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# Student Connection



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## Kaitlyn Pierce

### Cuyahoga Heights



Kaitlyn Pierce is a senior at Cuyahoga Heights High School and a student in the Dental Assisting program at CVCC, instructed by Lisa Theodore. Kaitlyn's decision to attend CVCC was quite spontaneous. *"My English teacher at Cuyahoga Heights showed a video about CVCC, which piqued my interest. Then, a student from the Dental Assisting program visited my class to share their experience, and I thought it sounded cool. The hands-on aspect of the program really drew me in."*

After graduation, Kaitlyn plans to take a gap year to consider her future path. She may enroll in classes at Tri-C and hopes to find time to travel. Career-wise, Kaitlyn is keeping her options open but is interested in further exploring dental assisting and administrative assisting in a dental office.

Within her program, Kaitlyn particularly enjoyed learning about radiology. Her favorite memory at CVCC was participating in HOSA, especially competing at the state level. *"Participating in HOSA was the first time I felt truly independent. It was so much fun bonding with my classmates—one of them is now my best friend. Traveling for competitions was also a great experience."*

*"Attending CVCC is a lot of work, but it's incredibly rewarding. When you graduate, you'll have a significant advantage in finding a job and jump-starting your career. Even if you don't pursue the program you attended after graduation, you have something to fall back on," says Kaitlyn Pierce.*

Outside of academics, Kaitlyn has gained valuable work-based learning experience with the Adult Education department at CVCC, guided by Terri Lynn Brosseau, the Adult Education Director. Over the past few months, Kaitlyn has been a tremendous help to the department, assisting with tasks such as handling transcripts, preparing welcome packets for incoming students, and creating a window display at the school. She also played a crucial role in updating the 2024 Adult Education class calendars and restructuring the syllabus for the EKG class. Kaitlyn appreciated this opportunity to explore the administrative side of things. In her spare time, she enjoys drawing and baking. Keep up the great work, Kaitlyn! CVCC will miss you.

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