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Student Connection



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Breanna Wichert **Cuyahoga Heights**



Breanna Wichert, a junior at Cuyahoga Heights High School, is making the most of her high school years by enrolling in the Electrical Systems program at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, taught by instructor Joe McNamee. Fascinated by how energy works, and even considering a future in nuclear science, Breanna eagerly took the opportunity to attend CVCC. For her, the choice was clear: a chance to explore a new environment, build real-world skills, and get an early start on her career. The Electrical Systems program was a perfect match for Breanna's interests. Her love for hands-on work began in childhood, inspired by her father, a CVCC alumni who works in construction. From learning about car repairs and home remodeling to learning how to use a concrete mixer, Breanna gained early experiences and knowledge that laid the groundwork for her current interests and success.

"Mr. McNamee is so great," Breanna shared. "It's evident that he wants you to succeed. It's the best feeling to feel believed in." She recalled a moment in class when she was struggling with a task but felt unsure about asking her lab partner for help. When she turned to Mr. McNamee, he simply told her, "You're an electrician — you're supposed to know," and walked away, confident she could figure it out with just a bit of encouragement. "Eventually, I did figure it out on my own! I really value how he challenges us like that," she added. Mr. McNamee had high praise for Breanna in return: "Breanna is a hardworking student both in the classroom and in the lab. She actively participates in discussions, consistently turns in her work on time, and leads as our Student Activity President."

Looking ahead, Breanna plans to earn her journeyman's license and attend college, where she hopes to study nutrition. In recent years, she has developed a passion for healthy living, cooking, and wellness, and aspires to balance both interests, electrical and health sciences, as she builds her future.

Breanna's commitment to her education extends beyond CVCC. At Cuyahoga Heights High School, she's enrolled in AP and honors courses and participates in Ohio Model United Nations. She's also taking College Credit Plus (CCP) classes through Lorain County Community College. At CVCC, she's a member of SkillsUSA and looks forward to expanding her involvement even further. Outside of school, Breanna works at T.J. Maxx, enjoys shopping, and loves spending time outdoors. Her advice to other students considering CVCC: "This is probably one of the best opportunities you're going to get, so don't pass it up. There's nothing to be afraid of because everyone here wants to help you succeed." Keep up the incredible work, Breanna! We can't wait to see where your path leads.

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