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Student Connection



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Nevaeh Winfield

Garfield Heights



Nevaeh Winfield, a junior at Garfield Heights High School, is currently enrolled in CVCC's Power Equipment Technology (PET) program, under the guidance of instructor Matthew Harding. With a lifelong fascination for loud engines and a strong interest in her dad's career as a mechanic, Nevaeh has found her passion in this field.

Her favorite experience in class so far has been hearing the powerful CAT engine. "It's so loud and it's so rewarding to hear after all the hard work we've put in," she shared. Nevaeh has also enjoyed being involved in SkillsUSA, recently volunteering and participating in Wreaths Across America, which she found both rewarding and fun. She also proudly highlights her class's recent victory in the annual food drive at CVCC – way to go, PET!

After high school, Nevaeh plans to either attend college or pursue a career in the military while continuing her PET journey. She aims to work for Ohio CAT or a similar company, with the possibility of owning her own business in the future.

"Mr. Harding is one of the best teachers I've had. Besides my dad, he's been a huge inspiration in shaping my career goals. He's shown me the many opportunities within the field and how I can serve our country if I choose that path. Every day in PET is a good day!"

Outside of academics, Nevaeh enjoys reading and building things with Legos, always enjoying hands-on activities. Her advice to future CVCC students is to trust your gut and not let nerves hold you back when deciding between programs. "I was torn between Culinary (I love baking at home) and PET – obviously two very different programs – and my mom recently asked if I regret not choosing Culinary, but I absolutely love PET and am so glad I took this route. I ended up exactly where I wanted to be, and you will too!" Keep up the great work!

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