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# Student Connection



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## Amy Tytko

### Brecksville-Broadview Heights



Amy Tytko is a committed student at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School and a member of the Engineering Technology program at CVCC, where she is taught by Rick Pinkava. After seeing her brother, who graduated last year, thrive in CVCC's Power Equipment Technology program, Amy was inspired to explore the opportunities available to her at CVCC. With interests in aviation, robotics, hands-on projects, and problem-solving, the Engineering Technology program felt like a great fit. Since starting at CVCC, Amy has already passed two industry certifications and continues to strengthen both her technical knowledge and professional skills. "I've learned so much already since being at CVCC and have already earned industry certifications," she shared. "Coming to CVCC has pushed me to be more professional and to really think about what I want my future to look like and how to set myself up for success."

Amy says Mr. Pinkava has pushed her and supported her growth from the very beginning. "He's always helping me find new opportunities," she explained, adding that he recently wrote a letter of recommendation for her to apply for an aviation scholarship. If awarded, the scholarship would help fund her pursuit of a private pilot license, which she hopes to begin working toward this summer. While at CVCC, Amy plans to earn additional certifications and may participate in SkillsUSA. She values the experience and knowledge she's gaining, knowing it will prepare her for whatever path she chooses—whether continuing in aviation or earning an engineering degree in college. One of her favorite projects so far has been designing a train using Autodesk Inventor, a 3D CAD software program. Although the class received initial guidelines, she enjoyed the creative freedom the project allowed, blending technical precision with creativity in designing the train cars.

After graduation, Amy hopes to build a career in aviation (possibly as a pilot, air traffic controller, or a member of the Air Force) in a role that allows her to travel. Beyond CVCC, Amy remains active and involved. At Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, she participates in cross-country, marching band, and robotics. She is also working toward her Girl Scouts Gold Award, volunteers at her church, and enjoys snowboarding in her free time. Her advice to others: "Try everything. If you find CVCC isn't for you, that's okay—but don't regret not trying." Keep up the great work, Amy!

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