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Student Connection



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Matthew Kollar

Cuyahoga Heights



Matthew Kollar, a student at Cuyahoga Heights High School, is enrolled in CVCC's Power Equipment Technology program under the instruction of Matthew Harding. When the opportunity to attend CVCC arose, Matthew was excited to take advantage of it — especially after hearing positive things from a friend who had attended both the school and the program. Those experiences helped solidify his confidence in choosing CVCC. He was also drawn to the program's hands-on learning environment and the chance to experience something new while adding variety to his academic routine.

Matthew has greatly enjoyed his time in the program so far and especially likes the hands-on work completed in class. One of his favorite parts has been working on small engines and gaining practical experience in the shop environment. Although Matthew is still exploring what he would like to pursue after high school, he appreciates how CVCC has helped him build valuable life skills while giving him the opportunity to better understand his interests and future goals. While he is currently considering attending college after graduation, he could also see himself potentially pursuing a career in the power equipment field.

Outside of academics, Matthew plays golf for Cuyahoga Heights High School and is looking forward to hopefully working in landscaping this summer. When asked what advice he would give to students considering CVCC, Matthew shared, "It's a lot of fun here, and you get to meet so many new people, which is awesome." During the rest of his time at CVCC, Matthew hopes to continue learning as much as possible, take advantage of every opportunity that comes his way, and gain an even deeper understanding of both the trade and himself. He is especially excited for the opportunity to participate in work-based learning next year. Keep up the great work, Matthew! We can't wait to see where your journey takes you next.

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