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Student Connection



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Noel Braxton Twinsburg



Noel Braxton, a student at Twinsburg High School, is enrolled in CVCC's Cosmetology program under the instruction of Melissa Fox. When the opportunity to attend CVCC came along, Noel didn't hesitate to pursue her passion. "Growing up, I was always practicing hair on my grandma and my Barbies—the industry has always excited me," she shared. With dreams of becoming an entrepreneur, Noel is already taking steps toward her future. Last June, she launched her own treat business, offering chocolate-covered treats, fruit candy, and more. Looking ahead, she hopes to open her own hair studio and build a business of her own.

One of Noel's favorite parts of attending CVCC is the change of pace in her day, along with the opportunity to meet students from different school districts. While it was intimidating at first, she now values those connections and the experience they bring. She is also grateful that the program is preparing her to take the Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board exam next year, giving her a head start on her career after graduation. "I love Fridays in class," Noel said. "We start with state board practice, and then we get to partner up and choose what we want to work on—like client experience, hair, or nails." Through the program, she's also discovered her strengths and interests. "I've learned what I like and don't like. For example, I'm not a fan of doing nails or perms, but I do enjoy braiding and doing highlights."

"Noel is an extremely determined student who is always willing to learn and grow," said Ms. Fox. Recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at CVCC, Noel continues to excel both in and out of the classroom. Outside of school, she enjoys spending time with her family (especially her mom, who she describes as her biggest inspiration), shopping, and growing her treat business. Her advice to future students: "This program is a lot of work. It's not just doing hair, there's a lot of science involved and learning things like infection control. We have tests every week, so you have to be willing to study and put in the work, but it's so fun and worth it." Keep up the great work, Noel! We're excited to see where your journey takes you.

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