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Student Connection



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Alessandra Maund

North Royalton



Alessandra Maund, a junior at North Royalton High School, is enrolled in the Cosmetology program at CVCC, led by instructor Melissa Fox. Drawn to the program by glowing reviews about the school, the course, and Ms. Fox, Alessandra's passion for cosmetology began a few years ago when she started doing her own nails. "I hated spending so much money on nails I often didn't love, so I decided to teach myself," she explained. What began as a personal interest quickly developed into a love for the craft, and she realized it could turn into a career—or even a side hustle. Ms. Fox commended Alessandra, saying, "She has a great work ethic and is always helping others."

Alessandra's favorite class experience 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 class fundraiser. "I loved seeing and interacting with all the kids. My entire class had such a great time. It was a Saturday morning outside of school hours, and I really enjoyed it. I love participating in events like that."

"This has hands down been the best school year I've had. I look forward to my time at CVCC every single day. Ms. Fox is truly the best. She's one of those teachers you'll always remember. I'm a busy body, always on the go, and even on weekends, I wish I was in class—it's crazy, right? That just goes to show what a great decision and perfect fit this program was for me."

After high school, Alessandra plans to attend college to pursue a business degree, with the goal of one day running a cat shelter. Outside of school, she enjoys doing nails, shopping, and working at her uncle's pizza shop. Her advice to other students is to only attend CVCC if you're truly passionate about—or at least excited about—a specific program. "Attending CVCC is a blast, but it's a lot of work. You have to want to be here." Keep up the great work!

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