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Student Connection



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Evan Grove

North Royalton



Evan Grove, a senior at North Royalton High School, is a dedicated student in CVCC's Power Equipment Technology (PET) program, taught by Matthew Harding. Having grown up surrounded by dirt bikes, Evan developed a strong passion for building and working with his hands. After touring the PET classroom and seeing the advanced machinery, including dirt bikes, he knew it was the perfect fit for him. *"If I don't get into this program, then I'm not attending CVCC. I have to be in this program,"* Evan said.

"I owe so much to Mr. Harding. He's an amazing teacher. I've learned so much, and he's the reason I got into trucks and diesel. I wouldn't be where I am today without his guidance."

Evan has excelled in Work-Based Learning through his job placement with Peterbilt, gaining hands-on experience while proudly representing CVCC. After graduation, he plans to continue working at Peterbilt and enroll in their 12-week Peterbilt Technician Institute (PTI) program to pursue a career as a semi-diesel mechanic.

One of Evan's most memorable classroom experiences was hearing the V-8 engines run for the first time after months of hard work—a moment that made all the effort worthwhile. He appreciates the hands-on learning and the supportive, fun environment among students from different districts. *"We're all working hard, learning, and taking it seriously, but still having so much fun."*

Outside of school, Evan enjoys riding dirt bikes, taking things apart and rebuilding them, and working side jobs, including construction and remodeling. His advice to future CVCC students: *"Take in everything—the material, the opportunities—all of it. Ask questions and make the most of your experience."* Keep up the amazing work, Evan!

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