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Student Connection



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Liam Schad

Nordonia Hills



Liam Schad, a student at Nordonia High School, is currently enrolled in CVCC's Networking & Cybersecurity program under the guidance of instructor Tim Moore. For the past few years, Liam felt that a traditional college path might not be the right fit for him. When the opportunity to attend CVCC presented itself, he saw it as the perfect chance to create a strong foundation for his future—especially if he decided to enter the workforce directly after high school. Drawn to hands-on learning, Liam knew the program would provide valuable industry certifications and real-world experience to help him succeed.

That decision has paid off. Liam has found the program to be an incredibly rewarding experience and now plans to pursue a career as a networking engineer. "I'm loving my program so far and I really think I want to pursue this field after graduation. It's awesome knowing I chose to be here and actually want to be here and my instructor is just great. I've already learned so much and have so many opportunities. I can only imagine what else I'll learn and do over the next year."

Liam was recently hired as a student employee in CVCC's IT department, where he works closely with Damon, a former student of Mr. Moore's who also began as a student employee before transitioning into a full-time role. Alongside his work in IT, Liam competed in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Computer Network Technology contest, earning 1st place at the regional competition to advance to the state level in Columbus. He went on to place 3rd at the state competition, securing a spot at the BPA National Leadership Conference in May in Nashville, Tennessee. Each day, Liam manages a busy schedule—attending classes at CVCC, returning to Nordonia for afternoon coursework, and then heading back to CVCC to support IT projects while continuing to gain hands-on experience. Reflecting on the opportunity, Liam said, "I figured this was a great way to get my foot in the door—anything helps. Working with Damon has been great." Outside of academics, Liam enjoys weightlifting and takes his studies seriously, often dedicating weekends to studying. His advice to other students considering CVCC? "If you see a program offered at CVCC that piques your interest, go for it. Don't miss out on the opportunity." Keep up the great work, Liam!

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