of the athletes who will represent Team USA at the Paralympic Games in Paris. Best of luck, Lucas!

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