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Student Connection



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Lena Reid

Brecksville-Broadview Heights



Lena Reid, a student at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, is enrolled in CVCC's Print Production program under the instruction of Patrick Ruebensaal. When the opportunity to attend CVCC arose, Lena was eager to try something new and experience a more hands-on learning environment. During her tour, she was drawn to the variety of student-created work on display (t-shirts, stickers, and more) which caught her attention as a creative individual. After connecting with Mr. Ruebensaal, she decided to give the program a try. While Lena is still exploring her plans after graduation, she has discovered that a traditional college path may not be the right fit for her—one of the reasons she chose to take advantage of CVCC. Instead, she is interested in potentially entering the workforce in the print industry after high school.

One of Lena's favorite experiences so far has been learning how to print images on t-shirts. While the process involves several steps, she enjoys mastering each part and finds it incredibly rewarding once everything comes together. She also values the classroom environment and the opportunity to meet new people outside of her homeschool. "Mr. Ruebensaal is such a great instructor and genuinely one of the most understanding people. He meets us where we're at. I'm loving the program and am so excited to be here next year, too."

"Lena entered the Print Production program and has truly blossomed as a person. She is dedicated to her trade, often mentors other students, and isn't afraid to take on higher-level projects. CVCC has been a tremendous growth experience for her," said Mr. Ruebensaal.

Looking ahead, Lena hopes to participate in work-based learning this summer at CVCC with Mr. Ruebensaal, gaining even more hands-on experience in print production, while getting paid. Outside of school, Lena enjoys watching anime, attending fan expos, and spending time with her friends and her nine siblings. Her advice to students considering CVCC: "Attending CVCC is such a great opportunity that you should take advantage of—especially if you're like me and don't plan to go to college, but even if you do." Keep up the great work, Lena! We can't wait to see where your journey leads.

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