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Student Connection



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Ella Betlejewski

North Royalton



Ella Betlejewski, a student at North Royalton High School, is enrolled in CVCC's Education Professions program under the instruction of Josephine Everhart. With several educators in her family, along with experience working as both a nanny and tutor, Ella has known from a young age that she wanted to pursue a career in education. Attending CVCC felt like the perfect opportunity to get ahead and prepare for her future after graduation. Her older brother, who attended CVCC's Construction Trades program, also spoke very highly of his experience, which gave Ella even more confidence in her decision to attend.

As president of her class, Ella has embraced every aspect of her CVCC experience and especially appreciates how much she genuinely enjoys coming to school each day. Some of her favorite experiences so far have included participating in Educators Rising events and attending field trips, particularly a visit to Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland, which she found especially impactful. Looking ahead to next year, Ella is excited to meet the incoming junior class and is especially looking forward to her field experience placements, where she'll have the opportunity to work in a variety of classroom settings.

After graduation, Ella plans to continue her education in college as she works toward becoming an early childhood educator. She hopes to teach English and math — subjects she already enjoys tutoring students in now. Outside of academics, Ella stays incredibly involved and busy. She works as a tutor for Kumon, where she helps students with math and English, and also works as a nanny. In addition, she runs her own cotton candy business, takes College Credit Plus classes alongside her CVCC coursework, helps with her family's plumbing business, works at Beyond Juicery + Eatery, plays volleyball, and participates in both Key Club and Spanish Club at her high school. On weekends, Ella especially enjoys spending quality time with her parents, since everyone's schedules are so busy during the week. When asked what advice she would give to students considering CVCC, Ella encouraged others to take the chance. "Take the opportunity to attend CVCC even if you're scared or unsure — you never know what could come out of it, so just try. Don't regret not trying," she said. Keep up the amazing work, Ella! We can't wait to see where your journey takes you next.

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