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Student Connection



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Jessica Wodzisz

Revere



Jessica Wodzisz, a student at Revere High School, is enrolled in CVCC's Construction Trades program under the instruction of Paul Yuravak. As someone who has always loved helping her dad with projects around the house and learning through hands-on experiences, exploring the Construction Trades program felt like a natural fit. Jessica was also motivated to challenge stereotypes and prove to herself, and others, that women can thrive and build successful careers in the trades. The strong job outlook and opportunities within the industry made the decision even more exciting. Since joining the program, Jessica has truly flourished. "The first week or so of class, I remember looking at blueprints and thinking, 'what am I doing?'" Jessica shared. "I've always known this is something I love, but starting a new program at a new school was definitely intimidating at first. My hands just kept telling me, 'you've got this,' and over time, as I got more comfortable in the environment and built relationships with my classmates, those nerves started to fade. I think one of the best parts of attending CVCC is meeting students from different school districts, and the teamwork in this program is incredible."

Jessica has enjoyed every aspect of the program, especially visiting active construction sites and building modules in class. Watching projects evolve from a blueprint into a finished product has been one of the most rewarding experiences for her. "Seeing projects go from the floor plan stage to the finished result is so rewarding — I literally get butterflies," she said. Her passion for the trade is undeniable. "My dad always says, 'that hammer is scared of Jessica,'" she laughed. Reflecting on her growth, Jessica shared just how much the program has impacted her life. "If you would've met me a year before attending this program, I truly was a different person. This program has shaped me into a better person — I almost have to laugh looking back. Mr. Yuravak, or 'Coach' as we call him, is seriously the most incredible instructor. He's helped me discover my passion, my potential, and what I want to do in life. I seriously get butterflies around lumber now — I'm not kidding! As soon as I have a hammer in hand, I feel unstoppable." After graduation, Jessica plans to pursue a career in construction and hopes to one day own her own business. She also hopes to build her own house in the future. Outside of school, Jessica enjoys spending time outdoors — whether that's fishing, tanning, or helping her dad with projects around the house. She also works outside of school and describes herself as "your girl down for anything — you name it and I'm there." As she continues her time at CVCC, Jessica is taking advantage of every opportunity that comes her way and is excited to keep gaining experience in the trade while learning as much as possible. She's also looking forward to getting her driver's license soon. Keep up the amazing work, Jessica! We can't wait to see where your journey takes you.

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