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Student Connection



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Anderson Sears

Independence



Anderson Sears, a junior at Independence High School, is enrolled in CVCC's Health Careers program instructed by Patty Valukievic and is excelling both academically and as a leader in his class. *Ms. Valukievic shared, "Anderson is doing very well academically and has really stepped up as a leader in the classroom. He serves as our class treasurer and is doing an excellent job learning his role and prioritizing class duties. He's always eager to help other students, which speaks to his passion for helping others."*

Anderson has always been drawn to the medical field, fueled by a love for learning about the human body and a deep desire to serve others. Attending CVCC was an easy decision for him—an opportunity to confirm his career aspirations while getting a head start on his future.

When asked about his favorite experience in the program thus far, Anderson said, *"All of it, truly."* With science being his favorite subject and a strong interest in helping others, the program aligns perfectly with his goals. After high school, Anderson hopes to continue his education to achieve his dream of becoming a pediatrician, as he loves working with kids.

Beyond his academics, Anderson is vice president of the American Sign Language (ASL) Club and a member of the PEAT (Preventing Emergencies Among Teens) Club, which raises awareness about substance abuse, at Independence High School. He's also part of Biology Society. On top of managing AP courses, attending CVCC, and taking College Credit Plus (CCP) classes at Tri-C, Anderson plays men's volleyball for Independence High School, where his team has reached the state competition for two consecutive years. He also plays year-round with Phoenix Volleyball Club, which competed at nationals in Orlando last year. Additionally, Anderson works as a lifeguard for the City of Independence.

Anderson encourages anyone thinking about attending CVCC to go for it. *"You're not wasting time, even if you don't pursue a career in your program's field. You're figuring out what you do and don't want to do in life while earning school credit - why wouldn't you come here."* Keep up the great work, Anderson!

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