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# Student Connection



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## Skylar Stewart Garfield Heights



Skylar Stewart, a student at Garfield Heights High School, is currently enrolled in CVCC's Dental Assisting program under the instruction of Lisa Theodore. When the opportunity to attend CVCC arose, Skylar knew she wanted to get a head start on her future while taking advantage of new opportunities. Inspired by her mom, a former dental assistant, Skylar was curious to explore the field for herself—and CVCC provided the perfect place to do just that. Over the past several months, Skylar has gained valuable hands-on experience and discovered a clear passion for dentistry. She is now confident in her goal of becoming a dentist, crediting CVCC with helping solidify her career path. After high school, Skylar plans to attend Tri-C to complete her prerequisites before enrolling in the Dental Hygienist program. She then hopes to continue her education at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry.

"I have learned so much during my time at CVCC, and it's all been so fun," Skylar shared. "Ms. Theodore is truly the best—she's so kind and makes learning enjoyable. I actually want to be here and put in the work, not just because I have to, but because I want to. Everything we learn makes me feel confident that I could wake up every day and love this career."

One of Skylar's favorite experiences so far has been learning how to complete fillings. With a strong interest in science, she especially enjoys studying anatomy and finds the coursework both engaging and rewarding. Skylar is also an active member of HOSA and recently competed at the regional competition in February, earning 1st place in Researched Persuasive Writing & Speaking. This achievement secured her a spot at the HOSA State Conference in April in Toledo.

Looking ahead, Skylar is excited to continue building her skills through CVCC's work-based learning opportunities this summer and during her senior year. "Ms. Theodore is always sharing job and internship opportunities with us, and I'm excited to see where I end up," she said. Her advice to future students: "Attending CVCC is so fun, but it's also a lot of work. Don't miss out on this opportunity—and I especially recommend Dental Assisting. It's the best program ever."

"Skylar consistently goes above and beyond in and out of the classroom," said Ms. Theodore. "She demonstrates a strong work ethic, a positive attitude, and a genuine commitment to learning the skills needed for a future in healthcare. Skylar is a well-rounded student who is actively involved in HOSA, where she represents CVCC with professionalism and pride. She takes initiative, stays engaged, and serves as a great example to her peers through her dedication and leadership. Her involvement, drive, and accomplishments truly reflect the values of CVCC." Keep up the great work, Skylar!

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