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# *Student Connection*



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## **Tevin Cullison**

### **Independence**



Tevin Cullison, a junior at Independence High School, is currently enrolled in the Health Careers program at CVCC, learning under the guidance of instructor Patty Valukievic. A future in the medical field has always been the goal, and when it came time to choose between two of CVCC's programs—Health Careers and the Fire & EMS Academy—the decision was a tough one. After careful consideration, Health Careers was ultimately chosen, with its focus on personal connections with patients being the most compelling factor, especially when exploring a passion for helping others.

Looking ahead, Tevin plans to attend university to pursue a career in pediatrics. While still exploring specific specialties, pediatric oncology and medical examining are two strong interests. Reflecting on the CVCC experience so far, Tevin has gained confidence and feels more comfortable in both the medical field and school overall. Learning so much already and experiencing a different environment from a traditional high school has been extremely valuable. "You have to put in the work, but being at CVCC is so fun, and meeting students from different school districts has been really enjoyable."

Beyond academics, Tevin is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and HOSA (Future Health Professionals) at CVCC and recently placed second in the Creative Problem Solving team competition, alongside four teammates. This achievement has earned them a spot at the HOSA State Conference in April! Additionally, Tevin is involved in the band, playing tuba, and competes on the swim team at Independence High School. Right now, Tevin is also busy with pit orchestra rehearsals for the school's production of *The Sound of Music*. On top of these commitments, Tevin works as a lifeguard and continuously seeks opportunities to expand knowledge and experience in the medical field. Keep up the great work, Tevin!

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