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# Student Connection



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## Stephen Mlynarczyk

### Independence



Stephen Mlynarczyk, a junior at Independence High School, is a student in the Electrical Systems program at CVCC, taught by Joseph McNamee. His decision to join the program felt natural, as he comes from a family of electricians and grew up hearing his grandfather share stories about the trade. With his family running an electrical business, Stephen has built a strong connection with the industry. He recently had the opportunity to shadow at the family business, an experience he found both enjoyable and rewarding. After high school, Stephen plans to pursue an apprenticeship with his long term goal being to work at his family's electrical company.

Stephen appreciates the hands-on learning opportunities at CVCC and the guidance he receives from Mr. McNamee. Beyond electrical skills, Mr. McNamee teaches practical life lessons like money management, which Stephen finds especially valuable since it's rarely covered in traditional classrooms. One of Stephen's favorite aspects of the program is working with numbers, particularly learning about Ohm's Law, which explains the relationship between voltage, current, and resistance in electrical circuits.

Outside the classroom, Stephen stays active by participating in football and track & field at Independence High School. He encourages students interested in the Electrical Systems program at CVCC to take advantage of the opportunities it provides. *"There will always be job opportunities in electrical work since wiring is always in demand,"* he says. Stephen is well on his way to a promising future in the electrical industry!

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