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Student Connection



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Brody Mahoney

Cuyahoga Heights



Brody Mahoney, a student at Cuyahoga Heights High School, is making the most of his time at CVCC as a student in the Electrical Systems program, instructed by Joseph McNamee. With a natural interest in the trades and a preference for hands-on learning, Brody knew CVCC would be a great fit. Brody has been around the trades for much of his life. His dad was a contractor, and more recently, Brody has been spending time with a family friend who works as a lineman for FirstEnergy. Through that experience, he has gotten a closer look at the career and learned some of the basics of the job. "I've been working with a family friend for a bit who's a lineman at FirstEnergy. He's been showing me a bit of the ropes, and I've really enjoyed it. My dad was a contractor, so I've sort of always been around the trades growing up. Attending CVCC and exploring what I want to do, knowing it's most likely something in the trades after graduation, was a natural choice," said Brody.

Since coming to CVCC, Brody says attending school has been more enjoyable and he has become more focused. He especially enjoys being able to put what he learns into practice in the lab. Although he entered the program with some prior knowledge of electrical work, his time at CVCC has helped him build on that foundation and develop a deeper understanding of electrical systems. Brody also appreciates Mr. McNamee's teaching style. He describes his instructor as someone who is always willing to help, while also encouraging students to think through problems and try things for themselves before stepping in. That approach has helped Brody build confidence in his abilities while continuing to develop his skills. "Brody is hardworking, confident, and an engaged learner. He participates in classroom discussions consistently and completes work in a timely manner. He works diligently in the shop every day and is always the first to help both me and fellow classmates," said Mr. McNamee. While Brody isn't sure exactly where his career will take him, he can see himself becoming a utility lineman or mechanic after graduation. He also enjoys working on cars, and his experiences at CVCC have given him the opportunity to explore the many career paths available within the trades. One of Brody's favorite things about CVCC has been the opportunity to meet students from different school districts and get to know people in other programs. He says those connections have made his experience at CVCC even more enjoyable. Outside of school, Brody stays busy wrestling for Cuyahoga Heights High School, working, and spending time outdoors. He enjoys biking, hiking, hunting, and lifting. Needless to say, you're unlikely to find him sitting around doing nothing! For students who may be interested in CVCC but are hesitant to take the leap, Brody encourages them not to let that fear hold them back. "Don't be scared and miss out on this great opportunity. It can be intimidating at first, I was, but everyone here is so welcoming and you'll learn so much and make great friends." Keep up the great work, Brody! We're excited to see where your skills and interests take you.

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