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Student Connection



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Rowan Jones

North Royalton



Rowan Jones is a senior at North Royalton High School and a student in CVCC's Media Arts program, led by Bernie Van Tilburg. With a strong passion for photography, music, and film, joining the program felt like a natural decision for Rowan, especially after a friend expressed regret over not attending CVCC. He was also drawn to the fun and engaging atmosphere of the class. After graduation, Rowan plans to further his education, aiming for a career as a photographer or videographer. When asked about his "dream job," he enthusiastically shared his aspiration to work for a skateboarding magazine someday.

Rowan is grateful for how the program has helped him grow in photography, video production, and creativity. He especially values the networking opportunities that have boosted his confidence and landed him an internship last summer. *"Mr. Van Tilburg always brings in industry professionals to talk with us, making networking practically inevitable,"* Rowan said.

One of his favorite parts of the class has been learning about the influence of lighting on the final product. He also enjoyed collaborating with classmates on a short film last year, where he took charge of the lighting—his favorite role. His advice for future CVCC students? *"Don't second-guess yourself. CVCC offers a fantastic opportunity to explore your passions and get a head start after high school."*

Outside of school, Rowan is active in drama club at North Royalton High School, serving as chief construction officer for their upcoming spring musical, Shrek. He practices his photography skills outside of the classroom (@jrowan112 on Instagram), enjoys skateboarding, playing guitar, and spending time with friends. Keep up the incredible work!

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