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Student Connection



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Jackson Kraus

Brecksville-Broadview Heights



Jackson Kraus, a junior at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, is currently enrolled in the Cosmetology program at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, led by instructor Melissa Fox. Growing up around the beauty industry, his mom worked as a salon receptionist, Jackson was inspired by the creativity and energy of that environment from a young age. So, when the opportunity came to join CVCC's Cosmetology program, the decision was an easy one. After graduation, Jackson hopes to attend Kent State University to study fashion, with dreams of one day collaborating with renowned designers and creatives on the runway—styling hair, designing clothes, doing nails, and more.

Jackson appreciates CVCC's hands-on learning environment, which has helped him enjoy school more and thrive academically as he's doing something he enjoys every day. Jackson's favorite projects so far have been doing hair highlights and balayage, where he enjoys experimenting with color. He's especially excited to continue developing his nail and nail art skills. "Jackson is always answering and asking questions. He is always helping other students and is a team player," says Ms. Fox.

Outside the classroom, Jackson keeps busy as co-captain of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights flag line, a volleyball player, and a costume assistant for the school's upcoming play. He's also an active member of Key Club and the National Art Honor Society (NAHS). When asked what advice he would give to students considering CVCC, Jackson's answer is simple: "Go, come! It's so nice here." Keep up the amazing work, Jackson!

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