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Student Connection



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Denny Rushing

Nordonia Hills



Denny Rushing, a junior at Nordonia High School, is thriving in CVCC's Programming & Software Development program, led by instructor Jami Little. For Denny, enrolling at CVCC was an easy decision—he's been programming for years.

"Programming has always been my thing—I'm not sure why. I've been building websites for years, and I actually get paid to do it! I've even had my own website for about three years that generates income."

Initially, Denny considered the Computer Networking Academy, but after taking CVCC's program fit assessment, Programming & Software Development was the recommended choice—and he's glad he followed that advice. "This program is perfect for me."

Denny values the hands-on learning experience at CVCC and the opportunity to focus on career-specific skills. "CVCC is an incredible opportunity—don't pass it up! I love the change of pace and the different environment from a traditional high school. Plus, knowing I'm getting a head start in my career by taking specialized classes is awesome."

One of Denny's most memorable experiences so far has been his involvement in Business Professionals of America (BPA). Recently, he competed at the BPA State Competition in Columbus, where he became one of the first two students in his class to qualify for Nationals—both individually and as part of a team. This May, he's off to Orlando, Florida, for the BPA National Conference!

Denny is still exploring career paths, but he envisions himself as an entrepreneur, running his own company—an ambition he's already building experience in through freelance website programming. "Mrs. Little is an amazing instructor. She constantly pushes us to go further and get more involved. I love that we have the freedom to work independently on our own projects—it's really cool. I actually enjoy coming to CVCC and attending class." Keep up the great work, Denny! Wishing you the best of luck at Nationals!

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