



Success Story

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Emily Fisher

Adult Education Machining Technology

At just 20 years old, Emily Fisher achieved a major milestone—graduating from CVCC’s Adult Education Machining Technology program in July 2024. After moving from Oklahoma to Ohio, she was drawn to CVCC’s strong reputation in the area. Her interest in machining sparked during an Open House, where she toured the lab and met instructor Richard Parrott.

For those considering the program, Emily’s advice is simple: “Just do it!” She encourages students to dive in with an open mind, emphasizing that machining offers something for everyone. Through hands-on training and technical instruction, she developed a strong foundation in machine operations and programming—skills that first led her to a role as a CNC Operator at Stanley Black & Decker (CAM) Voss Industries, Inc. Now, she is continuing to grow in the field as a full-time paid apprentice with the company, gaining valuable real-world experience and further honing her skills. Reflecting on her time at CVCC, Emily shares, “The Machining Technology program really helped me re-learn how to look at things—in life and in the field. It challenged me to problem-solve in new ways and pushed me to develop a deeper understanding of not just machining, but the way I approach challenges overall.”

One of her most memorable experiences was a collaborative Mastercam project, where each class member contributed to a shared outcome, reinforcing the importance of teamwork and problem-solving. She also expresses deep gratitude for her instructor, Mr. Parrott, describing him as both challenging and supportive—always willing to help and a great mentor. CVCC is honored to be part of Emily’s journey and wishes her continued success in her machining career!



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