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Student Connection



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Matthew Dunning Twinsburg



Matthew Dunning, a junior at Twinsburg High School, is currently enrolled in CVCC's Auto Body Repair & Refinishing program, taught by Mike Kapis. Prior to attending CVCC, Matthew had some mechanical knowledge of cars, but his interest in exploring the bodywork side made this program an easy decision. He also saw it as both an enjoyable experience and a valuable opportunity to further explore and determine if the auto field is truly what he wants to pursue after high school.

So far, Matthew's favorite part of the class has been working on car panels. He loves the hands-on experience and the feeling of being in a real shop – school feels more like going to work than attending class. He's also excited about the field trips his class will take this year and is especially looking forward to working in the paint booth. Matthew likes the idea of running his own shop one day but is focused on working hard and advancing in the field, whether that looks like going to trade school or jumping straight into the workforce after graduation.

Outside of class, Matthew is involved in the drama club at Twinsburg High School and participates in SkillsUSA at CVCC. He also enjoys working on his parents' cars, fixing bikes, and playing video games. A fun fact about Matthew is that he has a variety of pets, including a dog, fish, and several reptiles! His advice for current and future CVCC students: take your time at CVCC seriously, as it's a great foundation for future success. Keep up the great work, Matthew!

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