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Student Connection



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Cody Lindstrom Twinsburg



Cody Lindstrom, a junior at Twinsburg High School, is excelling in CVCC's Auto Service Technology program under the guidance of instructor Jamie Yax. His love for all things automotive started early—when he was just 7 years old, his dad bought him his first go-kart. By age 11, Cody discovered he enjoyed working on it even more than driving it. At 14, he began seriously considering CVCC, drawn to the opportunity for hands-on learning. What began with a go-kart has grown into a clear passion and purpose—he thrives when he's under the hood, getting his hands dirty, and discovering his natural talent for the trade. Choosing Auto Service Technology was an easy decision, especially with his strong interest in the maintenance and repair side of the industry over modifications.

Cody credits his instructor, Mr. Yax, with helping him build confidence and creating a classroom environment where students feel supported. "Class actually gets me up in the morning," Cody said. "It's fun, and I don't dread it. It's hard to pick a favorite part—I've really enjoyed all of it." His dedication has recently paid off in a big way: Cody earned 2nd place in the Auto Maintenance & Light Repair competition at the SkillsUSA State Conference in Columbus! "I felt prepared and confident going into it," he said. "I was surprised it wasn't as tough as I thought it'd be." One of Cody's favorite parts about what he's learning is how practical it is. "I know enough now that when I'm around other people's cars, I can usually figure out what's wrong—and fix my own, too. Even if I didn't turn this into a career, it's such a useful life skill to have."

As for what's next, Cody is still weighing his options after graduation. He's considering continuing his education at schools like Stark State College or heading straight into the workforce—ideally at a dealership. He's especially interested in working with smaller vehicles, which he finds more enjoyable than larger ones. Outside of class, Cody works at Goodyear and continues to fuel his passion by building and racing go-karts, competing in both divisional and national events. Keep up the great work, Cody—you're making CVCC proud!

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