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Student Connection



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Sara Andrasi

Brecksville-Broadview Heights



Sara Andrasi, a student at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, is enrolled in CVCC's Dental Assisting program, instructed by Lisa Theodore. Eager for a more hands-on learning experience, Sara saw CVCC as the perfect opportunity to gain practical skills and certifications that will give her a head start after graduation. Sara's decision to pursue Dental Assisting came from an unexpected place. "I've always been scared of going to the dentist," she shared. "I figured learning more about it and being in that environment would help, and it has!"

In the classroom, Sara thrives in the fast-paced, interactive environment. "Ms. Theodore is an incredible instructor who pushes us to be our best. I learn something new every day. It's literally impossible to be bored." She's also learned quickly that confidence is essential in the field. "You can't be shy in this career, and Ms. Theodore will make you step out of your comfort zone."

Some of Sara's favorite experiences in class so far include learning about cavities and working with dental cements. She also enjoys learning about dental terminology, tooth anatomy, and getting hands-on experience with tools. "It's all so interesting. Practicing on each other is fun too—even if doing impressions on your friends can be a little funny at first." After graduation, Sara is still exploring her options, but she plans to further her education and is considering a future as a dental hygienist. She also has a passion for cleaning, organizing, and design, and is interested in pursuing those passions alongside her career.

"Sara consistently goes above and beyond in our classroom. She is a team player who is always willing to help others when they need support, whether it's assisting with skills, explaining assignments, or encouraging others to stay positive. Sara also plays an active role in our class fundraisers, showing commitment not only to her own success but to the success of the entire program. She understands the importance of teamwork and contributes in meaningful ways to help our class reach its goals. In addition, Sara steps up as a leader when I am out of the classroom by helping the substitute stay organized and ensuring that class routines run smoothly. Her reliability, positive attitude, and willingness to serve others make her a strong role model for her peers. Sara's dedication, leadership, and supportive nature reflect the values we strive to build in our program," said Ms. Theodore.

Looking ahead, Sara is interested in exploring cosmetic dentistry. "I'd love to experience what a day in a cosmetic dental office looks like. I'm familiar with orthodontics from having braces, but cosmetic dentistry seems interesting to me." Her ultimate goal at CVCC is to take full advantage of every opportunity available to her and build a strong foundation for her future. Outside of academics, Sara works as a cook at Courtyard Cafe and enjoys gardening, shopping, and, fittingly, cleaning and organizing in her free time. "I love it here," Sara said. "CVCC offers so many opportunities and resources to help you succeed. You can earn certifications, college credit and gain real-world skills for free during high school—it's an opportunity you don't want to miss." Keep up the great work, Sara! We can't wait to see where your journey takes you.

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