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Student Connection



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Samantha Vallee

Cuyahoga Heights



Samantha Vallee, a junior at Cuyahoga Heights High School, is thriving in the Cosmetology program at CVCC under the guidance of her instructor, Melissa Fox. Samantha's passion for hairstyling started early—she even has a kindergarten photo proudly holding a sign that reads, "When I grow up, I want to do hair!" How adorable is that?

Ms. Fox praises Samantha as "a team player, a class leader, and a dedicated hard worker."

After high school, Samantha plans to continue her cosmetology education and is also interested in exploring fashion and sewing, a passion she developed after learning how to hand-sew from her dad.

Samantha is grateful for how much CVCC has helped her grow in such a short time. She values the many opportunities available and the belief in her potential. One of her favorite experiences at CVCC so far was attending the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Preschool Moms Club Breakfast with Santa last month, where her class offered hair tinsel and nail painting as a fundraiser. "The kids were so excited and couldn't sit still—it was so fun and funny," she said. She has also enjoyed participating in SkillsUSA and looks forward to staying involved with the organization.

Outside of CVCC, Samantha is taking college credit plus classes and working part-time. In her free time, she loves spending time with her friends and sewing. Her advice to future CVCC students is to take full advantage of every opportunity and, as someone who was initially nervous about starting at a new school, to know there's no need to worry. "Everyone here wants you to succeed and will help you do so," she says. Keep up the great work, Samantha!

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