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Student Connection



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Katelyn Rink Nordonia Hills



Katelyn Rink, a student at Nordonia High School, is enrolled in CVCC's Transition-to-Work program under the instruction of Mindy Wracher. Eager to take advantage of the opportunity, Katelyn chose CVCC to gain valuable job skills and prepare for success after graduation. During her time at CVCC, Katelyn has gained hands-on experience at several job sites, with her favorite being Winking Lizard Tavern. There, she assisted with cleaning and setting tables—an experience she especially enjoyed because of her interest in the restaurant environment (and the food!). In the classroom, her favorite activities have been dining and food preparation, as she loves anything culinary. She has also enjoyed helping in the CVCC cafeteria this year!

In March, Katelyn participated in the DECA Diamonds Competition hosted at CVCC, where she received the Special Student Achievement Award—an honor given to only two students. She also earned 1st place in the Interview 2 competition and 3rd place in the Grocery Stocking competition, highlighting her hard work and dedication. “The Transition-to-Work program has been such a great and fun experience. I’m so grateful for Ms. Wracher. She is always pushing me to be and do my best and has helped me accomplish my goals.”

After graduation, Katelyn will begin working at Innovation Food Services (IFS), a position she recently secured. “I was so nervous interviewing for a position at IFS, but to my surprise, they offered me the job the same day! They joked and said they need ten Katelyns running around IFS. I’m really looking forward to working there,” she shared. Looking ahead, Katelyn is interested in exploring a career as a flight attendant or another role that would allow her to travel. Outside of academics, Katelyn is a member of the track team at Nordonia High School, competing in discus and shot put. In her free time, she enjoys baking, grabbing a decaf coffee, spending time outdoors, walking her dog, and supporting her siblings at their sporting events. Her advice to students considering CVCC: “There is no need to be nervous, everyone here is so nice and wants to help you succeed and will do whatever they can to help you do just that.” We are so proud of you, Katelyn. Keep up the great work!

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