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Student Connection



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Allison West

Revere



Allison West is a junior at Revere High School enrolled in CVCC's Hospitality & Food Preparation program, led by April Moné. During her initial tour of the campus, Allison saw the career center as the ideal place to begin preparing for life after high school and to take the first steps toward her career goals. Inspired by her mother who bakes and sells sweet treats and handmade goods, Allison discovered her own passion for the kitchen. She now has aspirations of one day owning a bakery and selling her own delicious creations and goodies. With its hands-on training in both culinary and hospitality, the CVCC program was the perfect fit.

"Coming to CVCC has completely changed how I view school," Allison shared. "I immediately noticed how much more focused I became in class. The hands-on learning keeps me engaged and I'm not zoning out anymore because I actually enjoy what I'm doing. I know I'll be able to use the skills I'm learning in real life once I graduate and start potentially working in this field. We've already done so much baking and catering, and it's been a blast!"

Allison is looking forward to getting more involved both at CVCC and Revere High School this year. According to her instructor, Ms. Moné, "Allison has a positive attitude and selfless actions that create a supportive learning environment where all students feel they can succeed. She is wonderful at working with other students and helping them. She'll quietly and gently explain steps and ways to work through tasks together."

Outside of school, Allison keeps busy helping with her younger brother's baseball team and working at a nearby horse farm. "I love my job at the farm," she says. "Even though I don't ride, I've always loved horses. Plus, I can see the farm from my house—it's great having a job I can walk to." For students thinking about attending CVCC, Allison offers this advice: "Go for it! Don't be nervous—you're going to love it here. Just make sure to choose a program you know or at least think you'll enjoy, because you really do have to put in the work." Keep up the amazing work, Allison!

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