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## Student Connection



**CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER** 

## <u>Charles Ramos-Mendoza</u> Garfield Heights



Charles Ramos-Mendoza is a student at Garfield Heights High School and is currently enrolled in CVCC's Hotels & Resorts program, taught by April Moné. When the chance to attend CVCC was presented to Charles, he saw it as an exciting opportunity to explore his options after high school. He was especially interested in the chance to collaborate with other students and spread kindness—an aspect he has always appreciated as the youngest of three in his family.

While Charles doesn't have a specific "dream job" in mind, he's very social and loves serving others. He knows that whatever career path he chooses, it will involve interacting with and helping people. He's especially grateful to his instructors, Ms. Moné and Ms. Kaufman (educational aide), for exposing him to a range of career possibilities and teaching him valuable skills, like cooking. "I love to cook, but man, it's a lot of work!" he says.

Charles' favorite experience in the program so far has been making pizza—his favorite food! He also enjoys meeting new people every day, as CVCC brings together students from multiple school districts, which he finds to be one of the most fascinating aspects of the school. His advice to current and future CVCC students is simple: be yourself, stay focused, and listen to your instructors because they genuinely want to help you succeed. Outside of school, Charles enjoys doing housework, helping others however he can, reading, and playing games. Keep up the great work, Charles!

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