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Student Connection



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Nicholas Hoover

Nordonia Hills



Nicholas (Nick) Hoover, a junior at Nordonia High School, is making the most of his time in CVCC's Auto Service Technology program, led by instructor Jamie Yax. With a lifelong passion for cars, Nick wanted to dive deeper into their inner workings—one of the main reasons he chose Auto Service Technology over CVCC's Auto Body Repair & Refinishing program. His fascination with cars may also be influenced by his grandfather, who once worked for Ford.

"Nick is an excellent student and is always willing to help others in the program. He exhibits many qualities for a leadership role someday!" — Mr. Yax

After high school, Nick plans to pursue a career as a U.S. Navy SEAL, with aspirations to work in law enforcement afterward. "I just want to help people. I feel led to serve in the military," he shared. Through his experience at CVCC, Nick has learned the value of teamwork. "I used to be more independent, but this program has shown me how important it is to work as a team. I know I'll need those skills in the military, so I'm grateful for this experience now."

When asked about his favorite part of the program, Nick couldn't pick just one. "Honestly, all of it. I've made so many friends, and Mr. Yax makes class fun and engaging. It can be nerve-racking starting at a new school, but CVCC felt welcoming from day one—it's been a great experience."

Beyond the classroom, Nick is a dedicated student-athlete. He plays as a lineman on Nordonia High School's football team and recently qualified for districts with the swim team. He's also an active member of SkillsUSA at CVCC, where he and a classmate lead fundraising efforts for their program. In his free time, he enjoys being outdoors, spending time with friends, and working alongside his dad—whether it's building patios or running his own small business, which includes everything from pulling weeds to installing windows. "I'm a quick learner," he says. Keep up the great work, Nick!

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