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Student Connection



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Allisia Arscott

Garfield Heights



Allisia Arscott is a senior enrolled in CVCC's Graphic Imaging Technology (GIT) program, led by instructor Patrick Ruebensaal. When applying to CVCC, students are asked to rank their top three program choices—GIT was Allisia's third. Her first choice, Cosmetology, was already full. In hindsight, this program turned out to be exactly what she needed. "I'm so glad it worked out this way," Allisia said. "At first, the class was really hard for me. I chose CVCC because I wanted to experience a public school setting before college. Being homeschooled the majority of my life, it was a huge and intimidating change—but I knew I wanted to go to college and thought CVCC would be a great way to prepare, both socially and professionally." She added, "I also wanted to explore different career paths and see how I'd do in a more traditional, in-person school environment. I struggled at first—I was super shy—but this program has helped me build my confidence in ways I never expected. I'm really grateful for that."

After graduation, Allisia will be attending Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) to pursue a career in clinical social work. She's deeply passionate about advocating for children, particularly those growing up in challenging environments or experiencing injustice within the system. "Even though I'm not going into the graphics or print industry, I wouldn't trade my time at CVCC for anything. The skills I've learned here will stay with me, and I still hope to do creative work on the side," she said. "One day, I'd love to open my own practice, and the skills I've gained through GIT will definitely come in handy when it comes to branding and promoting my business."

Allisia credits much of her growth to Mr. Ruebensaal, who she calls her biggest cheerleader. "He's always pushed me to do my best and reminded me of my potential. He's taught me that even when hardships come my way, I can push through—and now, I actually believe that." One of her favorite class projects involved designing and printing her own logo on t-shirts. "I made a few shirts, gave one to my mom, and she loved it so much—she wanted to show everyone. It was so fun to create something tangible like that. It's one of the projects we've done in class that made me feel passionate about this field." Mr. Ruebensaal commended Allisia's growth, both in skill and in confidence. "Allisia is my only senior to win a Graphic Media Alliance award two years in a row. She brings such a cheerful and positive attitude to everything she does. She's truly a great student."

Her advice to others considering CVCC? "Go for it! Explore your options and put yourself out there. It's such a valuable opportunity to get a taste of what it's like working in a professional environment. It might feel scary at first—I definitely didn't know what to expect—but that's all part of the journey." Beyond the classroom, Allisia is deeply rooted in her faith and enjoys spending time with family and friends. She also enjoys writing poetry and styling hair. Keep shining bright, Allisia—we're cheering you on in all that lies ahead!

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