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Student Connection



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Aedon Bailey Garfield Heights



Aedon Bailey, a senior at Garfield Heights High School, is enrolled in CVCC's Architectural & Mechanical Design program, taught by Erik Ward. When the opportunity to attend CVCC arose, Aedon was excited about getting a head start on his future career. He was initially torn between the Heating & Air Conditioning program and Architectural & Mechanical Design—HVAC has always been a strong interest of his thanks to the hands-on experience he's gained working with his grandfather. Ultimately, because he already had a decent foundation in HVAC, he chose to challenge himself with the Architectural & Mechanical Design program to broaden his skill set.

Aedon isn't entirely sure which path he'll pursue after high school, but he knows he plans to attend college, whether he continues in architecture or circles back to HVAC. He is extremely grateful for everything he has learned, and will continue to learn, at CVCC. He also values the unique opportunities he's been given, such as serving as the CVCC Student Ambassador for Garfield Heights High School. Through this role, he attended the Ohio ACTE Legislative Seminar in Columbus last school year, where he connected with legislators, discussed policy, and advocated for CTE funding and initiatives. This school year, he will travel to Washington, D.C. with the other student ambassadors to do so!

"I've had such a positive experience at CVCC. Going from a traditional school environment to a hands-on one where I'm actually doing what I enjoy, and what I might pursue after high school, has been a game changer," Aedon shared. "My program has taught me responsibility, time management, new software, knowledge on a variety of tools, and endless skills. Overall, I've really matured." Aedon has especially enjoyed class field trips.

Outside the classroom, Aedon plays trombone in his high school band, works with his grandfather on weekends, and enjoys playing Minecraft with friends and spending time outdoors. Until recently, he also participated in chess club and taekwondo. His advice to students considering CVCC is simple: "You should absolutely come here—but you have to want it. This place sets you up for success, but you get out what you put into it, and sometimes it's tough." Aedon is looking forward to upcoming field trips, participating in SkillsUSA, and diving into more hands-on projects in his program. Keep up the great work, Aedon! We're excited to see where life takes you.

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